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### Personal info

Full name

## **GINGRICH**, Albert Herman

Date of birth Age Place of birth

25 December 1920 24 DeKalb County, Indiana

Hometown

**DeKalb County, Indiana** 

# Military service

Service number

35552990

Rank

**Staff Sergeant** 

Uni

701st Bombardment Squadron, 445th Bombardment Group, Heavy

Award

Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

### Death & Grave

Status

Missing in Action

Date of death

20 March 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

## Immediate family

Members

Jesse Gingrich (father)

Myrtie (Craven) Gingrich (mother)

Hazel C. Gingrich (sister)

Hilda M. Gingrich (sister)

Harrison L. Gingrich (brother)

Mabel H. Gingrich (sister)

Harvey Gingrich (brother)

Evelyn R. (Grear) Gingrich (wife)

Herman P. Gingrich (son)

Kenneth Gingrich (son)

### Plane data

Serial number

#### 44-48851

Data

Type: B-24-JSH

Destination: Hemmingstadt, Germany Mission: Bombing of the Heide oil refinery

MACR: 13563

### More information

S/Sgt Albert H. Gingrich attended Kendalville High school and was employed by Auburn Rubber Co before entering the service. S/Sgt Gingrich was known by his middle name, Herman.

He enlisted in Toledo, Ohio on 2 April 1943.

The aircraft received a direct hit by flak while on his bomb run. The right wing came off and a large hole was observed in the left wing. The ship then blew up as it crashed into the water.

The entire crew is listed on the Walls of the Missing at Margraten.

His picture was taken in high school in 1936

# **Photos**





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