



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

Members
unknown

Plane data

Serial number

42-27345

Data

Type: P-47D

Destination: Honingen, Germany

Mission: Dive Bombing

MACR: 10196

More information

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 Rosalie 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 pancy 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 Rosalie 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



Capt. Bob Johnson.



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