

## Fields of Honor Memorial

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### Personal info

Full name

**DURBIN, Clyde E**

Date of birth

**23 September 1923**

Age

**20**

Place of birth

**Tuscarawas County, Ohio**

Hometown

**Canton, Stark County, Ohio**

### Military service

Service number

**O-756517**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

**49th Fighter Squadron,  
14th Fighter Group**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**14 July 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Lorraine**

Plot	Row	Grave
C	7	79

### Immediate family

Members

**Clarence A. Durbin (father)**

**Mabel (Baldwin) Durbin (mother)**

**Susan Durbin (sister)**

## Plane data

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Serial number

**43-28814**

Data

**Type: P-38J**

**Destination: Budapest, Hungary**

**Mission: Escort mission to Budapest**

**MACR: 6867**

## More information

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2nd Lt Clyde E. Durbin joined the Air Corps of the U.S. Army Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio, on 16 June 1942.

2nd Lt Richard R. Thompson:

"On 14 July 1944, on the mission to Budapest, Hungary, I was flying #2 position in Lt Schill's flight. Lt Schill was leading the Squadron, and we had encountered a large formation of enemy aircraft. After breaking up the enemy formation, Lt Schill started to orbit to the right when another P-38 coming from below and nearly straight on collided with Lt Schill, clipping his right wing off his plane. Almost instantly, his plane burst into flame. Lt Durbin, who was flying #3 position in this same flight, did not return from this mission."

## Photos

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