

## Fields of Honor Memorial

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### Personal info

Full name

**KUSTERKO, Walter William**

Date of birth

**23 November 1923**

Age

**21**

Place of birth

**Alaska**

Hometown

**Brooklyn, Kings County, New York**

### Military service

Service number

**O-828715**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

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

**Walter V. Kusterlo (father)**

**Henrietta D. (Fingar) Kusterko (mother)**

**Margaret Kusterko (sister)**

## Plane data

### Serial number

**44-48851**

### Data

**Type: B-24-JSH**

**Destination: Hemmingstadt, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the Heide oil refinery**

**MACR: 13563**

## More information

2nd Lt Walter W. Kusterko joined the US Army Reserve in New York City, New York on 28 October 1942. He attended high school for 4 years and worked as a serviceman for the telephone company before he joined the army.

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



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