



### 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.384thbombgroup.com](http://www.384thbombgroup.com), WWII Draft Card, 1930 US Census

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