



## Personal info

Full name

**PRESSEL, David Ferdinand**

Date of birth

**16 March 1921**

Age

**22**

Place of birth

**Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana**

Hometown

**Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana**

## Military service

Service number

**15104503**

Rank

**Technical Sergeant**

Unit

**510th Bombardment Squadron,  
351st Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Missing in Action**

Date of death

**9 October 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

**Walls of the Missing**

## Immediate family

### Members

**Raymond Pressel (father)**  
**Ruth (Paul) Pressel (mother)**  
**Jennie C. Pressel (sister)**  
**Raymond A. Pressel (brother)**  
**Elizabeth Pressel (sister)**  
**Betty J. (Winters) Pressel (wife)**

## Plane data

Serial number  
**42-30867**

### Data

**Type: B-17F**  
**Destination: Anklam, Germany**  
**Mission: Bombing of the Arado-Heinkel aviation industry**  
**MACR: 1035**

## More information

David Pressel attended Shortridge High School and was employed as a maintenance man.

He volunteered for the Army of the United States at fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana on 11 July 1942.

Shortly after crossing the Danish coast the group was attacked by German fighters. Thirty to fifty Me 109s executed many close attacks. At the start of the bomb-run the enemy fighters broke off their attacks, leaving the formation to suffer the attentions of the Anklam flak gunners.

Smoke from the bombs of the preceding Wing obscured the target, as a consequence most of the bombs fell in the center of the city.

The formation turned for home and flew straight into the Luftwaffe's assembled forces. Me 110s and a few Ju 88s stood off and fired rockets into the formation.

Edmond Blais and another crew member, John R. Butterbach, were killed during the fighter attack.

In total four crew members were killed, six were taken prisoner.

## Photos



POYTHRESS WHITNEY F JR	NORTH CAROLINA
2 LT 390 BOMB GP 140	
PRATHER JOHN T	ALABAMA
SGT 407 BOMB SQ 92 BOMB GP 01	
PRESSL DAVID F	INDIANA
T SGT 510 BOMB SQ 359 BOMB GP 111	
PRICE EDWARD E JR	TEXAS
SGT 165 BOMB SQ 305 BOMB GP 140	
PRICE GEORGE B	NEW JERSEY
T SGT 67 BOMB AD 447 BOMB GP 01	
PRICE LEWIS E	TENNESSEE
1st LIEUTENANT 24 DIV	
PRIEGEL LEWIS W	ILLINOIS
2 SGT 240 BOMB SQ 100 BOMB GP 010	

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