



### Personal info

Full name

**COOTER, William Mattison**

Date of birth

**27 January 1921**

Age

**23**

Place of birth

**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County,  
Oklahoma**

Hometown

**Evanston, Cook County, Illinois**

### Military service

Service number

**O-705007**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

**360th Bombardment Squadron,  
303rd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

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

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**28 September 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

Plot	Row	Grave
E	13	11

## Immediate family

Members

**Paul M. Cooter (father)**

**Jewell M. Cooter (mother)**

**Shirley S. Cooter (sister)**

## Plane data

Serial number

**44-8330**

Data

**Type: B-17G**

**Destination: Magdeburg, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the Braunkohle (BRABAG) synthetic oil plant**

**MACR: 9404**

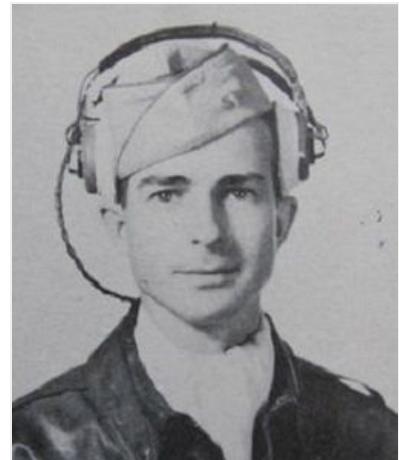
## More information

William M. Cooter graduated from New Tier High School and Northwestern University.

He enlisted in March 1943, received his pilot's wings in January 1944 and after further pilot training he was sent overseas in June 1944.

The B-17 went into a spin after being attacked by German fighters and exploded almost immediately thereafter. Two crew members could bail out and were taken prisoner. Seven men were killed. They were initially buried at the cemetery of Süpplingen.

## Photos



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