



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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