

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

DEL PERO, Otto D

Date of birth

19 February 1923

Age

22

Place of birth

Yuba County, California

Hometown

Marysville, Yuba County, California

Military service

Service number

19149684

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**701st Bombardment Squadron,
445th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

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

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

24 March 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
E	13	7

Immediate family

Members

Joseph A. Del Pero (father)

Euphemia (Masoni) Del Pero (mother)

Mario F. Del Pero (brother)

Hugo Del Pero (brother)

Renzo Del Pero (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-51245

Data

Type: B-24J

Destination: Wesel, Germany

Mission: Supply drop

MACR: 13516

More information

S/Sgt Otto D. Del Pero attended college for two years.

He joined the Air Corps of the U.S. Army Reserve at Buckley Field, Colorado on 18 February 1943.

His father was a native of Italy and immigrated to California in 1903, settling in San Francisco.

The mission of the day was dropping supplies for the ground troops, participating in Operation Varsity.

The airplane was hit by small arms fire when it was flying at 300 ft and caught fire. It crashed in flames and exploded. All ten crew members were killed.

Photos



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