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**1 LT William L. Goin**

**Class 23-42**

**ID: O1167003**

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army**

**Hometown: Los Angeles, CA**

**Status: FOD 13 Oct 1944**



**Served with the 727th Bomb Squadron, 451st Bomb Group, 15th Air Force  
at Castelluccio, Italy.**

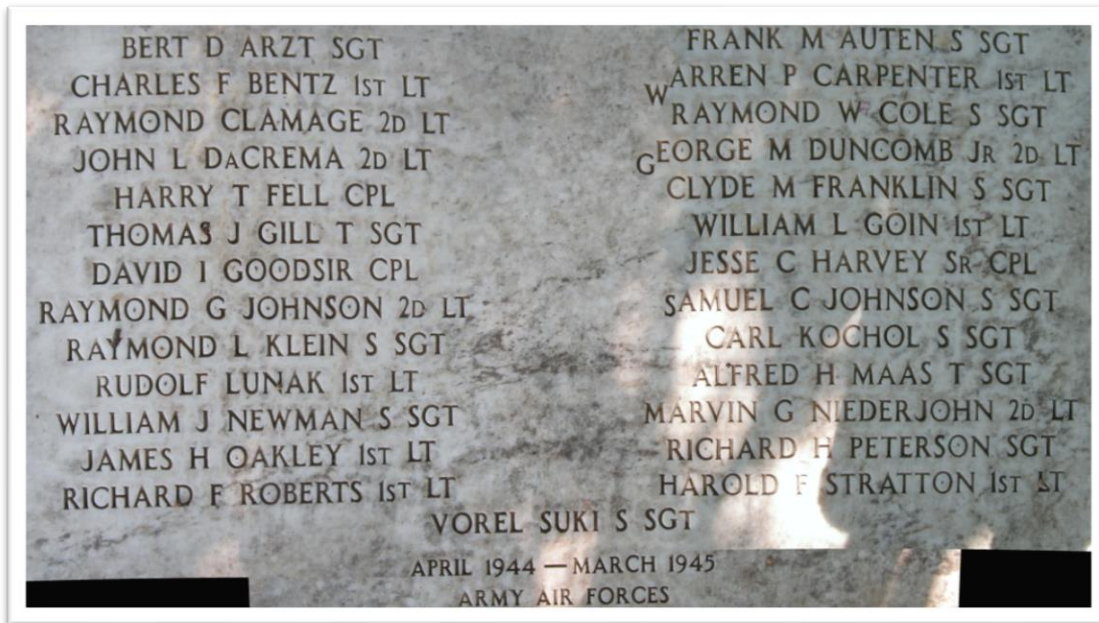
**Co-Pilot of B-24 "Fickle Finger" 42-51564 that blew up in the air near Vienna, Austria**



**727th Bomb Squadron, 451st Bomb Group, 15th**

**Their final mission came on October 13, 1944 when the crew took off in Aircraft #42-51564, Fickle Finger, laden with bombs. The aircraft flew to its target over Vienna, Austria. As the aircraft arrived on station, it sustained a direct hit from German flak batteries. The aircraft literally exploded in the sky and all personnel were lost. Years later, the remains of a crew member (Staff Sergeant Julian Newton) were reportedly located in a small cemetery in France. The remains were subsequently recovered and returned to the family back in Webb, Alabama.**

**World War II Deceased returned from overseas group burial (27 remains, 17 caskets)  
for interment. Buried in same grave (1952)**



*Buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Saint Louis, Missouri  
Plot 85: Site 132-166*



**Starboard (right) side nose art**