



### Personal info

Full name

**MADSEN, Howard Walter**

Date of birth

**19 October 1920**

Age

**23**

Place of birth

**Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania**

Hometown

**Collingdale, Delaware County, Pennsylvania**

### Military service

Service number

**O-688598**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

**364th Bombardment Squadron,  
305th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Finding of Death**

Date of death

**8 February 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

| Plot | Row | Grave |
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## Immediate family

Members

**Otto Madsen (father)**

**Anna (Skeivensen) Madsen (mother)**

**Paul V. Madsen (brother)**

**Mervin Madsen (brother)**

**Mable (Von Zech) Madsen (wife)**

## Plane data

Serial number

**42-40020**

Data

**Type: B-17G**

**Destination: Frankfurt, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the marshalling yards**

**MACR: 2492**

## More information

2nd Lt Howard W. Madsen volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 11 September 1942.

He was sent overseas in November 1943.

The airplane was shot down by enemy fighters. Five crew members survived and evaded capture, five men were killed.

Lt Madsen was first buried at the Temporary American Military Cemetery of St. Andre-de-l'Eure, France.

His brother, Paul V. Madsen, was killed in action in Belgium on 27 December 1944 and is buried at Mount Zion Cemetery in Collingdale, Pennsylvania.

## Photos



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