

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

NARGI, Louis John

Date of birth

27 December 1917

Age

26

Place of birth

**Milford, Worcester County,
Massachusetts**

Hometown

Milford, Worcester County, Massachusetts

Military service

Service number

O-673264

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**333rd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

11 January 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

| Plot | Row | Grave |
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Immediate family

Members

Antonio Nargi (father)

Vincenza (Moccia) Nargi (mother)

James Nargi (brother)

Edward Nargi (brother)

Vincent J. Nargi (brother)

Lena Nargi (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-39822

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Brunswick, Germany

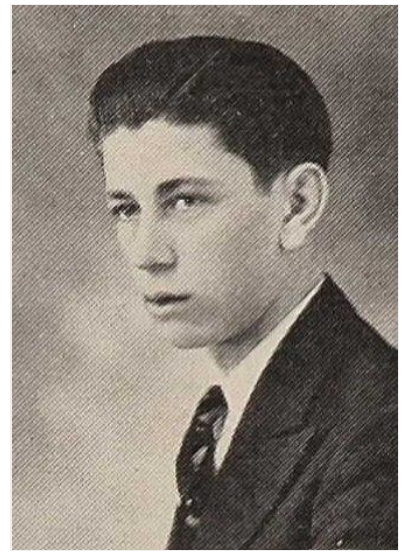
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More information

2nd Lt Louis J. Nargi graduated from Milford High School in 1935.

The B-17 piloted by Lt Donald D. Sharps was the eight plane the 94th Bomb Group lost that day. About ten minutes after bombs away over Brunswick, Lt Sharps' B-17 received a direct hit in the no.3 engine from German fighters. The engine immediately fell out. This loss of power made it difficult for Lt Sharps to keep up with the formation and slowly but surely they became in the unfortunate position of being a straggler. Approaching the Dutch/German border, things became really hairy. With no.1 and no.2 engines overheated, the crippled plane got riddled with bullets from attacking FW-190's. During these attacks the bombardier Lt Nargi and the Left Waist Gunner Sgt Majaska were fatally hit. Also the unfortunate Navigator, Lt Frederic Irwing, who already was wounded earlier by shrapnel, was hit by several bullets all over his body and was bleeding heavily. Lt Sharps considered the situation as being hopeless and ordered all his capable crewmen to bail out. After having given the bail out order, Sharp regained some control over the plane and decided to try to crashland the plane instead of bailing out too. He found a suitable place and put the plane on the ground near Osterwick, west of Münster, at 13:27 hours. Directly after after landing, Sharps immediately evaded the aircraft. Also the badly wounded Navigator Frederic Irwin managed to leave the plane.

Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Terry Hirsch, 1930 US Census

Photo source: www.findagrave.com, Arie-Jan van Hees, Bombardier Class Book 43-3, San Angelo, Texas, Milford High School 1935