



Personal info

Full name

CARLSON, Birger Conrad

Date of birth

30 August 1918

Age

25

Place of birth

Stora Tuna, Borlänge, Dalarna County, Sweden

Hometown

Essex County, New Jersey

Military service

Service number

O-800468

Rank

First Lieutenant

Unit

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

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

22 March 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
C	18	2

Immediate family

Members

Conrad W. Carlson (father)
Celia (Blomgren) Carlson (mother)
Bert W. Carlson (brother)
Darlene M. (Christensen) Carlson (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

42-31637

Data

Type: B-17
Nickname: Athenian Avenger
Destination: Oranienburg, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the Heinkel aviation industry
MACR: 3535

More information

1st Lt Birger C. Carlson was a mechanic before he volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States in Newark, New Jersey on 17 March 1942.

Because of cloud cover, the primary target could not be bombed and therefore the secondary target, the city of Berlin, was attacked.

The plane received two or three direct flak bursts over the target, the tail broke off at the waist and the plane shot up about 100 feet before diving straight down crashing at 1325 hrs. The entire crew was killed.

Lt Carlson was initially buried at the POW Cemetery in Elsgrund-Doberitz. His remains were disinterred at the end of November, beginning of December 1946 and evacuated to Ardennes Cemetery

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Peter Schouteten, Terry Hirsch, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov, www.ancestry.com - Headstone and Interment Record / 1930 Census, WWII Draft Card, Iowa, Marriage Records

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