



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 - Headstone and Interment Record / 1930 Census, www.wwiimemorial.com

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