



Personal info

Full name

RICHARDSON, Thomas Luther

Date of birth

4 November 1920

Age

22

Place of birth

New Lisbon, Stoddard County, Missouri

Hometown

Stoddard County, Missouri

Military service

Service number

37383358

Rank

Technical Sergeant

Unit

**360th Bombardment Squadron,
303rd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Missing in Action

Date of death

2 October 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Luther R. Richardson (father)
Eva J. (Travers) Richardson (mother)
Murray E.P. Richardson (brother)
Laura C. Richardson (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-5260

Data

Type: B-17F
Nickname: Yardbird II
Destination: Emden, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the industrial area
MACR: 738

Biography

www.303rdbg.com/303tippet.html

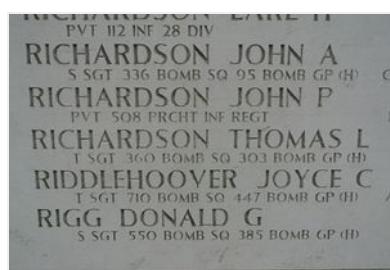
More information

T/Sgt Thomas L. Richardson worked in a sawmill before he enlisted at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri on 4 September 1942.

The aircraft was hit by gunfire from two ME-109's immediately after the formation left the target. The ship peeled off, went down out of control, and exploded above the overcast. One parachute was observed coming out it went out of sight.

In addition to the crew of ten, a photographer, Carney C. Rhodes Jr., was on board. All were killed. Only the body of Hugh F. Gigney Jr. was recovered when it washed ashore at Esbjerg, where he was initially buried on 3 December 1942. He is now interred at Ardennes Cemetery.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, www.ancestry.com - Travers Family Tree

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