



### Personal info

Full name

**KERR, Richard Louis**

Date of birth

**30 March 1923**

Age

**21**

Place of birth

**Franklin, Johnson County, Indiana**

Hometown

**Hamilton County, Ohio**

### Military service

Service number

**35685305**

Rank

**Staff Sergeant**

Unit

**856th Bombardment Squadron,  
492nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

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

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**7 July 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

Plot	Row	Grave
I	13	22

## Immediate family

### Members

**John H. Kerr (father)**  
**Josephine H. (Gale) Kerr (mother)**  
**Dorothy Kerr (sister)**  
**Robert Kerr (brother)**

## Plane data

### Serial number

**42-95230**

### Data

**Type: B-24H**  
**Destination: Berburg, Germany**  
**Mission: Bombing Aircraft Manufacturing Plant**  
**MACR: 7238**

## More information

S/Sgt Kerr was a graduate of Harrison High School and was employed by the Wright Aeronautical Corporation. He entered the service in January, 1943 and had been overseas since April, 1944. Shortly before the fatal mission, he received the Air Medal.

The airplane was shot down by enemy fighters over Bernburg in attempt to take out an aircraft manufacturing plant. Four of the men were killed while manning their posts. Some of the men were able to jump before the ship exploded. Others, like Frank Haag, were blown out. George Haag watched his brother's plane go down.

The wreckage landed outside the town of Gröningen, Germany, which is about 12 kilometers northeast of Halberstadt. The bodies recovered were buried locally at Gröningen. After the war, their remains were taken to the American Cemetery in the Netherlands. The local Germans in the town of Gröningen built a memorial to honor all victims of WWII in their area, which includes the names of the fallen men of the Haag Crew.

## Photos



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