



Personal info

Full name

DURBIN, Clyde E

Date of birth

23 September 1923

Age

20

Place of birth

Tuscarawas County, Ohio

Hometown

Canion, 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

Serial number

43-28814

Data

Type: P-38J

Destination: Budapest, Hungary

Mission: Escort mission to Budapest

MACR: 6867

More information

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



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, www.abmc.gov, www.wwiiimemorial.com – Mary Dessecker, www.archives.gov

– WWII Enlistment Record, www.ancestry.com - Headstone and Interment Record / Durbin & Henry Families of Ohio, www.fold3.com, <http://scarleto44.tumblr.com/page/16>
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