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Datum <b>28.10.1944</b>	<b>Absturzort Sindorf – Klarahof</b> Ziel: Köln
Uhrzeit <b>10:00</b> hrs	MACR-Nr <b>9630</b> <b>J 2360</b>

Flugzeug	Typ <b>P-47D-15-RE</b>	AF-Serial No. <b>42-75627</b>
Kennung	<b>D3-</b> 	
Motoren	Typ	a) SW-    b) SW-    c) SW-    d) SW-
Bewaffnung	Typ	Serial-No.
Einheit	<b>9<sup>th</sup> AAF</b> <b>368<sup>th</sup> FG</b>	<b>397<sup>th</sup> FS</b> <b>AAF Station A-84 Chievres/Belgien</b>
Besatzung	Name	Serial-No.    Position    Status
<b>F/O</b>	<b>Hardy, Michael H.</b>	<b>T-2688</b> <b>Pilot</b> <b>MIA</b>

Shot down by Flak-Versuchsabteilung 900 with an experimental Flak-Missile called „FÖHN“.  
The human remains were turned over to British authorities together with the remains of a Lancaster crew who crashed in the night 24-25 Dec 1944.

( Abschuss durch Flak-Versuchsabteilung 900 durch Flakrakete „FÖHN“ (Aders). Die sterblichen Überreste wurden mit den Gebeinen einer Lancaster Besatzung vom 24./25.12.1944 an die britischen Behörden übergeben wurden.)

**Michael A. Hardy**

**Flight Officer, U.S. Army Air Forces**  
**T-002688**

**397th Fighter Squadron, 368th Fighter Group**

**Entered the Service from: Texas**

**Died: October 28, 1944**

**Missing in Action or Buried at Sea**

**Tablets of the Missing at Netherlands American Cemetery**  
**Margraten, Netherlands**

**Awards: Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart**

S T A T E M E N T  
Source IDPF Hardy

„I Captain Roy D Carlson, O-678 830 was leading Tropic Squadron on a dive bomb mission, approx. 8 miles east of Dueren, Germany. F/O Michael H. Hardy, T 02688 was flying my wing and as we were pulling out of our dive I noticed of light a lot flak near F/O Michael H. Hardy’s

aircraft. Instead of pulling up to the left with me his ship levelled out at about 2.000 feet did a couple of rolls and then stayed on its back and flew into the ground about 5 miles N E of Dueren, Germany. I gave him a call to bail out when I saw it was out of control but received no answer.

A German farmer saw the American fighter plane crash and explode upon impact. The pilot was partly mutilated but the farmer was able to establish that the pilot was a small man, with dark brown hair.

Bürgermeister Stratmann stated an American fighter crashed to the end of October near farmhouse "Klarahof"

