

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

RUTKOWSKI, Victor S

Date of birth

31 December 1918

Age

26

Place of birth

Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey

Hometown

Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey

Military service

Service number

O-819619

Rank

First Lieutenant

Unit

**569th Bombardment Squadron,
390th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Distinguished Flying Cross,
Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Finding of Death

Date of death

16 October 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Tadeusz Rutkowski (father)
Helen (Tykarski) Rutkowski (mother)
Tadeusz Rutkowski (brother)
Edward Rutkowski (brother)
Irene Rutkowski (sister)
Richard S. Rutkowski (brother)
Elsie V. Rutkowski (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

43-37513

Data

Type: B-17G
Nickname: Anna
Destination: Cologne, Germany
Mission: Bombing
MACR: 9483

More information

1st Lt Victor S. Rutkowski was employed at the Essex Rubber Co.

He enlisted at Nashville AC Facilities, Tennessee, on 1 March 1943.

A/C 513 was hit by flak on the bomb run. Pilot feathered #4 wing and the right wing was on fire. Seven crew members bailed out at approximately 5055N-0655E. Pilot regained control of the ship and was able to land at A-92, a P47 landing strip in Belgium, with the tail gunner who had been killed by flak. Surviving crew member reports indicate that 1st Lt Rutkowski was among the seven men that bailed out safely. The reports also indicate that, according to a German interrogator, one of the officers of A/C 513 had been killed by civilians.

Lt Rutkowski was officially declared dead one day and one year after he was reported missing in action.

Photos



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