

POWESKE, Benjamin E.

B: 16 August 1919 NY

D: 3 July 1993 Dunkirk, NY

Hometown: Dunkirk, New York

Rank: Private, First Class

MOS: 620 - Parachute Rigger and Repairman

Unit: 45th Service Squadron

4th Service: February 1943 – 24 July 1943

24 JUL 43 Transferred to the Headquarters, 1st Bomb Wing. Ultimately assigned to the 379th Bomb Group/527th Bomb Squadron at AAF Station 117, Kimbolton, Huntingdonshire.

Post 4th Fighter Group:

While with the 379th BG, served as a waist gunner and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. Became a POW when his B-17G (FO-C,42-37851) was sent down over Bremen on 20 December 1943.

Decorations:

Air Medal, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.