



Personal info

Full name

RETCOFSKY, August Wilhelm

Date of birth

31 January 1915

Age

28

Place of birth

Footdale, Fayette County, Pennsylvania

Hometown

Fayette County, Pennsylvania

Military service

Service number

13011220

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**368th Bombardment Squadron,
306th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

21 May 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
C	13	30

Immediate family

Members

August W. Retcofsky (father)
Bertha H. (Festag) Retcofsky (mother)
Violet H. Retcofsky (sister)
Osacar L. Retcofsky (brother)
Frank A. Retcofsky (brother)
Walter E. Retcofsky (brother)
Paul H. Retcofsky (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-29806

Data

Type: B-17F
Destination: Wilhelmshaven, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the u-boat yards
MACR: 16018

More information

August Retcofsky joined the Air Corps of the Regular Army in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on 3 October 1940.

At the target intense flak and heavy fighter opposition caused considerable damage to many aircraft in the formation. This aircraft was hit by flak and was last seen on the return trip over the North Sea, in trouble but under control, losing altitude and straggling behind the formation.

It ditched in the sea. Five crew members survived and were taken prisoner, five men were killed.

Photos



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