



Personal info

Full name

KOGAN, Aaron

Date of birth

1 June 1920

Age

24

Place of birth

Grodno, Poland

Hometown

Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan

Military service

Service number

O-723103

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**701st Bombardment Squadron,
445th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Distinguished Flying Cross,
Purple Heart,
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

20 March 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Charles Kogan (father)

Florence O. Kogan (mother)

Charles Kogan (brother)

Sara Hoffman (niece)

Plane data

Serial number

44-48851

Data

Type: B-24-JSH

Destination: Hemmingstedt, Germany

Mission: Bombing the Heide oil refinery

MACR: 13563

More information

2nd Lt Aaron Kogan graduated from Hamtramck High School and attended Wayne State University.

He was employed as a window designer for the Gratiot Linen Company.

He joined the Air Corps of the U.S. Army Reserve in Detroit, Michigan on 26 February 1943.

In March 1945, Lt Kogan volunteered for a flight over Germany although he had met his quota. The aircraft received a direct hit by flak while on the bomb run. The right wing came off and a large hole was observed in the left wing. The ship blew up as it crashed into the water. The entire crew is listed on the Walls of the Missing at Margraten.

Note: At the time Lt Kogan was born, Grodno was situated in Poland. Now it is a city in Belarus.

Photos



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