



## 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

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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

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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

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