



## Personal info

Full name

**ROBERT, Johnson K**

Date of birth

**unknown**

Age

**unknown**

Place of birth

**unknown**

Hometown

**Chicago, Illinois**

## Military service

Service number

**O-737128**

Rank

**Captain**

Unit

**508th Fighter Squadron,  
404th Fighter Group**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal with 8 Oak Leaf Clusters**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Missing in Action**

Date of death

**9 November 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Henri-Chapelle**

**Tablets of the Missing**

## Immediate family

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Members  
unknown

## Plane data

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Serial number

**42-27345**

Data

**Type: P-47D**

**Destination: Honingen, Germany**

**Mission: Dive Bombing**

**MACR: 10196**

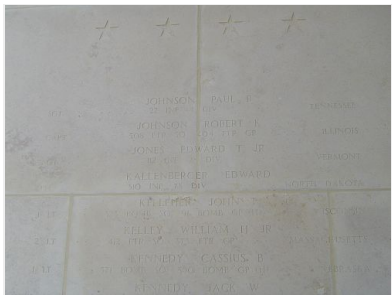
## More information

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On 9 November 1944, I was leading the 508th Fighter Squadron on a dive bombing mission. The target was northeast of the Koln area. After dive bombing and strafing the target, I made an orbit and picked up the squadron and set course for base. I was flying on a heading of nearly 260 degrees over a broken overcast at ten thousand feet. Near the Aachen area Roselie warned us that bandits were following us and that they were above a thin overcast about fourteen thousand feet. I made one orbit to pick up the squadron in pansy formation and to lock around before letting down through a solid overcast. Red flight was lagging slightly as we entered the overcast. At six thousand feet I found a hole and made one more orbit, but due to the poor visibility was unable to see the other flights. I continued letting down and broke out over Aachen at nine hundred feet, but due to the snow, visibility was very poor. I called the base homing station and asked for the weather and one steer. After a few minutes had elapsed I heard Roselie give Granite Red leader a steer to the base (Captain Johnson was Granite Red leader). I landed at the home base with two men missing, but at no time throughout the mission did I hear anyone say they were in trouble.

Statement from Robert J. Garrigan, Major, Air Corps, Commanding.

Photos



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