



### Personal info

Full name

**MC KERN, Bruce Arnold**

Date of birth

**14 April 1922**

Age

**22**

Place of birth

**Jerome, Appanoose County, Iowa**

Hometown

**Appanoose County, Iowa**

### Military service

Service number

**O-769515**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

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

Awards

**unknown**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Missing in Action**

Date of death

**22 February 1945**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

**Tablets of the Missing**

## Immediate family

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### Members

**Eugene D. Mc Kern (father)**

**Coza M. (Dooley) Mc Kern (mother)**

**Marcella Mc Kern (sister)**

**Carl R. Mc Kern (brother)**

**Pauline (Hargin) Mc Kern (wife)**

**Lana L. Mc Kern (daughter)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-92742**

### Data

**Type: C-47A**

**Destination: Spanhoe, England**

**Mission: Glider Tow**

**MACR: 12677**

## More information

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Bruce A. Mc Kern attended college for three years.

He joined the Air Corps of the U.S. Army Reserve in Des Moines, Iowa on 20 August 1942.

The aircraft departed from Spanhoe, England on 21 February 1945, flying to Welford Park, England and picking up a glider. The glider was towed to Advanced Landing Ground A-50 (Orleans/Bricy) where the aircraft developed engine trouble and remained overnight. Departing from A-50 on 22 February 1945, the aircraft proceeded to Advanced Landing Ground A-54 (Le Bourget) for the purpose of refueling. Not being able to procure fuel at A-54, the aircraft flew to A4 2 (-Vélizy-Villacoublay). The aircraft departed to A-42 at 1426 hours on 22 February 1945 for Spanhoe and no further knowledge of the airplane is available.

All four crew members were killed.

Photos



MC GINITY JAMES J	2 LT	PFC
MC GINTY CARL S JR	2 LT	34
MC KEEN DENNIS M	PVT	
MC KERN BRUCE A	2 LT	
MC KINSEY THOMAS E	S SGT	
MC LAUGHLIN HOWARD M	PVT	
MC MURTRY FRANCIS M JR	2 LT	
MC OWENS MARSHALL T	PFC	

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