



Personal info

Full name

HASSETT, John Thomas Jr

Date of birth

13 September 1922

Age

22

Place of birth

**Sault Sainte Marie, Chippewa County,
Michigan**

Hometown

Sault Sainte Marie, Chippewa County, Michigan

Military service

Service number

T-127178

Rank

Flight Officer

Unit

**496th Bombardment Squadron,
344th Bombardment Group, Medium**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

4 April 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Luxembourg

Plot	Row	Grave
E	6	16

Immediate family

Members

John T. Hassett (father)

Phoebe Hassett (mother)

Lillian Hassett (sister)

Ilene Hassett (sister)

Gerald Hassett (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-96150

Data

Type: B-26

Destination: Grossaspach, Germany

Mission: Bombing of a supply depot

More information

F/O John T. Hassett graduated from Sault Ste Marie High School in 1941

He joined the Air Corps of the U.S. Army Reserve in Detroit, Michigan on 18 November 1942.

The airplane was hit by flak over the target which caused the right engine to begin smoking. The pilot asked the navigator to set a course for the nearest airstrip which was Trier, Germany and was twenty minutes away.

The airplane lost altitude very rapidly and initially the pilot tried a crash landing which failed.

Four men survived the crash, three men were killed.

Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Raf Dyckmans, www.abmc.gov, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov - WWII Enlistment Record, www.ancestry.com - Headstone and Interment Record / 1940 Census, <http://www.miwsl.com/2009/20090401.asp>
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