



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

Members

John G. Torres (father)
Julia Torres (mother)
Carl P. Torres (brother)
Robert P. Torres (brother)
Peg Torres (sister)
Rosemary Torres (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-95045

Data

Type: B-24H
Destination: Politz, Germany
MACR: 05213

More information

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 8/11 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, www.wwimemorial.com, www.archives.gov, WWII Draft Card

Photo source: Mireille Goedhart, Battle Creek Central High School 1942, www.newspapers.com - Battle Creek Enquirer - 23 June 1944