



Personal info

Full name

HARTMANN, Robert

Date of birth

1 July 1921

Age

23

Place of birth

Camden, Camden County, New Jersey

Hometown

New Jersey

Military service

Service number

O-823066

Rank

First Lieutenant

Unit

**509th Fighter Squadron,
405th Fighter Group**

Awards

**Distinguished Flying Cross,
Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 12 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

11 April 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	3	12

Immediate family

Members

**Robert J. Hartmann (father)
Evelyn (Farlow) Hartmann (wife)
Sandra L. Hartmann (daughter)**

Plane data

Serial number

42-28391

Data

**Type: P-47D-26
Destination: Coop with XVI Corps
Mission: Co-ord
MACR: 14460**

More information

Statement from Donovan E. Enos, 1st Lt Air Corps:

"I was flying white four on Lt Robert Hartmann's wing on an armed recce in the vicinity of Witten on the afternoon of 11 April 1945. The Flight Leader, Maj Stout, called the flight and said we would go down and strafe. When I started my initial strafing pass, I found my guns would not fire, so I pulled out of the pattern. After approximately five minutes, I located the difficulty and called and said I would re-enter the pattern. I didn't notice how many ships were strafing in that vicinity, as there was a great deal of smoke from the burning vehicles. I made about three passes when about halfway around the pattern I looked down and saw what appeared to be an airplane that had crashed. It was burning, and only the tail assembly was recognizable. This was in the vicinity of Witten (coordinate Ra-6914). I would say that it happened during the time I was out of the strafing pattern. The flak was light, with considerable small arms fire. The terrain was moderately hilly. The exact cause of his crash I was unable to determine."

The plane crashed near the Ruhr River.

Photos



Source of information: Terry Hirsch, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.fold3.com, WWII Draft Card

Photo source: www.findagrave.com, Courier-Post - 2 June 1945