

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

STEINMANN, Bill H

Date of birth

25 September 1922

Age

21

Place of birth

Bronx, Bronx County, New York

Hometown

Brooklyn, Kings County, New York

Military service

Service number

12083516

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

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

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

24 February 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
P	8	7

Immediate family

Members

William Steinmann (father)

Delia (Murphy) Steinmann (mother)

Charlotte F. Steinmann (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-7515

Data

Type: B-24H

Destination: Gotha, Germany

Mission: Bombing

MACR: 2550

More information

Enemy fire had blasted tail turret.

Bill didn't bail out. He never responded to the order to prepare to bail out. A rocket hit their rudder, blew half of it off. The crew never heard from Bill after that attack. According to the waist gunner S/Sgt Steinmann was either unconscious or dead. There was blood smeared all over the turret. The waist gunner couldn't investigate because they were under attack for two and a half hours. All other crewmembers bailed out and landed safely.

He was initially buried at the cemetery of Soisdorf, Germany.

Photos



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