

Darrell A. Waas

He was a casualty of World War II on April 5, 1945. He is honored and remembered by the people of Arizona.

Darrell A Waas is among the 2,003 American Gold Star casualties recorded in our archive with close ties to Arizona. This is a substantial number of individuals who gave their lives in service to their country.

ORIGINS

Darrell A Waas was born on July 12, 1925. According to our records Arizona was his home or enlistment state and Maricopa County included within the archival record.

SERVICE

He had enlisted in the United States Army Air Forces. Served during World War II. Waas had the rank of Staff Sergeant. His military occupation or specialty was Engineer Top Turret Gunner. Service number assignment was 39862730. Attached to 446th Bomber Group, Heavy, 705th Bomber Squadron. B-24H Liberator, 42-94941, Pin Up Girl.

CASUALTY

During his service in World War II, Army Air Forces Staff Sergeant Waas experienced a critical situation which ultimately resulted in loss of life on April 5, 1945. 19 years old.

CASUALTY CIRCUMSTANCES:

Darrell was in a B-24 Liberator when it had mechanical problems while flying over the western occupied portion of Holland after a cancelled bombing run to Bayreuth. While at low altitude, about 1000 ft, the plane was hit by German Triple A guns. As the plane was going down Darrell was ordered to bail out. His parachute got caught on the tail rudder and then tore loose. Darrell died from the fall.

Three other crew members also died.

Robert Lajoie-Pilot,
Leo R. Coyle, Raymond G. Theisen.

Four survived the crash,

Lt. Beebe-CoPilot,
Sgt. Okla Elmer Edgell,
Sgt. Normand Durette, gunner
and Hill.

Reference: "A Plane Falls in Barendrecht, by Hans Ondorwater.

COMMENDATIONS

- ★ World War II Victory Medal
- ★ Air Medal
- ★ Purple Heart
- ★ American Campaign Medal
- ★ Army Presidential Unit Citation
- ★ Army Good Conduct Medal
- ★ European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign

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