

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

RIGG, Harry E

Date of birth

10 December 1922

Age

21

Place of birth

**Conshohocken, Montgomery County,
Pennsylvania**

Hometown

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

Military service

Service number

33488226

Rank

Technical Sergeant

Unit

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

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

16 July 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	6	55

Immediate family

Members

Harry B. Rigg (father)

Laura E. Rigg (mother)

Norris M. Rigg (brother)

Evelyn Rigg (sister)

Virginia R. (Harris) Rigg (wife)

Harry E. Rigg Jr. (son)

Plane data

Serial number

42-31978

Data

Type: B-17G

Nickname: Dottie G II

Destination: Munich, Germany

Mission: Factories

MACR: 7571

More information

T/Sgt Harry E. Rigg graduated from Hanover High School in 1941.

He enlisted in Allentown, Pennsylvania on 19 January 1943.

1st Lt William A. Hannigan Jr.: "On July 16, 1944 at 1030 returning from Munich by ourselves, Tail Gunner reported a B-17 being Attacked by an ME-109. The B-17 in question was at 5 o'clock in relation to our position at that time 47.50 N - 10.20 E and was approximately one half mile distant. The enemy fighter was seen to make two passes at this ship and then headed straight down as though he was hit. The Fort then headed for us to take advantage of natural protection and it was at this time that we saw it to be Lt Herrington in Q 978. Co-Pilot noticed fire under Herrington's #3 engine and at this time 3 of his crew bailed out but only one chute was seen to open above the cloud at 18000. Our altitude was approximately 23000. Lt Herrington got the fire under control and extinguished it peeled off and seemed to head for Switzerland. The ship appeared to be under control.

T/Sgt Harry E. Rigg was hit by a 20mm shell in the head and killed instantly.

He was first buried at Temporary American Military Cemetery of St. Avold, France

Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Terry Hirsch, www.abmc.gov, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov – WWII Enlistment Record, www.ancestry.com - U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S. Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil / 1930 Census / Pennsylvania, Veteran Compensation Application Files, WWII, www.fold3.com

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