



## Personal info

Full name

**TORRES, Edward John**

Date of birth

**23 March 1923**

Age

**21**

Place of birth

**Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan**

Hometown

**Wayne County, Michigan**

## Military service

Service number

**36459522**

Rank

**Staff Sergeant**

Unit

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

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**29 May 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
A	12	21

## Immediate family

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### Members

**John G. Torres (father)**

**Julia Torres (mother)**

**Carl P. Torres (brother)**

**Robert P. Torres (brother)**

**Peg Torres (sister)**

**Rosemary Torres (sister)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-95045**

### Data

**Type: B-24H**

**Destination: Politz, Germany**

**MACR: 05213**

## More information

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S/Sgt Edward J. Torres graduated from Battle Creek Central High School in 1942. He was employed at the Hudson Bomber plant in Detroit.

He was inducted into the Army on 31 March 1943 in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

One eye-witness report from a returning aircrew stated briefly: "The plane seemed just to 'slip down'; everything appeared to be O.K.; no chutes seen". (This sighting report was given by 2nd Lt Colbrook, Navigator on Lt Bratton's crew flying #097). German Report #KU2072, Air Field Headquarters A 8/il at Berik, gave a further account of this crew's downing: That the aircraft had been shot down by anti-aircraft fire and crashed south east of Neubukow/Mecklenburg on 29 May at 1240 hours; that (9) dead had been recovered at the crash site noted to be 1.5 kilometers west of the village of Tuesen, (10) Km south of Neubukow.

In a supplementary report, same headquarters, two days later on 1 June, it was stated that a 10th casualty had been found, buried under one of the plane's engines. This airman was identified as Lt Anderson, the crew Navigator. The identity of these dead members was established by personal dog tag means, and all were given burial on 29 May and 1 June, respectively. One fact gleaned from these German reports was: The body of S/Sgt Cole was never positively identified and named. However, another American casualty was identified and buried with the dead of the Stoltz crew - a Lt Walter, a crew member not flying on that plane this mission, or any other aircrew of the 392nd in the battle-order formation(?). No other facts on the loss of the Stoltz aircraft were given.

## Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Terry Hirsch, [www.b24.net](http://www.b24.net), [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com), [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov), WWII Draft Card

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