

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

HASKELL, Roger Clinton

Date of birth

16 November 1920

Age

23

Place of birth

York, York County, Maine

Hometown

York County, Maine

Military service

Service number

31218303

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**729th Bombardment Squadron,
452nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

28 July 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
B	15	5

Immediate family

Members

Albert F. Haskell (father)

Flora B. Haskell (mother)

Albert F. Haskell (brother)

Ruth P. Haskell (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-97616

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Merseburg, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the synthetic oil plant

MACR: 7827

More information

S/Sgt Roger C. Haskell graduated from York High School in 1940.

Following statement made by 1st Lt John A. Zimmerman; about three to four minutes after the I.P. we had another Combat Wing coming in to our left. After this Wing went in front of our Group, we were bothered by prop wash. The lead aircraft (B-17G, 42-97616) seemed to pass over on top of #2 (B-17G, 42-97764) and at the same time both aircraft were apparently hit by prop-wash. Also it is believed that the two aircraft were attempting to change positions so that 97764 would have the lead. They collided with A/C 764 hitting the rear section of A/C 616. The rest of the formation banked to the left to avoid the two aircraft. One of the planes with its tail off descended rapidly for approximately 3,000 feet and then disintegrated. Bombs were observed falling from this plane as apparently they had been salvoed. The other plane went into a vertical dive and disappeared into the clouds which were then at approximately 10,000 feet. The tail gunner on one of the planes (believed to have been 616) parachuted. In addition there were five other chutres observed.

S/Sgt Haskell was initially buried at the cemetery Sangerhausen, Grave 9.

Photos



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