



Personal info

Full name

MAY, Donald G

Date of birth

29 August 1916

Age

27

Place of birth

Aurora, Kane County, Illinois

Hometown

Aurora, Kane County, Illinois

Military service

Service number

36318074

Rank

Technical Sergeant

Unit

**332nd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Distinguished Flying Cross,
Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Missing in Action

Date of death

5 November 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten**Walls of the Missing**

Immediate family

Members

John H. May (father)
Susie M. (Pfeiffer) May (mother)
John R. May (brother)
Lucile M. May (sister)
Willie May (brother)
Irene C. May (sister)
William A. May (brother)
Evelyn M. May (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-30166

Data

Type: B-17F
Nickname: You Cawnt Miss it
Target: Gelsenkirchen, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the marshalling yard and the synthetic oil refineries
MACR: 1043

More information

T/Sgt Donald G. May enlisted at Camp Grant, Illinois on 12 February 1942.

The following was written by Harry Slater formerly of the 94th Bomb Group:

"On November 5th, the 94th launched 32 aircraft to bomb the synthetic oil refineries northwest of Gelsenkirchen. Since the Ploesti oil production center had been bombed, this target was considered important to the German cause. Nineteen aircraft formed the lead group of the 1st Air Task Force.

Flak was light over the Dutch coast but became intense in the target area. Lt. James K. Killian and crew of the 332nd squadron in aircraft 42-30166 (You Cawn't Miss it) were observed under heavy attack. After a time, the aircraft exploded with one parachute blossoming out of the debris. Eight aircraft suffered minor flak damage".

Two crew members survived and were taken prisoner, eight were killed. The remains of T/Sgt May were never recovered.

T/Sgt Donald G. May is remembered at the River Hill Memorial Park, North Aurora, Illinois

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, www.ancestry.com - 1920 census / 1930 census / 1940 census / Family Tree, www.angelfire.com

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