

Strawn, Harold E.

## Gold Star Tribute Paid Sgt. Strawn By St. Matthew's

Yesterday a gold star was affixed to the 83-star service flag of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, in memory of Sgt. Harold E. Strawn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Strawn, 1214 Maple Street, who lost his life during the historic 1,000 plane raid over Berlin in December of 1944.

Memorial services held yesterday in tribute to Sgt. Strawn were the second to be solemnized by this congregation, the first having been in memory of Army Air Cadet Niles R. Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle R. Long of 737 High Street, who was killed in January 1944 in an accident near Kingman Field, Ariz., where he was stationed.

Sgt. Strawn, who had been awarded the Air Medal in November 1943 at the completion of his 25th mission over enemy-held territory, had been reported missing for some months. Recently, a letter from his chaplain to the Strawn family described the recovery of his body and its interment in England.

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