



Sam Russell Harlan (1905 – 1944)

Sam Harlan was born in Colorado in 1905 and listed his home of residence as California. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Adeline W. Harlan of 476 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA. In 1930, he is listed as Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy and lived at 2970 Logan Street in San Diego, CA. He does not appear to be related to Howard Harlan who also lived in Chula Vista and was killed in action during World War Two while serving in the Navy.

Sam Harlan was a Lieutenant (junior grade) (O2/USN) in the United States and assigned to the Pacific theater in World War Two. He was reported Missing in Action (MIA) or Buried at Sea on September 13, 1943, and officially declared as Killed in Action. His service number was 0-111959.

His name appears on a “Tablet of the Missing” at the Honolulu Memorial Cemetery at Honolulu, Hawaii (The Punchbowl). He has a street in the Sunbow community named in his honor.

He was awarded the Purple Heart. It is very likely that he had a brother named Howard Harlan.

