



**Louis Carota**

**MIA 22 December 1943**

**Navy Aviation Radioman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class**



Louis Carota went missing in action on 22 December 1943. He was assigned to the VPB-141 bomber squadron where he served as a radioman and gunner.

VPB-141 provided anti-submarine patrols in the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea with modified B-34s (Navy PV-1/ PV-2). Louis and 5 crewmates were lost during a routine nighttime convoy coverage mission.

Louis is memorialized at the East Coast memorial in New York.

Louis lived in Pequannock, Pompton Plains, and Butler. Prior to service he worked as a truck driver for Reisch Trucking.

Louis married Gerladine Higgins in 1942 and had a son who he never met (Louis Carota/ Mariani). His son may have been adopted by Eugene Mariani when his mother remarried. Louis Carota/ Mariani lived in Paterson with wife Corinne Capo and daughter Nicolle.

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