



Personal info

Full name

HUNT, George Alfred

Date of birth

21 July 1921

Age

22

Place of birth

Rutherford County, North Carolina

Hometown

Rutherford County, North Carolina

Military service

Service number

34037642

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**547th Bombardment Squadron,
384th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

12 August 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
N	20	3

Immediate family

Members

Alfred H. Hunt (father)

Thelma J. (Dobbins) Hunt (mother)

Gen H. Hunt (brother)

Geneva Hunt (sister)

Nell Hunt (sister)

Norman Hunt (brother)

Edith Hunt (wife)

Sandra Hunt (daughter)

Plane data

Serial number

42-30046

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: Merrie Hell

Destination: Gelsenkirchen, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the synthetic oil refinery

MACR: 289

More information

S/Sgt George A. Hunt was an insurance salesman before he enlisted at Camp Croft, South Carolina, on 21 August 1942 and had been overseas three months.

The nose of the plane was blown off almost to the back of the turret by flak at an altitude of 29,000 feet. The plane went down in flames.

Only the radio operator, Harry Ketterman, and the tail gunner, Louis Brindley, survived and were taken prisoner.

The deceased crew members were buried at the Gelsenkirchen/Bismarck village cemetery on 15 August 1943.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Michel Beckers, Astrid van Erp, www.fold3.com - MACR, www.ancestry.com - Hunt Family Tree / 1930 Census, www.newspapers.com - Asheville citizen-Times

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