

## Fields of Honor Memorial

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### Personal info

Full name

**HAWKINS, Paul Milburn**

Date of birth

**12 November 1910**

Age

**34**

Place of birth

**Hebbardsville County, Kentucky**

Hometown

**Wayne County, Michigan**

### Military service

Service number

**36854524**

Rank

**Sergeant**

Unit

**407th Bombardment Squadron,  
92nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**unknown**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Died non-Battle**

Date of death

**16 October 1945**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
D	5	26

## Immediate family

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### Members

**Jacob Hawkins (father)**

**Hallie (Kluck) Hawkins (mother)**

**Marcella R. (Gessner) Hawkins (wife)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-31687**

### Data

**Type: B-17G**

**Nickname: Wabbit**

**Destination: Merseburg, Germany**

**Mission: Oil Refineries**

**MACR: 8883**

## More information

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11 September 1944:

First attacked by E/A just before, during and after bombs away. In the process of making a second run on the primary target the formation became loose. The E/A attacks further broke up the formation. Just at bombs away approximately 15 E/A indented as mixed FW 190's and ME 109's jumped the lead group. Attacks by these E/A were in elements of 3 abreast from 6 o'clock level to high firing 20mm shells. These attacks lasted about 10-15 minutes. On passing this group they looped and dived down on the low group. Seven E/A dived on the low group from 7 o'clock high making one pass in echelons before breaking off their attack. The high group was not attacked until immediately before the rally point at 1215 hours.

He was first buried at Block HH, Row 1, Grave 13.

## Photos

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