

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

PELLEGRINO, Mario

Date of birth

2 August 1921

Age

22

Place of birth

New York City, New York

Hometown

Brooklyn, Kings County, New York

Military service

Service number

12025811

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**567th Bombardment Squadron,
389th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

24 February 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
J	13	19

Immediate family

Members

Girdamo Pellegrino (father)

Patricia S. (Staiano) Pellegrino (mother)

Michael Pellegrino (brother)

Armondo Pellegrino (brother)

Assunta Pellegrino (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-100338

Data

Type: B-24J

Destination: Gotha, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the aircraft industry

MACR: 2943

More information

S/Sgt Mario Pellegrino was a construction and maintenance painter. He joined the Air Corps of the Regular Army in New York City, New York on 3 February 1941.

Eyewitness said the aircraft was attacked and set on fire by fighters after leaving the target area, about 10 miles to the west, and then went into a spin.

Four of the crew successfully bailed out and were captured. Six were killed. Two bailed out but did not survive. The remaining members of the crew apparently perished in the fire at the rear of the aircraft.

The pilot reported that Sgt Pellegrino suffered a head wound in the fighter attack, and he was uncertain whether the ball gunner even exited the aircraft. However, according to a German report, Pellegrino landed with his parachute and was found in a "dying condition."

He was initially buried at the cemetery of Soisdorf, Germany.

Photos



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