



Personal info

Full name

FLUEGEL, Theodore Max "Ted"

Date of birth

20 February 1923

Age

20

Place of birth

Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa

Hometown

Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa

Military service

Service number

17106004

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**332nd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

13 June 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	10	11

Immediate family

Members

Frederick E. Fluegel (father)
Lorena L. (Adams) Fluegel (mother)
William L. Fluegel (brother)
Frederick Fluegel Jr. (brother)
David A. Fluegel (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-29949

Data

Type: B-17
Destination: Germany
Mission: Bombing U-boat bases

More information

S/Sgt Theodore Fluegel left Franklin High School in his senior year to answer his country's call. After his enlistment he trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, went to gunnery school at Las Vegas, New Mexico and also was stationed at Tucson, Arizona and Pueblo, Colorado before going overseas about May 1st to serve as an aerial gunner on a Flying Fortress. He was a thoughtful son. On June 6th, just a week before he was killed he wrote his parents telling them not to worry as he had quite a lot of training to do. Already he had learned how horrible war can be. And he had the courage to face it without flinching. As American heavy bombers were reported blasting Axis U-boat bases at Bremen and Kiel on June 13th, S/Sgt Fluegel was reported missing in action. His death was reported later by the International Red Cross.

The aircraft was attacked by a fighter and was on fire. It crashed on a field near Gross Konigsforde. Theodore Fluegel was the only crewmember who was killed. The other 9 crewmembers were taken POW.

Photos



Source of information: FOHF, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.fold3.com, www.newspaperarchive.com - Cedar Rapids Gazette, www.ancestry.com - WWII Bonus Case File

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