



Personal info

Full name

SCHNEIDER, Arthur

Date of birth

15 April 1919

Age

25

Place of birth

Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan

Hometown

Wayne County, Michigan

Military service

Service number

36871516

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

**364th Bombardment Squadron,
305th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

24 August 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
1	1	7

Immediate family

Members

Arthur Schneider (father)
Josephine (Wood) Schneider (mother)
Edna L. (Jensen) Schneider (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

43-37593

Data

Type: B-17G
Nickname: Graham Cracker
Destination: Merseburg, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the Leuna oil refinery
MACR: 8210

More information

As the plane was headed back, it was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire. Due to the heavy damage to "Graham Cracker", it crashed in Barnstaedt (West of Merseburg) at 12:30 o'clock. Seven of the crew members were found dead, two had parachuted out before the crash (they were captured by the Germans). The seven dead crew members were buried on 25 August 1944 in the Village Cemetery at Barnsteadt.

In 1945 the bodies were disinterred and reinterred at Margraten.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, MACR, www.fold3.com, www.ancestry.com, WWII Draft Cards, Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952

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