

Frederick Beach (19.. – 1944)

Frederick Beach served his country of eighteen months. His family lived at 10 Second Avenue, Chula Vista, CA. He was a graduate of Sweetwater Union High School

On April 23, 1943, the *Star-News* reported that Fred Beach, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Beach was down visiting his parents last weekend from Santa Monica where he is in training with the US Army Air Corps.

He is listed as a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army Air Corps when he died. He died on May 6, 1944 during a bombing raid on the railroad yards over Belgrade, Yugoslavia. He was an engineer – gunner. The Air force did report that while the bomber was damaged by Anti-Aircraft fire, and that the bomber was forced to leave the formation. Eye witnesses reported seeing two parachutes and it was hoped that he was one and became a Prisoner of War. The letter also stated that the young men held an excellent record and gave an exceptionally fine response to his assigned duties. He was noble and courageous in the manner that he carried them out.

He was awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster prior to this last mission. He is buried at the Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, CA.