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Personal info

Full name

BOZICH, Michael

Date of birth Age

29 September 1921 23

Place of birth

Buffington, Fayette County, Pennsylvania

Hometown

New Salem, Fayette County, Pennsylvania

Military service

Service number

33291350

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

701st Bombardment Squadron, 445th Bombardment Group, Heavy

Awards

Purple Heart,

Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

Death & Grave

Status

Missing in Action

Date of death

20 March 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

John Bozich (father)

Antoinette Bozich (mother)

Anna Bozich (sister)

Frank Bozich (brother)

Clara Bozich (sister)

Emma Bozich (sister)

Catherine Bozich (sister)

Edna L. Bozich (sister)

Mary Bozich (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

44-48851

Data

Type: B-24J

Destination: Hemmingstadt, Germany Mission: Bombing of the Heide oil refinery

MACR: 13563

More information

Sgt Michael Bozich was a miner.

He joined the U.S. Army Reserve in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania on 28 December 1943.

The aircraft received a direct hit by flak while on his bomb run. The right wing came off and a large hole was observed in the left wing. The ship then blew up as it crashed into the water.

The entire crew is listed on the Walls of the Missing at Margraten.

Photos







 $\textbf{Source of information:} \ Peter Schouteten, Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, \underline{www.wwiimemorial.com}, \underline{www.archives.gov, \underline{www.8thafhs.com}, \underline{www.ancestry.com}} - Veteran Compensation Application File, The Morning Herald- October 3, 1967$

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