



### Personal info

Full name

**MACKENZIE, Donald B**

Date of birth

**1 May 1920**

Age

**23**

Place of birth

**Chicago, Cook County, Illinois**

Hometown

**Buffalo, Erie County, New York**

### Military service

Service number

**O-735619**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

**544th Bombardment Squadron,  
384th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**17 August 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
C	37	8

## Immediate family

### Members

**John P. Mac Kenzie (father)**  
**Elizabeth (Anderson) Mac Kenzie (mother)**  
**Lois Mac Kenzie (sister)**  
**John P. Mac Kenzie (brother)**  
**Warren Mac Kenzie (brother)**

## Plane data

### Serial number

**42-29956**

### Data

**Type: B-17F**  
**Nickname: Vertical Shaft**  
**Destination: Schweinfurt, Germany**  
**Mission: Bombing of the ball-bearing factories**  
**MACR: 296**

## More information

2nd Lt Donald B. MacKenzie graduated from Lafayette High School and attended Bryant & Stratton Business College.

He joined the National Guard in 1938. He enlisted in the Air Corps in 1940.

The airplane was shot down by enemy fighters.

A surviving crew member stated that Lt MacKenzie bailed out and died within a couple of hours in a German hospital in Frankfurt. He had seen a jacket with the lieutenant's name on it with a bloody hole in the chest, caused by enemy fire from the attacking fighters.

Eight crew members were taken prisoner, and the pilot and co-pilot were killed.

## Photos



Source of information: Terry Hirsch, Raf Dyckmans, [www.384thbomgroup.com](http://www.384thbomgroup.com), 1940 US Census, New York National Guard Service Card, [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com)

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