



Personal info

Full name

AKIN, John Harrison

Date of birth

19 January 1922

Age

22

Place of birth

Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma

Hometown

Los Angeles County, California

Military service

Service number

38394444

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**567th Bombardment Squadron,
389th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

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

Death & Grave

Status

Missing in Action

Date of death

9 May 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

John W. Akin (father)
Amanda M. (Harmon) Akin (mother)
Juanita (Davidson) Akin (sister)
Mary F. Akin (sister)
Betty L. (Jackson) Akin (wife)
John H. Akin, jr (son)
Richard W. Akin (son)

Plane data

Serial number

41-29451

Data

Type: B-24H
Nickname: Helper College II
Destination: Florennes-Juzaine, Belgium
Mission: Operational
MACR: 4933

More information

Soon after leaving the English coast en route to target, it appears this aircraft was hit by friendly fire when a gunner from another A/C in formation test fired his guns. The A/C caught fire and the pilots could not maintain control going into a steep dive and spin. A few of the crew were able to bail out before the A/C hit the water of the English Channel. Only two were picked up by Air Sea Rescue, and the rest were listed as MIA until they were declared dead a year later.

Photos



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