



### 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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