

## Fields of Honor Memorial

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### Personal info

Full name

**ANDERSON, Truman Kenneth**

Date of birth

**3 September 1923**

Age

**20**

Place of birth

**Washington, Hempstead County,  
Arkansas**

Hometown

**Best, Benton County, Arkansas**

## Military service

Service number

**18167649**

Rank

**Technical Sergeant**

Unit

**715th Bombardment Squadron,  
448th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**24 August 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

Plot	Row	Grave
C	3	2

## Immediate family

Members

**John H. Anderson (father)**

**Effie A. (Rodgers) Anderson (mother)**

**Vernie Anderson (sister)**

**Vesta Anderson (sister)**

**Helen P. Anderson (sister)**

**Thomas L. Anderson (brother)**

**Callie E. Anderson (sister)**

**Martha Anderson (sister)**

**Jess Anderson (brother)**

**Millie Anderson (sister)**

**Johnie Anderson (brother)**

## Plane data

Serial number

**42-95182**

Data

**Type: B 24-H**

**Destination: Brunswick, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the aviation industry**

**MACR: 8292**

## More information

T/Sgt Truman K. Anderson attended high school for one year and was a chauffeur.

He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States in Little Rock, Arkansas on 23 October 1942. He was awarded his wings as an aerial gunner in Laredo, Texas in October 1943 and was only four months overseas when he was killed.

Statement from S/Sgt Stanley Dubee, one of the surviving crew members:

"We were hit by flak about a minute after bombs away, it hit right under no. 2 engine, killing the engineer in the top turret. We dropped down to 12,000 ft. altitude. Gas lines along the bomb bay were leaking gas. Also the booster pump on the main tank had a hole as big as a 50 cal. bullet. I tried to plug that hole up. Fact is we all tried to stop the leaks. There were four of us in the waist and five in the front. That's when the fire broke out, it started in the bomb bay."

Six crew members were killed, four survived and were taken prisoner. The deceased men were initially buried at the cemetery of Achmer, Germany.

## Photos



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