

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

HOFFMAN, Warren Franklin "Sonny"

Date of birth

7 July 1918

Age

25

Place of birth

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Hometown

Lake County, Illinois

Military service

Service number

36033248

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**333rd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Finding of Death

Date of death

17 July 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

John A. Hoffman (father)

Martha A. Hoffman (mother)

Winifred P. Hoffman (sister)

Winona A. Hoffmann (sister)

Rose F. (Perpich) Hoffman (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

42-3219

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: Dear Mom

Destination: Hamburg, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the aircraft industry

MACR: 93

More information

S/Sgt Warren F. Hoffman was a carpenter apprentice.

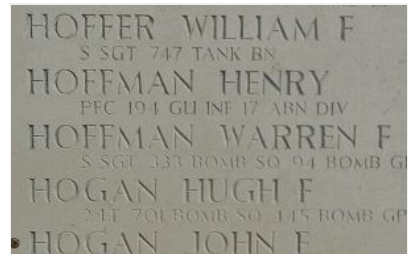
He enlisted in Chicago, Illinois on 27 May 1941.

He was married to Rose Frances Perpich in Chicago, Illinois on 23 March 1942.

The element originally designated to attack Hamburg was a combined force of 125 B-17's, but weather caused a recall of this formation. However 84 B-17's from 94BG (18), 95BG (23), 96BG (21) and 100BG (22) sighted a German ship convoy on the return. Only one B-17 from BG96 managed to drop on the convoy. Another segment of this formation, 385BG (21) and 388BG (20) attempted to bomb the Fokker aircraft factory at Amsterdam. A total of 22 aircraft attempted the bombing, but the results were highly scattered and 150 civilians were killed. 1 B-17 from 94BG, aircraft 42-3219, was shot down by enemy aircraft (2 engines were hit) near Helgoland, Germany.

The entire crew was killed. Every crew member, with the exception of waist gunner Everett A. Quimby is remembered on the Walls of the Missing at Margraten. We have no information why he isn't mentioned.

Photos



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