



Personal info

Full name

BROWN, Charles

Date of birth

18 August 1921

Age

22

Place of birth

**New Britain, Hartford County,
Connecticut**

Hometown

Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

Religion

Jewish

Military service

Service number

31159787

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**569th Bombardment Squadron,
390th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

8 October 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
B	13	17

Immediate family

Members

Nathan Brown (father)
Minnie Brown (mother)
Irving Brown (brother)
Ida Brown (sister)
Marion Brown (sister)
Annette Brown (sister)
Goldie Brown (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-30292

Data

Type: B-17F
Nickname: Pulsatin' Polly
Destination: Bremen, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the U-boat yards
MACR: 783

More information

S/Sgt Charles Brown was employed at the Mass Publishing Co.

He enlisted in Boston, Massachusetts, on 11 August 1942.

According to the right waist gunner, S/Sgt Harold T. Lambert, the airplane was hit by anti-aircraft fire about the time he reached the Initial Point. Two engines were afire and there was also fire in the accessory compartment and part of the oxygen system was disabled. Also, the radio room and the cockpit were hit, injuring both pilots. They were forced to leave the formation and were attacked by enemy fighters, causing further damage. The pilot, Lt Marshall Shepherd, gave the order to bail out, but he was never able to leave his seat himself. While the crew members were trying to leave the airplane, it blew up.

Four men survived and were taken prisoner, six men were killed.

It was the 13th mission of this crew.

Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.fold3.com, WWII Draft Card

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