



Personal info

Full name

DARRINGTON, Lorenzo Max

Date of birth

29 August 1920

Age

23

Place of birth

Declo, Cassia County, Idaho

Hometown

Elba, Cassia County, Idaho

Military service

Service number

39256438

Rank

Technical Sergeant

Unit

**535th Bombardment Squadron,
381st Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

8 October 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
B	31	42

Immediate family

Members

Lorenzo Darrington (father)
Ruby M. (Olsen) Darrington (mother)
Keith O. Darrington (brother)
Lavern Darrington (sister)
Kenneth Darrington (brother)
Mont K. Darrington (brother)

Plane data

Serial number
42-29941

Data

Type: B-17F
Nickname: TS Tarfu aka TS Too
Destination: Bremen, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the industrial area
MACR: 884

More information

The airplane was hit by flak and last seen with the #2 engine on fire and #4 engine feathered. At that time it started to go down. It also banked to the right to avoid a collision with another B-17 in the group.

They kept dropping back until they were alone. As soon as they were alone, fighters attacked continuously.

The order "Prepare to bail out, we may have to abandon ship." was given. The oxygen out on the co-pilot's side and the ball turret gunner informed the pilot that gas was leaking from the #2 engine, covering the bottom of the airplane and that firing one of his guns could set the airplane on fire. He abandoned his position.

Twenty minutes after dropping their load, out of ammunition and badly damaged, the glass nose was knocked out, either by an overhead attack or a loose propeller from the windmilling #3 engine. The navigator and one of the waist gunners managed to escape through the forward escape hatch.

When the nose glass blew off, the ship went into a dive for a few seconds before breaking in half at the waist.

Four crew members were taken prisoner, six men were killed. They were initially buried at the Catholic Cemetery of Bersenbrück, Germany on 13 October 1943.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Peter Schouteten, Terry Hirsch, WWIIMemorial.com, Missing Aircrew Report 884, www.ancestry.com - Headstone and Interment Record / Family Tree

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