



## Personal info

Full name

**AHERN, John William**

Date of birth

**20 January 1920**

Age

**24**

Place of birth

**Dakota County, Minnesota**

Hometown

**Dakota County, Minnesota**

## Military service

Service number

**37159083**

Rank

**Sergeant**

Unit

**729th Bombardment Squadron,  
452nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**12 May 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
B	37	37

## Immediate family

### Members

**Edward D. Ahern (father)**  
**Johanna M. (Conley) Ahern (mother)**  
**Walter J. Ahern (brother)**  
**Kathleen M. Ahern (sister)**  
**Rosmary Ahern (sister)**  
**Arthur E. Ahern (brother)**

## Plane data

Serial number  
**42-97235**

Data

**Type: B-17G**  
**Destination: Brussels, Belgium**  
**MACR: 4778**

## More information

Plane hit by fighters. Could not operate ball turret because electrical system was shot out. Did not have time to operate hand cracks.

## Photos



