



Personal info

Full name

ZAKE, Henry W

Date of birth

July 1916

Age

27

Place of birth

Clear Lake, Sangamon County, Illinois

Hometown

Riverton, Sangamon County, Illinois

Military service

Service number

16052865

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**333rd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Missing in Action

Date of death

9 April 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Henry M. Zake (father)

Elizabeth M. (Clement) Zake (mother)

Elizabeth Zake (sister)

Minnie Zake (sister)

Martha H. Zake (sister)

Charles O. Zake (brother)

Walter Zake (brother)

Wanda Zake (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-97080

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Warnemunde, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the Arado/Heinkel aviation industry

MACR: 3800

More information

S/Sgt Henry W. Zake was a mechanic before he volunteered for the Air Corps in Peoria, Illinois on 15 January 1942.

This aircraft was seen to circle down immediately after bombs away and crashed into the sea near the target and exploded. Time of this observation and happening was at 1225 hours. Various crews reported seeing two, three, six and ten chutes leave the aircraft.

The 10 men of the crew tried to parachute. Seven of them drowned, three men were brought ashore by a revenue cutter and handed over to the Naval Airbase HQ. of Warnemunde. Further plane crashes and downings were not reported at the county district of Rostock.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.fold3.com, www.ancestry.com - U.S. Census Records 1920-1940, Illinois / U.S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946 / Rodgers Family Tree

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