



Personal info

Full name

PETERSON, Richard

Date of birth

18 June 1924

Age

20

Place of birth

Winnebago County, Wisconsin

Hometown

Oshkosh, Winnebago County, Wisconsin

Military service

Service number

O-830527

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**353rd Fighter Squadron,
354th Fighter Group**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

23 February 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Lorraine

Plot	Row	Grave
K	13	24

Immediate family

Members

Hans Peterson (father)

Esther (Tank) Peterson (mother)

Kenneth C. Peterson (brother)

Donald L. Peterson (brother)

Hans Peterson Jr. (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

44-63786

Data

Type: P-51D-20

Destination: Kirn, Germany

Mission: Not available

MACR: 12635

More information

2nd Lt Richard Peterson graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1942.

He joined the Army Air Corps on 18 November 1942 and received training in Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Virginia, and Delaware, receiving his wings at Napier Field, Alabama. He was sent overseas in October 1944.

Statement from Maj Glenn T. Eagleston:

"Lt Peterson was flying Red 2 position on a dive bombing mission 23 February 1945. Red leader found target and proceeded to bomb. Started bombing run from 10,000 feet. Estimate at 8,000 feet, Lt Peterson's ship appeared to explode and disintegrate. The pilot could not have been exceeding the dive limitations, and no flak was seen."

Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Terry Hirsch, www.abmc.gov, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.ancestry.com - Headstone and Interment Record, www.fold3.com - MACR, www.newspapers.com, WWII Draft Registration Card
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