

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

SHIELDS, Edward Francis Jr "Eddie"

Date of birth

13 January 1923

Age

21

Place of birth

**Philadelphia, Philadelphia County,
Pennsylvania**

Hometown

Atlantic County, New Jersey

Military service

Service number

O-816604

Rank

First Lieutenant

Unit

**360th Bombardment Squadron,
303rd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

28 September 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
D	12	3

Immediate family

Members

Edward F. Shields Sr. (father)

Mary L. (Callahan) Shields (mother)

Anne M. Shields (sister)

Margaret M. Shields (sister)

William Shields (brother)

C. Patrick Shields (brother)

Patricia Shields (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

44-8330

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Magdeburg, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the Braunkohle (BRABAG) synthetic oil plant

MACR: 9404

More information

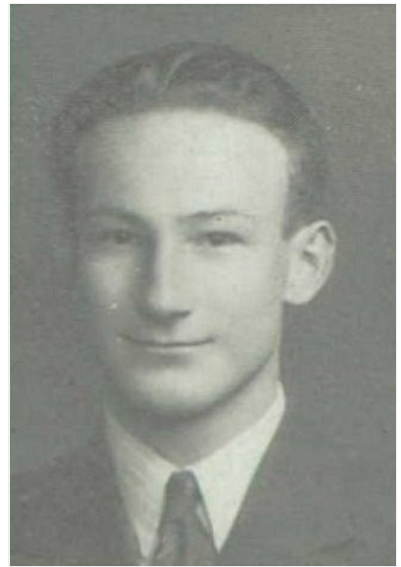
1st Lt Edward F. Shields graduated from Pleasantville High School in 1940. He was employed with the Pennsylvania Railroad.

He volunteered for the Army of the United States in New York City, New York on 11 March 1942.

The B-17 went into a spin after being attacked by German fighters and exploded almost immediately thereafter. Two crew members could bail out and were taken prisoner. Seven men were killed. They were initially buried at the cemetery of Söppingen.

Lt Shields is commemorated on a monument in the 30th Street Station in Philadelphia. The Monument commemorates the Pennsylvania Railroad employees who died in World War II.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, [303bombgroup.com](https://www.303bombgroup.com), www.ancestry.com - Headstone and Interment Record / WWII Draft Card / 1940 Census

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