



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

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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

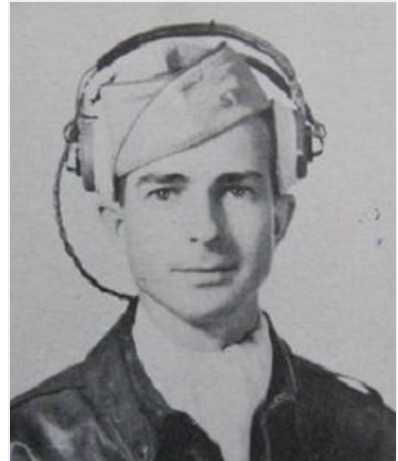
More information

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 Söppingen.

Photos



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