



### Personal info

Full name

**MC GINLEY, Joseph Matthew**

Date of birth

**8 March 1917**

Age

**26**

Place of birth

**Allentown, Lehigh County,  
Pennsylvania**

Hometown

**Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania**

### Military service

Service number

**O-734491**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

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

**19 August 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
B	42	49

## Immediate family

### Members

**James A. Mc Ginley (father)**  
**Mary C. (Reilly) Mc Ginley (mother)**  
**Mary M. Mc Ginley (sister)**  
**Anna R. Mc Ginley (sister)**  
**John G. Mc Ginley (brother)**  
**Charles Mc Ginley (brother)**  
**Edward E. Mc Ginley (brother)**  
**Helena A. Mc Ginley (sister)**  
**Paul A. Mc Ginley (brother)**  
**Jeanne A. Mc Ginley (sister)**  
**Mary E. McGonigle (fiancee)**

## Plane data

### Serial number

**42-29807**

### Data

**Type: B17F**  
**Nickname: Lady Liberty**  
**Destination: Vlissingen, The Netherlands**  
**Mission: Bombing of the airfield**  
**MACR: 304**

## More information

2nd Lt Mc Ginley was a graduate of Allentown High School with the class of 1935 after which he matriculated at Muhlenberg College, and was graduated in 1939, having served a year as class president. After college he was employed as a desk clerk at the Hotel Traylor.

He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 12 January 1942.

He was engaged to be married to Mary Ellen McGonigle.

Two of his brothers also served with the armed forces.

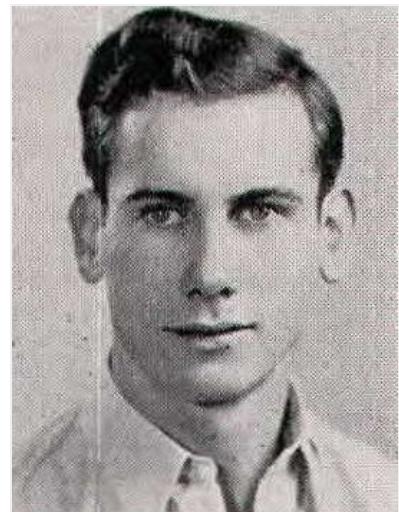
The 'Lady Liberty' s/n 42-29807 was originally assigned to the 334th Bomber Squadron, 95th Bomber Group, Heavy and named 'Patsy Ann III'.

The airplane was hit by flak that caused to break the fuselage in two just behind the radio room.

Two crew members survived and were taken prisoner, eight were killed.

His remains washed ashore on 31 August 1943 at 's Heerenhoek. He was first buried on the Northern cemetery of Vlissingen on 1 September 1943.

## Photos



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