

## Fields of Honor Memorial

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### 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
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## Immediate family

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### Members

**Arthur Schneider (father)**

**Josephine (Wood) Schneider (mother)**

**Edna L. (Jensen) Schneider (wife)**

## Plane data

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### 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

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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

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