



Personal info

Full name

TROTTA, Michael John

Date of birth

26 December 1922

Age

21

Place of birth

Attica, Wyoming County, New York

Hometown

Manhattan, New York County, New York

Military service

Service number

12158002

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

**856th Bombardment Squadron,
492nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

23 June 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
A	13	11

Immediate family

Members

Gennaro Trotta (father)

Anna (laPolla) Trotta (mother)

John Trotta (brother)

Clara Trotta (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

41-29470

Data

Type: B-24J

Destination: Laon Airfield, France

Mission: Bombing

MACR: 6242

More information

Sgt Michael J. Trotta enlisted the service on 23 October 1942 in New York City.

This was a mission to level an enemy airfield at St. Cyr, France. It was sort of a revenge mission for the 492nd. The plane took a direct hit by flak over Brussels. Their right wing caught fire and blew off. The ship spun down and broke into two pieces. Only the radio operator and engineer, who were blown out of the plane, survived.

Sgt Trotta was buried at Eagle Cemetery Brussels, Grave 8, Section 10, Row 21.

Photos



Source of information: Terry Hirsch, Michel Beckers, [492nd Bomb Group, WWII Memorial, Fold3](#), WWII Draft Card, 1930 US Census

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