



## Personal info

Full name

**BACK, Walter P**

Date of birth

**31 October 1916**

Age

**27**

Place of birth

**Menifee County, Kentucky**

Hometown

**Middletown, Butler County, Ohio**

## Military service

Service number

**15196261**

Rank

**Technical Sergeant**

Unit

**368th Bombardment Squadron,  
306th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

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

## Death & Grave

Status

**Missing in Action**

Date of death

**3 November 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

**Walls of the Missing**

## Immediate family

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### Members

**Oliver P. Back (father)**

**Alpha (Helton) Back (mother)**

**Ada P. Back (sister)**

**Nellie B. Back (sister)**

**Idal L. Back (sister)**

**Henry Back (brother)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-30776**

### Data

**Type: B-17F**

**Nickname: Lady Marylin**

**Destination: Wilhelmshaven, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the U-boat yards**

**MACR: 1158**

## More information

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T/Sgt Walter P. Back attended Middletown High school for 4 years and was a craneman. He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States at Patterson Field, Fairfield, Ohio on 27 April 1942.

The airplane collided in mid-air with B-17 #42-3533. All crew members of both planes, twenty men in total, were killed.

## Photos



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