

Fields of Honor Memorial

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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.384thbombgroup.com, 1940 US Census, New York National Guard Service Card, www.fold3.com

Photo source: Jac Engels, Arie-Jan van Hees - Pilot 43-A Chico California, Lafayette High School, 1938, Buffalo Courier-Express - 18 September 1943