



### Personal info

Full name

**FOSTER, Frank Mason**

Date of birth

**30 December 1921**

Age

**22**

Place of birth

**Leominster, Worcester County,  
Massachusetts**

Hometown

**Leominster, Worcester County, Massachusetts**

### Military service

Service number

**O-806612**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

**331st Bombardment Squadron,  
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

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

### Death & Grave

Status

**Finding of Death**

Date of death

**3 March 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten****Walls of the Missing**

## Immediate family

Members

**Frank N. Foster (father)**

**Emily N. (Chandler) Foster (mother)**

**Norman C. Foster (brother)**

**Nathan Foster (brother)**

## Plane data

Serial number

**42-38075**

Data

**Type: B-17G**

**Destination: Berlin**

**Mission: Bombing of the industrial areas**

**MACR: 2794**

## More information

2nd Lt Frank M. Foster graduated from Leominster High School, attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute and worked in an aircraft factory.

He joined the Air Corps of the U.S. Army Reserve as an aviation cadet at Fort Devens, Massachusetts on 23 October 1942.

On their way to the target, the formation crossed another formation that was returning without bombing their target, due to bad weather. The airplane collided head on with plane 42-31112, killing the entire crew of both planes.

There is a contradiction about the exact place where the plane crashed. According to certain documents, it crashed in Itzehoe, but other documents mention that the body of Thomas Robey washed ashore in Busum on 5 May 1944. This can mean that the airplane crashed in the North Sea.

## Photos



SGT 177 INF 30 DIV	MARYLAND
FOSTER FRANK M	MASSACHUSETTS
2 LT 94 BOMB GP (H)	
FOUBERT ROBERT G	INDIANA
2 LT 410 BOMB SQ 94 BOMB GP (H)	
FOUBERT CHARLES A	NEW YORK
5 SGT 51 BOMB SQ 351 BOMB GP (H)	
FOUTZ STANLEY	UTAH
1 LT 335 BOMB SQ 95 BOMB GP (H)	
FRANCIS ROBERT F	WASHINGTON
1 LT 336 BOMB SQ 95 BOMB GP (H)	
FRANCIS THOMAS R	TEXAS
1 LT 544 BOMB SQ 384 BOMB GP (H)	
FRANKE ELICK	



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