



Personal info

Full name

HASTINGS, David Shove

Date of birth

1923

Age

unknown

Place of birth

Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York

Hometown

Solvay, Onondaga County, New York

Military service

Service number

O-836778

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**544th Bombardment Squadron,
384th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

6 April 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
A	40	17

Immediate family

Members

J. Murray Hastings (father)

Marion S. Hastings (mother)

John M. Hastings (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

43-38801

Data

Type: B-17G

Nickname: Ruth

Destination: Leipzig, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the rail traffic center

MACR: 13851

More information

1st Lt David S. Hastings attended Hamilton College.

He enlisted in June 1942.

The airplane collided with B-17 #43-39164 just after they left the target area.

The tail was destroyed, and it had a hole in the right trailing edge of the wing. The pilot held control for a minute and then went into a steep dive.

Seven crew members were killed, and one was taken prisoner.

Photos



Source of information: Terry Hirsch, Raf Dyckmans, www.384thbombgp.com, WWII Draft Card, 1930 US Census

Photo source: Jac Engels, The Post Standard - 13 January 1946