



Personal info

Full name

PHILLIPS, Moorehead "Jay"

Date of birth

3 June 1920

Age

24

Place of birth

Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

Hometown

Malvern, Chester County, Pennsylvania

Military service

Service number

O-753242

Rank

First Lieutenant

Unit

**47th Squadron,
313th Troop Carrier Group**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

24 March 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
M	17	8

Immediate family

Members

Charles G. Phillips (father)

Edna M. Phillips (mother)

Charles G. Phillips (brother)

Leaugeay Phillips (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

44-77595

Data

Type: C-46D

Destination: Drop Zone X, north of Wesel, Germany

Mission: Paratroop Drop

MACR: 13421

Biography

Jay Phillips possessed an exceptional gift. He started painting at 9, and sold his first painting when he was 12. In 1938, Phillips left school at the Episcopal Academy to work for the artist William Tefft Schwartz, assisting Schwartz as he painted murals for the upcoming 1933 New York World's Fair. The following year, at the Eighth Annual Oil and Sculpture Exhibition of the Chester County Art Association, visitors voted Phillips' portraits of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Van Lennep as best in the exhibition. Soon, as a student at the Philadelphia Museum School of Industrial Arts, Phillips was painting portraits for lawyers, doctors, and other professionals in Philadelphia.

More information

1st Lt Moorehead Phillips joined the National Guard in Wayne, Pennsylvania, on 13 January 1941.

The airplane was shot down by anti-aircraft fire on the approach to the drop zone and exploded when hitting the ground.

The entire crew of four men was killed. Of the 34 passengers, all members of C Company of the 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 17th Airborne Division, only 10 survived.

Photos



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