



### Personal info

Full name

**GASKIN, Carthel Owen**

Date of birth

**5 September 1921**

Age

**22**

Place of birth

**Fruit Hill, Christian County, Kentucky**

Hometown

**Dayton, Montgomery County, Kentucky**

### Military service

Service number

**O-706840**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

**360th Bombardment Squadron,  
303rd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**22 June 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
A	13	10

## Immediate family

### Members

**Owen E. Gaskin (father)**  
**Nettie Gaskin (mother)**  
**Francis Gaskin (brother)**  
**Delmar D. Gaskin (brother)**  
**Rosetta Gaskin (sister)**  
**Winnie Gaskin (sister)**  
**Olus Gaskin (brother)**

## Plane data

### Serial number

**42-31432**

### Data

**Type: B-17G**  
**Nickname: Old Glory**  
**Destination: Lille, France**  
**Mission: Bombing of the marshalling yard**  
**MACR: 6541**

## More information

Carthel O. Gaskin volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States at Fort Thomas Newport, Kentucky on 12 September 1942.

The airplane received a direct hit from flak, just after bombs away. It was hit just back of #3 engine, probably in the gas tank. Immediately it burst into flames, spun off to the right and went down. Both wings snapped off as it went down.

Only T/Sgt Robert H. Johnson bailed out could and evaded capture. The remaining eight crew members were killed in the crash. They were initially buried at the village cemetery of Tressin on 23 June 1944.

## Photos



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