



Personal info

Full name

JOHNSON, Lewis F

Date of birth

22 March 1917

Age

26

Place of birth

**Chippewa Falls, Chippewa County,
Wisconsin**

Hometown

Eau Claire County, Wisconsin

Military service

Service number

O-434047

Rank

Second Lieutenant

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

Joe Johnson (father)

Blanche (Lewis) Johnson (mother)

Dwight R. Johnson (brother)

Betty J. Johnson (sister)

Ann Johnson (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

2nd Lt Johnson graduated at Mather Field, California on 5 December 1941, and became an instructor.

He married in Eau Claire on 19 February 1943.

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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