



JOSEPH DIPPEL, '40

Personal info

Full name

DIPPEL, Joseph Henry "Joe"

Date of birth

3 February 1922

Age

22

Place of birth

Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana

Hometown

Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana

Military service

Service number

35715066

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**614th Bombardment Squadron,
401st Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Missing in Action

Date of death

4 February 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Frank J. Dippel (father)

Caroline E. (Dillman) Dippel (mother)

Francis W. Dippel (brother)

Caroline M. Dippel (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-31036

Data

Type: B-17G

Nickname: Nobody's Baby

Destination: Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the railroad yards

MACR: 2285

Biography

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More information

S/Sgt Joseph H. Dippel graduated at Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville. He enlisted in Evansville, Indiana on 21 October 1942. He was noted as being a welder and/or flame cutter.

The aircraft was apparently hit by flak, was straggling some 4,000 feet lower than the formation (about 18,000 feet). All four engines were turning over and the aircraft seemed to be under control. Flak was bursting around it when it was last seen.

The entire crew of 10 men was killed. Eight of them are remembered at the Walls of the Missing at Margraten; Two, Frank J. Zitkovic and Bascom O. Clifton, are remembered at the Walls of the Missing at Cambridge Cemetery.

On one picture Joseph poses with his brother Francis at high school. Both graduated at this school. Francis in 1938 and Joseph in 1940.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, André Koch, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov - WWII Enlistment Record, www.fold3.com - MACR, www.ancestry.com - 1930 Census / Family Trees / Birth Record

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