



Personal info

Full name

KOPF, William Everett

Date of birth

10 February 1917

Age

26

Place of birth

Nevada, Story County, Iowa

Hometown

Nevada, Story County, Iowa

Military service

Service number

O-800900

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**547th Bombardment Squadron,
384th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

14 October 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Lorraine

Plot	Row	Grave
K	32	24

Immediate family

Members

John W. Kopf (father)

Blanche E. (Densmore) Kopf (mother)

Lyle D. Kopf (brother)

Leota D. Kopf (sister)

Russel D. Kopf (brother)

Velda G. Johnson (sister)

Robert L. Kopf (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-3216

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: The Joker

Destination: Schweinfurt, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the ball bearings factory

MACR: 841

More information

2nd Lt William E. Kopf enlisted at Fort Des Moines, Iowa on 31 May 1941 and received his wings at Moody Field, Georgia on 27 March 1943. He was sent to England in August 1943.

He was shot in the head and chest at the pilot's control and went down with the ship.

The airplane was attacked by enemy fighters. The nose was blown off, and the plane blew up.

Seven crew members were killed. Three men evaded capture. They were helped by the local resistance to reach Switzerland, after which they were able to return to the UK.

Photos



Source of information: André Koch, Raf Dyckmans, www.abmc.gov, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov - WWII Enlistment Record, www.ancestry.com - Headstone and Interment Record / 1920/1930/1940 Census, www.fold3.com - MACR, <http://www.8thafhs.com>, www.newspapers.com - Des Moines Tribune
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