



Personal info

Full name

EFIRD, Lonnie Marshall

Date of birth

16 October 1920

Age

23

Place of birth

Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina

Hometown

Kannapolis, Rowan County, North Carolina

Military service

Service number

34312175

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**407th Bombardment Squadron,
92nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

30 January 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
B	36	7

Immediate family

Members

David L. Efird (father)
Alma G. Efird (mother)
David L. Efird (brother)
Harold A. Efird (brother)
Sadie Bell (Johnson) Efird (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

42-97441

Data

Type: B-17G
Nickname: -
Destination: Braunschweig, Germany
Mission: Bombing
MACR: 2254

More information

S/Sgt Lonnie M. Efird attended Landis High School.

He enlisted on 22 July 1942 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

His plane was involved with another B-17G in a mid-air collision.

Statement from S/Sgt Alexander Philips 42-31494:

I was Tail Gunner on B-17G 42-31494 and we were flying Lead Ship, Second Element, Low Squadron, Lead Group. I first noticed the ships when a big burst of flame caught my eye. I saw the two ships, one on top of the other. The bottom ship was in flames. Suddenly the bottom ship exploded. The explosion of the lower ship tore the left wing of the upper ship and as it started to go down, it exploded too. The lower ball turret fell out from the lower ship. No parachutes were seen.

The picture was taken in high school in 1937.

Photos



Source of information: André Koch, Terry Hirsch, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov - WWII Enlistment Record, www.ancestry.com - 1920 Census, North Carolina Birth index, www.fold3.com - MACR, WWII Draft Card

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