



## 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



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