



Personal info

Full name

LYNN, William George Jr "Bill"

Date of birth

6 June 1915

Age

27

Place of birth

Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan

Hometown

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California

Military service

Service number

O-432081

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**15th Bombardment Squadron,
27th Bombardment Group, Light**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

4 July 1942

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
B	5	10

Immediate family

Members

William G. Lynn (father)

Marion L. (Hayes) Lynn (mother)

Rachel (Wright) Lynn (wife)

Nancy R. Lynn (daughter)

More information

2nd Lt William G. Lynn Jr. graduated from Hollywood High School and attended the University of California for 1 year.

He joined the Air Corps of the Regular Army at March Fields Riverside, California on 24 April 1941 as an aviation cadet.

He married in Sacramento on the night of his graduation from Mather Field in December, 1941. He was sent overseas in May 1942.

The young pilot was reported missing 4 July 1942 after a sweep over Nazi-occupied Holland with a flight of Douglas Boston low-level bombers.

The 15th Squadron, operating in conjunction with the British 226th Squadron, attacked four airdromes in occupied territory at approximately 08:00 AM. Six A-20 American Aircraft flown by American crews operated in conjunction with six aircraft of similar type flown by British crews to attack the following four airdromes: De Kooy, Haanstede, Daltonburg and Burgon Alkmaar.

All planes were loaded with two 500-lb, 11 second delayed action fuse and 16 30-lb incendiaries.

Statement from Ira C. Eaker, Brig Gen:

"I was present at the briefing and talked to the British base and squadron commander and the returned crews. The two northern airdromes - De Kooy and Haanstede - were exceptionally heavily defended by light flak. The crews believed that this resulted from the fact that approaching aircraft passed over small boats en route to the target and personnel aboard these boats flashed a warning to the anti-aircraft defenses. The attacker on the two souther airdromes found no evidence that they were anticipated. Neither of our losses was the result of fighter action as far as can be determined. However, the British aircraft which was lost was undoubtedly damaged by light flak, slowed down, and later destroyed by a fighter."

The plane was shot down by flak and broke up in the air north of Bergen-aan-Zee, Holland.

The first picture was taken in high school in 1933. The second picture shows his wife and daughter at the first anniversary of his death.

Photos



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