



Personal info

Full name

PODOLSKI, Paul David

Date of birth

16 September 1921

Age

22

Place of birth

**South Boston, Suffolk County,
Massachusetts**

Hometown

Dedham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts

Military service

Service number
31136342

Rank
Staff Sergeant

Unit
**576th Bombardment Squadron,
392nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards
**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status
Killed in Action

Date of death
29 May 1944

Cemetery
American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
B	27	7

Immediate family

Members

William A. Podolski (father)
Mary A. M. Podolski (mother)
Mane T. Podolski (sister)
Charles A. Podolski (brother)
Alfred S. Podolski (brother)
Robert J. Podolski (brother)
William A. Podolski (brother)
Thomas Podolski (brother)

Plane data

Serial number
42-95136

Data

Type: B-24H
Destination: Politz, Germany
MACR: 05212

More information

S/Sgt Paul D. Podolski was an outstanding athlete at Dedham High. He was employed at the Readville carshops before he entered the service on 25 June 1942, and graduated from Wendover Aerial Gunnery School at Wendover Field, Utah in October 1943 and was serving as Bombardier and Gunner.

Lt Bassett, the only survivor, gave a brief account on a casualty interrogation (U.S.) form dated 27 July 1945. He stated that the plane had been attacked by enemy fighters and the nose section had been set afire; that he bailed out but saw no more parachutes coming down, although he was in a position to see them had others gotten out. That was the extent of his report (in this MACR file record).

Podolski was buried at the village of Gueltz, (800) meters from the Gueltz Estate Germany.

Photos



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