

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

TURCHIANO, Donato Vito

Date of birth

2 May 1923

Age

20

Place of birth

New York

Hometown

Brooklyn, Kings County, New York

Military service

Service number

12157608

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**364th Bombardment Squadron,
305th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

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

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

25 February 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Henri-Chapelle

Plot	Row	Grave
H	13	20

Immediate family

Members

Caetano Turchiano (father)

Anna M. (Rutigliano) Turchiano (mother)

Carmela Turchiano (sister)

Frances Turchiano (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-31820

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Augsburg, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the Messerschmitt aviation industry

MACR: 2541

More information

Donato Turchiano was a mechanic.

He volunteered for the Army of the United States in New York City, New York on on 22 October 1942.

This aircraft was seen to be hit by enemy aircraft fire. It dropped out of formation and varying reports say that from 8 to 10 parachutes were seen. Some crews say that the aircraft exploded after the crew had bailed out.

Five crew members survived and were taken prisoner, four men were killed. They were initially buried at the cemetery of Raucourt-et-Flaba on 28 february 1944.

S/Sgt Turchiano's remains were found on the place of the crash, his body completely carbonized.

Photos



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