

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

GRANAT, John Richard

Date of birth

22 April 1916

Age

28

Place of birth

Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

Hometown

Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

Military service

Service number

O-754955

Rank

First Lieutenant

Unit

**854th Bombardment Squadron,
491st Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

18 September 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
I	11	2

Immediate family

Members

Richard Granat (father)

Ellen Granat (mother)

Ellen E. Granat (sister)

Carl H. Granat (brother)

Mrs John R. Granat (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

44-40210

Data

Type: B-24J

Nickname: I'll Be Seeing You

Destination: Eindhoven, the Netherlands

Mission: Supply drop

Macr: 10211

More information

John Granat attended college and was a mechanic.

He enlisted at Fort Lewis, Washington on 20 August 1941.

The airplane was hit by 20 mm flak and a small fire started on the right wing. With only seconds in which to work, Capt Hunter, considered one of the best pilots in the group, picked his spot and started to bring the B-24 in on its belly. At less than 50 feet, however, the right inboard engine burst into flames. The right wing dropped and it was too low when the plane hit. The instant was captured by a camera in another aircraft. The plane then slid on the ground, crashed into a haystack and exploded. It came to rest in a field about three fourths of a mile northeast of a train overpass near the town of Udenhout.

Because of the low altitude, no one was able to bail out. Nine crew members were killed. One man survived, evaded capture and was kept hidden until the town was liberated by Canadian troops.

Photos



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