



## Personal info

Full name

**HELLRIGEL, Peter Jacob**

Date of birth

**15 May 1923**

Age

**21**

Place of birth

**Carlstadt, Bergen County, New Jersey**

Hometown

**Passaic County, New Jersey**

## Military service

Service number

**32778631**

Rank

**Staff Sergeant**

Unit

**513th Parachute Infantry Regiment,  
17th Airborne Division**

Awards

**Purple Heart**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**8 January 1945**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Henri-Chapelle**

Plot	Row	Grave
F	13	49

## Immediate family

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### Members

**Peter Hellrigel (father)**

**Catherine Hellrigel (mother)**

**Catherine Hellrigel (sister)**

**Charles Hellrigel (brother)**

**Jean Hellrigel (sister)**

**James Hellrigel (brother)**

## More information

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S/Sgt Peter J. Hellrigel graduated from Clifton High School and was employed by the East Paterson plant of the Wright Aeronautical Corporation.

He enlisted on 13 April 1943 and trained at Camp Croft, South Carolina. After volunteering for the paratroopers he was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia for preliminary training and Camp Mackall, North Carolina and Camp Forrest, Tennessee for advanced training. He was sent overseas in August 1944.

He was first buried at the Temporary American Military Cemetery of Foy, Belgium.

## Photos

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Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Carla Mans, [www.abmc.gov](http://www.abmc.gov), [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com), [http://www.ww2-airborne.us/units/513/513\\_honor.html](http://www.ww2-airborne.us/units/513/513_honor.html), [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) - Headstone and Interment Record / 1940 Census / WWII Draft Card

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