



Personal info

Full name

BECKER, John Lester "Jack"

Date of birth

24 March 1919

Age

24

Place of birth

**Sioux Falls, Lincoln County, South
Dakota**

Hometown

Waterloo, Black Hawk County, Iowa

Military service

Service number

O-805240

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**579th Bombardment Squadron,
392nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Finding of Death

Date of death

21 February 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

John L. Becker (father)

Phoebe M. (Koehne) Becker (mother)

Beryle Becker (brother)

Verna G. Becker (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

42-64435

Data

Type: B-24H

Destination: Vorden, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the airfield

MACR: 2563

More information

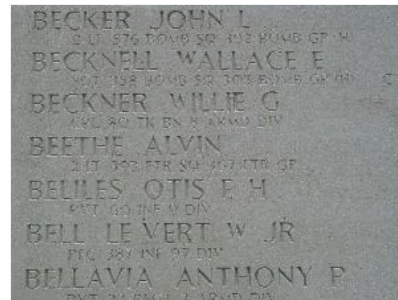
John Becker was a dratsman.

He entered the service on 13 July 1942 at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He was commissioned on 12 June 1943.

The airplane was hit by flak. According to eye-witness statements of crew members of other airplanes in the group, the #3 engine of the airplane was on fire after which a large explosion was observed beneath the airplane. After this explosion the aircraft was observed to be going down, out of control, and headed back towards the Dutch coast. It was subsequently concluded that the airplane had gone down in the waters off the enemy coast as no information was ever recovered on this situation, either in enemy or friendly force reporting.

The entire crew of ten men was killed.

Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Raf Dyckmans, www.B24.net, <http://iagenweb.org/> - Waterloo Daily Courier, Waterloo, Iowa, www.ancestry.com - 1930 census / WWII Bonus Case Files for Beneficiaries

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