



Personal info

Full name

DOWNARD, Jesse Roy

Date of birth

5 August 1923

Age

19

Place of birth

Bismarck, St. Francois County, Missouri

Hometown

Washington, Franklin County, Missouri

Military service

Service number

17015695

Rank

Technical Sergeant

Unit

**368th Bombardment Squadron,
306th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

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

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

17 April 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	6	2

Immediate family

Members

John H. Downard (father)
Ada B.I. (Meyers) Downard (mother)
Rose M. Downard (sister)
Mary R. Downard (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

41-24467

Data

Type: B-17F
Nickname: The Grim Reaper
Destination: Bremen, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the Focke-Wulf aircraft factory
MACR: 15525

More information

Jesse Downard was an architect.

He joined the Air Corps of the Regular Army at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri on 20 November 1940.

The aircraft was probably hit by flak. Eight crew members survived and were taken prisoner, two men were killed.

Photos



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