



### 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)**  
**Armando 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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