



### Personal info

Full name

**PERKINS, Joseph Clarence Jr**

Date of birth

**21 December 1918**

Age

**24**

Place of birth

**Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio**

Hometown

**Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio**

### Military service

Service number

**O-736331**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

**510th Bombardment Squadron,  
351st Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**25 July 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
A	25	13

## Immediate family

### Members

**Joseph C. Perkins (father)**  
**Hellen M. (Haneberg Reimer) Perkins (mother)**  
**Herman C. Perkins (brother)**  
**Florence V. (Riley) Perkins (wife)**

## Plane data

### Serial number

**42-3272**

### Data

**Type: B-17F**  
**Nickname: Captain Bill**  
**Destination: Hamburg, Germany**  
**Mission: Bombing of the shipyard**  
**MACR: 92**

## More information

2nd Lt Joseph C. Jr. Perkins graduated from Lincoln High School.

He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States in Cleveland, Ohio on 27 January 1942.  
The airplane was attacked by enemy fighters.

Six crew members survived and were taken prisoner. Four men were killed.

2nd Lt Perkins was hit by a 20mm shell that killed him instantly.

## Photos



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