



Personal info

Full name

SMITH, Edwin Robert

Date of birth

22 August 1917

Age

26

Place of birth

Duluth, St. Louis County, Minnesota

Hometown

Hibbing, St. Louis County, Minnesota

Military service

Service number

O-795843

Rank

First Lieutenant

Unit

**337th Bombardment Squadron,
96th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

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

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

16 December 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
P	1	7

Immediate family

Members

Edwin J. Smith (father)

Mary J. (McRae) Smith (mother)

Harriet C. Smith (sister)

Betty J. Smith (sister)

Margery A. Smith (sister)

William A. Smith (brother)

Virginia E. Smith (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

42-31086

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Bremen, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the port

MACR: 1567

More information

1st Lt Edwin R. Smith was a mechanic.

He joined the National Guard in Duluth, Minnesota on 10 February 1941.

The airplane was shot down by a FW 190A of JG 1/1 and may have collided with B-17 #42-37739. The entire crew of both planes (20 men in total) were killed and were initially buried at the cemetery of Poppingawier on 21 or 31 December 1943.

Photos



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