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U.S. ARMY  
TECHNICIAN FIFTH CLASS  
HARALD HARALDSEN

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BUFFALO, SD



- On November 26, 2019, South Dakota launched the Fallen Heroes Bridge Dedication Program. The program dedicates state bridges to South Dakota heroes who died while in active service, were a prisoner of war or were missing in action.

- The US 85 Bridge over the South Fork Grand River is dedicated to U.S. Army Technician Fifth Class Harald Haraldsen.

- Haraldsen was assigned to the 743rd Tank Battalion. This Tank Battalion was part of the Normandy invasion on June 6, 1944. It supported the 116th Infantry Combat Support Team and the 28th Infantry Division on Omaha Beach. Haraldsen's unit fought through France to the Siegfried Line near Aachen, Germany. He was wounded and died on October 7, 1944.

- For his service and sacrifice, Haraldsen received many medals and citations. Among them were the Purple Heart and the World War II Victory Medal.

