



Personal info

Full name

BORTH, Bruce Wallace

Date of birth

27 February 1919

Age

25

Place of birth

Buffalo, Erie County, New York

Hometown

Tonawanda, Erie County, New York

Military service

Service number

O-887787

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**310th Squadron,
315th Troop Carrier Group**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

21 September 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
G	4	24

Immediate family

Members

Robert Borth (father)**Mildred Borth (mother)****Robert Borth (brother)**

Plane data

Serial number

43-15612

Data

Type: C-47A

Nickname: Sea-Ration

Destination: Drop zone K, Driel, the Netherlands

Mission: Paratrooper drop

MACR: 10284

More information

2nd Lt Bruce W. Borth graduated from South Park High School.

He served in Hawaii for four years and had participated in the North African, Sicilian and French campaigns.

Statement of Capt Norman A. Greene:

"I was flying in a C-47 airplane No. 42-93085 at 17.21 hrs. 1 September 1944. I noticed that airplane no. 43-15612 was in distress. He was hit just before he got to Elst. After crossing the Waal he was turning towards Nijmegen at 50 to 100 feet going into a crash landing not on fire or the airplane was out of control."

The airplane carried paratroopers of the 1st or 2nd Battalion of the Polish 1st Para Brigade and was shot down after dropping the paratroopers.

The entire crew was killed. Right after the crash, their bodies were buried at the crash site by glider pilots.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Peter Schouteten, www.abmc.gov, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.ancestry.com - 1920 Census, www.fold3.com - MACR

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