



Personal info

Full name

MC ERLANE, Paul E

Date of birth

3 May 1923

Age

20

Place of birth

Lowell, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

Hometown

Lowell, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

Military service

Service number

11052642

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

**333rd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Finding of Death

Date of death

9 April 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Peter Mc Erlane (father)
Elizabeth (O'Kane) Mc Erlane (mother)
Mary F. Mc Erlane (sister)
Anna E. Mc Erlane (sister)
Peter J. Mc Erlane (brother)
Rita E. Mc Erlane (sister)
Rose E. Mc Erlane (sister)
Margaret J. Mc Erlane (sister)
Patricia L. Mc Erlane (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-97080

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Warnemunde, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the Arado/Heinkel aviation industry

MACR: 3800

More information

Sgt Paul E. McErlane volunteered for U.S. Army Air Corps on 28 May 1942 at Boston, Massachusetts

This aircraft was seen to circle down immediately after bombs away and crashed into the sea near the target and exploded. Time of this observation and happening was at 1225 hours. Various crews reported seeing two, three, six and ten chutes leave the aircraft.

The 10 men of the crew tried to parachute. Seven of them drowned, three men were brought ashore by a revenue cutter and handed over to the Naval Airbase HQ. of Warnemunde. Further plane crashes and downings were not reported at the county district of Rostock.

His brother, Peter J. Mc Erlane, was killed in action on 28 November 1944 in France.

Sgt McErlane is remembered at St Patrick Cemetery in Lowell, Middlesex County, Massachusetts with a memorial marker.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, www.wwiiimemorial.com, www.fold3.com - MACR, www.ancestry.com - Darling Family Tree

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