

# GOETZ, Joseph

B: 1922 Buffalo, NY

D: 21 March 1944 near Parthanay, FRA



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**Hometown:** Buffalo, New York

**Rank:** Flight Officer

**MOS:** 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

**Unit:** 335th Fighter Squadron

**Aircraft:**

N/A

**4th Service:** 5 February 1944 – 21 March 1944

21 MAR 44 Aircraft struck by ground fire while flying at low level after strafing an airdrome. His fighter was seen to “pull up slightly and appear to stop in midair.” Moments later it was seen to strike the ground and disintegrate without catching fire.

KIA (MACR 3383)

Buried at Brittany American Cemetery  
St. James, France  
Plot M Row 2 Grave 9

**Victories:**

None

**Decorations:**

Air Medal (2 OLC), Purple Heart, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.