



### Personal info

Full name

**SMITH, Herbert Anthony**

Date of birth

**15 January 1914**

Age

**30**

Place of birth

**Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia**

Hometown

**Henrico County, Virginia**

## Military service

Service number

**13033024**

Rank

**Technical Sergeant**

Unit

**701st Bombardment Squadron,  
445th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal With Oak Leaf Cluster**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**24 February 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
C	1	34

## Immediate family

Members

**Hugh S. Smith (father)**

**Frances G. Smith (mother)**

**Joseph E. Smith (brother)**

**James C. Smith (brother)**

**Ellen C. Smith (sister)**

## Plane data

Serial number

**42-52364**

Data

**Type: B-24H**

**Destination: Gotha, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the aviation industry**

**MACR: 2558**

## More information

T/Sgt Herbert A. Smith graduated from John Marshall High School.

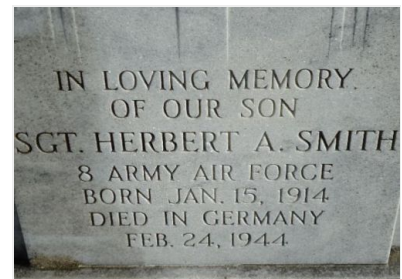
He joined the Air Corps of the Regular Army in Richmond, Virginia on 24 October 1941. He was sent overseas in October 1943.

At that day, the brother of the co-pilot, Garth B. Larsen, was flying fighter protection for the group. After returning to his base, he talked with the members of his brother's squadron. They told him they saw a German fighter get underneath the plane and it made several strikes and a fire broke out in the tail turret. The plane wheeled out of formation, the waist gunner waved and almost immediately they saw seven parachutes open. The plane didn't explode and didn't go into a spin, but was going down in a gentle dive.

Eight crew members were killed, one survived and was taken prisoner.

T/Sgt Herbert A. Smith is remembered at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia with a memorial marker.

## Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Peter Schouteten, Terry Hirsch, [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com), [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov), WWII Draft Card, 1940 US Census

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