

Walter DeHoff

Jul 23, 1924 - Dec 15, 1944

BIRTHPLACE: Carlton, Kansas

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Staff Sergeant

DIVISION: Army Air Corps, 423rd Bomb Squadron,

306th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

SERVED: 1943 - Dec 15, 1944

BATTLE: Battle of the Bulge/Rhineland/Central

Europe

MILITARY HONORS: Purple Heart Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster Various Army awards

KILLED IN ACTION

BIOGRAPHY

Walter DeHoff registered for service 17 Dec 1942 and likely went on active duty in Jan 1943, enlisting in the Army Air Corps. Walter served with the 423 Bomb Squadron, 306th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, stationed at RAF Thurleigh in England. A ball/turret gunner on B-17 43-38019, the Milk Run Special, Staff Sergeant DeHoff was returning from a bombing mission over Kassel, Germany on 15 Dec 1944 when his plane collided with another B-17 during inclement weather near Greenham Common, England. DeHoff and 15 other airmen died. Information courtesy of fold3.com, American Air Museum in Britain and American War Memorials Overseas, Inc.