

Personal info

Full name

BENSON, Howard D

Date of birth

27 December 1922

Age

21

Place of birth

Santa Clara County, California

Hometown

Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California

Military service

Service number

39122379

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

**325th Bombardment Squadron,
92nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

4 January 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
B	18	16

Immediate family

Members

John Benson (father)

Josephine (Hansen) Benson (mother)

Mildred J. Benson (sister)

Evelyn Benson (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-3494

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Kiel, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the port area

MACR: 1961

More information

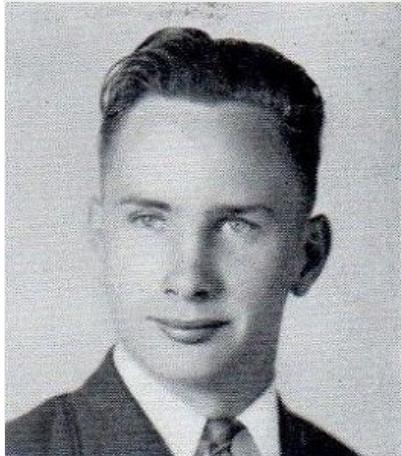
Sgt Howard D. Benson was a blacksmith before he enlisted in San Francisco, California, on 28 January 1943.

The aircraft was downed by flak at 1145 hrs. It blew up over target and crashed in Oppendorf, near Schönkirchen, Germany.

All crew members were killed and initially buried at the Garrison Cemetery in Kiel on 8 January 1944.

Sgt Benson was first buried at Ardennes in a temporary grave on 25 May 1946. He was disinterred on 22 November 1948, and his remains were prepared and placed in a casket on 30 November 1948. He was given his final resting place on 25 April 1949.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Peter Schouteten, Ronny Dreesen, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov, www.Fold3.com - MACR, WWII Enlistment Record, www.8thafhs.com, www.ancestry.com - 1930/1940 Census, U1-Benson Family Tree.

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