



Personal info

Full name

BETTIN, Norman Frank

Date of birth

16 May 1920

Age

24

Place of birth

**Montello, Marquette County,
Wisconsin**

Hometown

Montello, Marquette County, Wisconsin

Military service

Service number

O-752097

Rank

First Lieutenant

Unit

**383rd Fighter Squadron,
364th Fighter Group**

Awards

**Distinguished Flying Cross,
Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

7 October 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
C	19	30

Immediate family

Members

William R. Bettin (father)
Anita R. (Fritzke) Bettin (mother)
Maynard E. Bettin (brother)
Leona L. Bettin (sister)
June Bettin (sister)
Arleen L. Bettin (sister)
William B. Bettin Jr (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

44-13958

Data

Type: P-51D
Destination: Deelen Airbase, Arnhem, the Netherlands
Mission: Photo Reconnaissance

More information

1st Lt Norman J. Bettin attended Washington High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was a graduate of Montello High School.

He was a farmer before he enlisted in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 19 May 1942. He was commissioned at Williams Field, Arizona, on 25 July 1943.

He volunteered for a photo reconnaissance mission in a P-51. Normally he flew a P-38J.

The mission took place on 23 September 1944. The airplane was hit by flak over the airfield and crashed in the woods south of the Kröller Müller Museum where local workers found the wreckage and his remains on 7 October 1944.

The official date of death is not correct. It is the day his remains were found. Probably that is the reason for the mistake.

Photos



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