



Personal info

Full name

HUMMEL, Harry Frederick

Date of birth

11 May 1924

Age

20

Place of birth

**Franklin, Venango County,
Pennsylvania**

Hometown

Franklin County, Pennsylvania

Military service

Service number

O-760852

Rank

First Lieutenant

Unit

**332nd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Missing in Action

Date of death

4 November 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Lewis A. Hummel (father)
Edna M. (Stitzinger) Hummel (mother)
Louis G. Hummel (sister)
Harold E. Hummel (brother)
Carolyn J. Hummel (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

43-38165

Data

Type: B-17G
Nickname: St. Christopher Kids
Destination: Hamburg, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the Rheunania Ossag oil refinery
MACR: 10305

More information

1st Lt Harry F. Hummel enlisted in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on 10 June 1942 a few days after graduation from Rocky Grove High School where he was the manager of the basketball team.

He completed his primary and basic training in King City, California and Chico Army Flying School, California. He graduated from the Army Air Forces Advanced Flying School in Yuma, Arizona and was commissioned in November 1943 and was commissioned a second lieutenant on 5 December 1943.

Two engines were hit and damaged by flak. According to the last word received from the crew, they were heading towards Holland and had decided to abandon the plane in the North Sea and await an Air Rescue. No further communication was received.

The entire crew of nine men was killed.

Official Statement of Thomas C.S. Houser, 2nd Lt, Air Corps:

"This aircraft was last seen with two engines out on 4 November 1944 at 53°52'N - 07°00'E at 1322 hours. At 1342 hours it was reported that he was calling for Air Sea Resue at 53°48'N - 05°40'E. Reports over VHF stated that he would try to make Holland but then decided to ditch. No further confirmed reports were received from this aircraft and therefore it is not known whether it ditched or made a landing safely."

Photos



HUME LLOYD G
T SGT 337 BOMB SQ 96 BOMB GP (H)
HUMFLEET DENNIS H
PFC 332 ENGR GEN SV REGT
HUMMEL HARRY F
1 LT 332 BOMB SQ 94 BOMB GP (H)
HUMPHREYS FRED C
1 LT 427 BOMB SQ 303 BOMB GP (H)
HUNNEFELD VINCENT
SGT 121 ENGR CMBT BN 29 DIV
HUNTER ASHRY



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