

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

CALLAGHAN, Frank J

Date of birth

7 March 1914

Age

30

Place of birth

Denver, Denver County, Colorado

Hometown

Denver County, Colorado

Military service

Service number

39259443

Rank

Technical Sergeant

Unit

**836th Bombardment Squadron,
487th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

24 December 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Henri-Chapelle

Plot	Row	Grave
B	12	44

Immediate family

Members

Cornelius M. Callaghan (father)
Catherine A. (Munday) Callaghan (mother)
Cornelia M. (Catlett) Callaghan (sister)
Marguerite Callaghan (sister)
Daniel P. Callaghan (twin brother)
James T. Callaghan (brother)
Rosemary Callaghan (sister)
John M. Callaghan (brother)
Dorothy Callaghan (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-102497

Data

Type: B-17G
Nickname: Flack Hack
Destination: Babenhausen, Germany
Mission: Operational
MACR: 12177

More information

The plane never reached the target and was last sighted in formation at 5031N-0550E (Belgium, NE of Durbuy). Shortly after, it was attacked twice by Luftwaffe Fighters. Engines #3 and #4 were knocked out and the plane caught fire. The crew abandoned their bomber after which it crashed at 12.39 hours in the village of Fraiture (a few Km NE of Comblain-au-Pont, Belgium)

Six crew members parachuted over Belgium in friendly territory (Ball Turret Gunner got injured) and returned. Three men died in the crash.

His brother James was killed aboard the USS Arizona when Pearl Harbor was bombed on 7 December 1941.

Photos



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