



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

Members

Jacob Hawkins (father)

Hallie (Kluck) Hawkins (mother)

Marcella R. (Gessner) Hawkins (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

42-31687

Data

Type: B-17G

Nickname: Wabbit

Destination: Merseburg, Germany

Mission: Oil Refineries

MACR: 8883

More information

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



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Terry Hirsch, www.abmc.gov, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov - World War II Prisoner of War Data File, www.ancestry.com - U.S. Headstone and Interment Records for U.S. Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil / Michigan Marriage Records, www.fold3.com, WWII Draft Card

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