



Personal info

Full name

FINKELSTEIN, Albert

Date of birth

3 July 1921

Age

22

Place of birth

Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan

Hometown

Los Angeles County, California

Military service

Service number

O-735953

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**333rd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Finding of Death

Date of death

17 July 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten**Walls of the Missing**

Immediate family

Members

Morris Finkelstein (father)
Sadie (Premak) Finkelstein (mother)
Julius Finkelstein (brother)
Roann (Guttenberg) Finkelstein (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

42-3219

Data

Type: B-17F
Nickname: Dear Mom
Destination: Hamburg, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the aircraft industry
MACR: 93

More information

2nd Lt Albert Finkelstein attended college and was employed at the Ambassador Hotel before he volunteered for the Air Corps of the U.S. Army in Los Angeles, California on 24 April 1942.

The element originally designated to attack Hamburg was a combined force of 125 B-17's, but weather caused a recall of this formation. However 84 B-17's from 94BG (18), 95BG (23), 96BG (21) and 100BG (22) sighted a German ship convoy on the return. Only one B-17 from BG96 managed to drop on the convoy. Another segment of this formation, 385BG (21) and 388BG (20) attempted to bomb the Fokker aircraft factory at Amsterdam. A total of 22 aircraft attempted the bombing, but the results were highly scattered and 150 civilians were killed. 1 B-17 from 94BG, aircraft 42-3219, was shot down by enemy aircraft (2 engines were hit) near Helgoland, Germany.

The entire crew was killed. Every crew member, with the exception of waist gunner Everett A. Quimby is remembered on the Walls of the Missing at Margraten. We have no information why he isn't mentioned.

Photos



FERRY, EDWARD W.	ILLINOIS
LTC 44 REGT 3 ARMD DIV	
FEUERSTACHE, JAMES A.	TENNESSEE
1LT 570 BOMB SQ 397 BOMB GP (H)	
FIELD, FLOYD J.	KANSAS
1LT 348 BOMB SQ 305 BOMB GP (H)	
FINCH, LAWRENCE JR.	ILLINOIS
1LT 330 BOMB SQ 305 BOMB GP (H)	
FINKELSTEIN, ALBERT	CALIFORNIA
2LT 104 BOMB SQ 94 BOMB GP (H)	



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