

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

MAEDER, Alan Joseph

Date of birth

29 August 1917

Age

27

Place of birth

Cook County, Illinois

Hometown

Cook County, Illinois

Military service

Service number

O-751380

Rank

First Lieutenant

Unit

**96th Troop Carrier Squadron,
440th Troop Carrier Group**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

27 December 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Luxembourg

Plot	Row	Grave
D	12	27

Immediate family

Members

Peter J. Maeder (father)

Clara J. (Siebengartner) Maeder (mother)

Grace M. Meader (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

42-100916

Data

Type: C-47A-75-DL

Destination: Bastogne, Belgium

Mission: DZ-D Glider-tow

MACR: 11325

More information

1st Lt Alan J. Maeder enlisted in Chicago, Illinois on 4 March 1941.

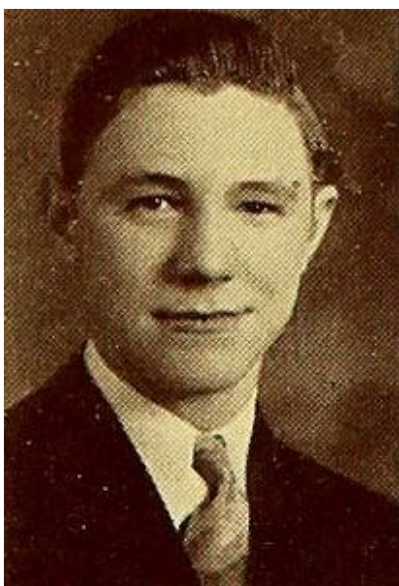
F/O Charles H. Long Jr.:

Just before we hit enemy fire, I noticed that airplane #42-100916 was still in No.2 position of the formation with his glider. That was about three miles from the LZ, at approximately 1230 hours on 27 December 1944. After we entered the LZ there was so much fire and smoke that we did not recognise any of our airplanes.

Shot down during glider tow mission. The C-47 was returning after dropping the glider when it was struck by an explosive shell. The shell exploded in the fire extinguisher box between the pilot and co-pilot. Bullets then pierced the fuselage behind the pilot and a fire had erupted. One crew member bailed out safely before it crashed in flames.

He was first buried at the Temporary American Military Cemetery of Grand Failly, France.

Photos



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