

Anna Bancroft, Guy Bullock, Gordon Bullock



BANCROFT and BULLOCK

In 1900 Anna Bancroft was a seventh-grade pupil in the Wray school.



WAR BRIDE

So far as the Rattler knows she who was Miss Anna Bancroft is the first war bride of Yuma County. She was united in marriage Monday forenoon to Mr. Guy Bullock, the ceremony being performed by Rev. A. N. Wolff of the Presbyterian church, at the home of Mrs. Mary J. Campbell. After the ceremony a dainty wedding dinner was served. Shortly after the ceremony the groom joined his Yuma county comrades and entrained for Fort Riley, Kansas, via Denver, to enter the service of Uncle Sam.

The groom came to Wray with his mother and step-father something over a year ago. Soon after his arrival here he commenced courting Miss Bancroft, this courtship ripening into love for each other. Mr. Bullock was in the final fifteen per cent. of the original selective draft of last June's registration, and when the call came he immediately prepared to enter the service, one of these preparations being to join his lady love in wedlock.

Mrs. Bullock, nee Bancroft, has been a resident of Wray for many years, making her home with Mrs. Campbell. She has a large circle of warm friends, both here and at Akron, Colorado, her former home, who join in wishing the newlyweds comfort in their enforced separation, and a long and happy wedded life on the return of the groom from the service of his country.

Wray March 1918



A 1911 Akron article said that she had been schoolmate with Miss Nannie Mills - now of Brush, Miss Mary Kincheloe, and Miss Ethel Annable.

Guy - 24 - and Anna -31- are in Wray in 1920 - Son Gordon is three months old, and Guy is a postman on a star route.

In 1930 they're in Los Angeles - Guy is a mechanic at a garage, and son Gordon is ten years old.

One 'net genealogy board said Anna died in 1933.

Guy is in San Francisco in 1940 - no occupation - married to Maud - five years younger than he. And in WWII draft registration he's married to Gertrude.

It looks like he's buried in Louisburg, Dallas County, Missouri - gravestone has a birth date of June 22, 1895 - and FindAGrave has a death of December 29, 1979. But an Ancestry family tree has him dying in 1978 in Springfield, Missouri.

Gordon is a deliveryman for an auto parts store in Los Angeles in 1940. With him are brothers John J- 18, born Colorado and Donald R, 15, born Missouri? - and cousin Richard Bullock, 21, born Colorado. John is a laborer at a CCC camp.

Gordon Bullock was lost at sea in 1943 while flying an Air Force mission in the South Pacific.

Failed to return from mission on June 30, 1943

B-24D-40-CO Liberator Serial Number 42-40254 Pvt Gordon P. Bullock, Armourer-Gunner aboard

Mission

Take off from [Carney Field](#) on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands in the South Pacific 0705 6/30/1943 on shipping search mission "X-Ray" to the northwest, then return to the same airfield.

Outcome

It was good weather but this bomber failed to return and the crew was declared Missing In Action (MIA).

Possibly, this airplane was shot down by 251st Kōkūtai J1N1 Irving piloted by [Satoru Ono](#) with observer Okado who claimed a B-24 shot down.

Aircraft History

Built by Consolidated at San Diego. When lost, engines R-1830-43 serial numbers 41-14753, 42-44079, 42-44119, 42-44031. Weapon serial numbers not noted in MACR.

USAF, 13th AF, 307th BG, 370th BS Members Lost

- 2nd Lt. Nathaniel B. Guiberson, Jr., Pilot, O-661828 (MIA / KIA) TX
- 2nd Lt Richard M. Foss, Co-pilot, O-678221 (MIA / KIA) IL
- 2nd Lt George E. Scamman, Navigator, O-0797407 (MIA / KIA) ME
- 2nd Lt Leonard R. Graff, Bombardier, O-727633 (MIA / KIA) NY
- SSgt Seymour L. Adelman, Engineer, 12010960 (MIA / KIA) NJ
- SSgt Robert N. Furtwangler, Asst Engineer, 36160718 (MIA / KIA) MI
- SSgt John E. Fanning, Radio, 13047851 (MIA / KIA) PA
- Sgt James O. Avery, Asst Radio, 7008922 (MIA / KIA) LA
- SSgt Robert J. Ventura, Tail Gunner, 18125902 (MIA / KIA) TX
- Pvt Gordon P. Bullock, Armourer-Gunner, 20914045 (MIA / KIA) CA

Memorials

The crew was officially declared dead on January 21, 1946 and are memorialized on the tablets of MIAs

at [Manila American Cemetery](#).

References

1. MACR (Missing Air Crew Report) #30
2. [Pacific Wrecks*](#), June 30, 1943

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