

Fields of Honor Memorial

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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 T aylor.

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.

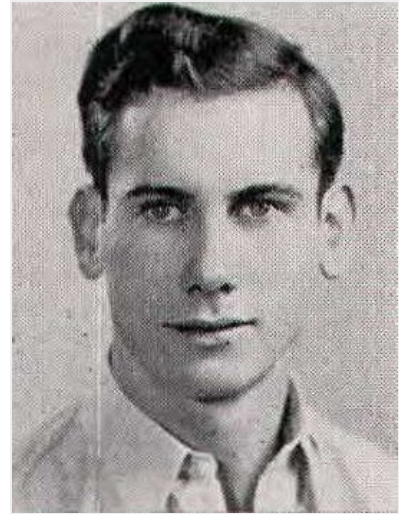
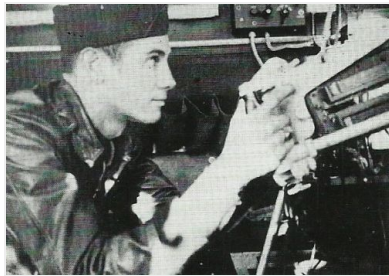
The 'Lady Liberty' s/n 42-29807 was originally assigned to the 334th Bomber Squadron, 95th Bomber Group, Heavy and named 'Patsy Ann III'.

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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