

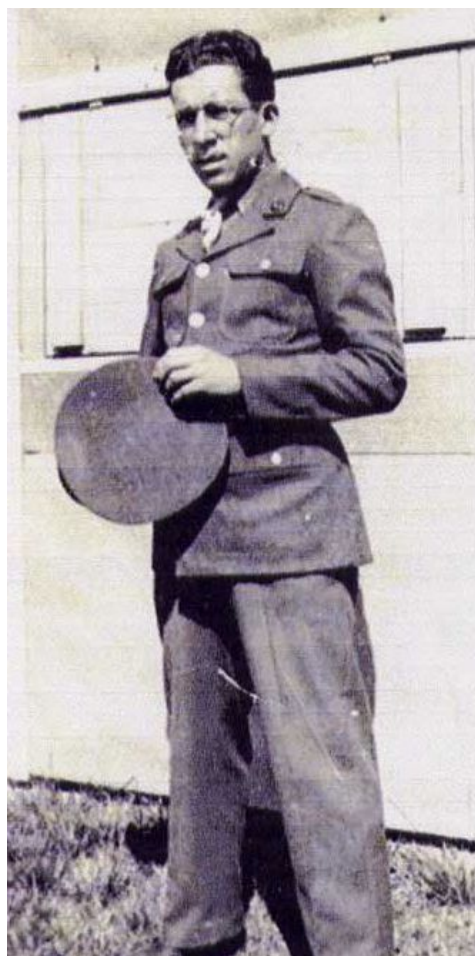
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### Personal info

Full name

**BALDASSAR, John Joseph**

Date of birth

**24 June 1921**

Age

**23**

Place of birth

**Pittston, Luzerne County,  
Pennsylvania**

Hometown

**Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania**

## Military service

Service number

**33366649**

Rank

**Private First Class**

Unit

**H Company,  
3rd Battalion,  
504th Parachute Infantry Regiment,  
82nd Airborne Division**

Awards

**Bronze Star,  
Purple Heart**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**28 September 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

Plot	Row	Grave
L	1	20

## Immediate family

Members

**Anthony Baldassar (brother)**

**Annette M. Ruberton (half sister)**

**Mary C. Ruberton (half sister)**

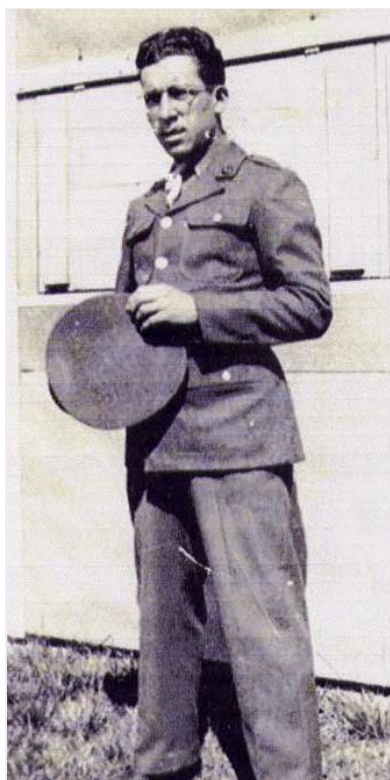
**Dominic Ruberton (half brother)**

## More information

Pfc John J. Baldassar enlisted in Allentown, Pennsylvania on 9 September 1942. He volunteered as paratrooper and trained at Fort Benning in Georgia. He served in Africa, Italy and in northern Europe.

Pfc Baldassar was killed at Lagewald in Groesbeek and initially buried in a fieldgrave. His remains were recovered and he was reburied at Margraten on 20 February 1946.

## Photos



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