



## Personal info

Full name

**GRAHAM, Owen Lee**

Date of birth

**24 June 1916**

Age

**28**

Place of birth

**Seattle, King County, Washington**

Hometown

**Seattle, King County, Washington**

## Military service

Service number

**O-747394**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

**364th Bombardment Squadron,  
305th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**24 August 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

Plot	Row	Grave
A	6	18

## Immediate family

### Members

**Adolph Graham (father)**  
**Pearl M. (Friske) Graham (mother)**  
**Lawrence W. Graham (brother)**  
**Orville C. Graham (brother)**  
**Wayne Graham (brother)**  
**Alta M. Graham (sister)**  
**Lena M. Graham (wife)**  
**Larry Graham (son)**

## Plane data

Serial number  
**43-37593**

### Data

**Type: B-17G**  
**Nickname: Graham Cracker**  
**Destination: Merseburg, Germany**  
**Mission: Bombing of the Leuna oil refinery**  
**MACR: 8210**

## More information

Owen Lee Graham graduated from Lincoln High School in 1935 in Seattle, Washington. He and attended the Seattle Pacific College for one year

He joined the Air Corps of the Regular Army in Tacoma, Washington on 8 July 1941.

His brother Orville C. Graham was killed on 2 February 1945 and is buried at the American Military Cemetery in Nettuno, Italy.

As the plane was headed back, it was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire. Due to the heavy damage to "Graham Cracker", it crashed in Barnstaedt (West of Merseburg) at 12:30 o'clock. Seven of the crew members were found dead, two had parachuted out before the crash (they were captured by the Germans). The seven dead crew members were buried on 25 August 1944 in the Village Cemetery at Barnsteadt.

In 1945 the bodies were disinterred and reinterred at Margraten.

## Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) - Headstone and Interment Record / 1930 Census, [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com)

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