



Personal info

Full name

HARDIN, William Royce

Date of birth

1924

Age

unknown

Place of birth

Florida

Hometown

Orange County, Florida

Military service

Service number

O-770260

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

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

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

8 September 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	23	8

Immediate family

Members

Samuel J. Hardin (father)

Iva D. (McQuaig) Hardin (mother)

Julia E. Hardin (sister)

Samuel J. Hardin (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-75158

Data

Type: P-47D

Destination: Aachen, Germany

Mission: Dive-bombing

MACR: 8707

More information

2nd Lt Hardin graduated from Clermont High School in 1942 and enlisted for pilot training in September of the same year. He received his commission in March 1944 and went overseas in July 1944.

Statement from Erwin H. Pounds, Captain, Air Corps, Flight Commander:

"On 8 September 1944 at approximately 1845 hours, my flight dived-bombed the marshalling yards at Aachen, Germany K-6541. After pulling up safely, Lt William R. Hardin joined two other ships and went down to strafe a locomotive. Heavy and light flak was encountered, and I did not see him after that pass."

Photos



Source of information: Astrid van Erp, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.fold3.com - MACR, www.newspapers.com - Orlando Evening Star, www.ancestry.com - 1940 Census

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