



Personal info

Full name

INMAN, John Francis

Date of birth

5 February 1923

Age

20

Place of birth

Grinnell, Poweshiek County, Iowa

Hometown

Grinnell, Poweshiek County, Iowa

Military service

Service number

17169450

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**335th Bombardment Squadron,
95th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

24 January 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
B	44	14

Immediate family

Members

Silas W. Inman (father)

Ruth G. (Bradley) Inman (mother)

Silas Inman Jr. (brother)

Mary E. Inman (sister)

Sally Inman (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-30181

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: Herky Jerky II aka Lover Boy

Destination: Frankfurt, Germany

Mission: Bombing of transportation and industrial targets

MACR: 2258

More information

John Inman attended Grinnell Community High school with the class of 1941.

He enlisted on 9 December 1942.

The target of the mission was to bomb transportation and industrial targets at Frankfurt and Russelsheim. Most bombers had trouble forming up in bad weather and only 563 of the 857 B-17s were dispatched. All of the B-24s were recalled. Because of worsening weather all groups were recalled at 1020 hours but 58 B-17s bombed the Zukunft Power Station near Eschweiler.

The aircraft was attacked by enemy fighters. His tail caught fire and he spun down but pulled up momentarily with his tail going off.

Six crew members survived and were taken prisoner, four men were killed.

S/Sgt Inman was first buried at the cemetery of the village of Wevelgem, Belgium.

Photos



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