



## 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, Illionis**

## 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

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### 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

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### Serial number

**42-30166**

### Data

**Type: B-17F**

**Nickname: You Cawnt Miss it**

**Target: Gelsenkirchen, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of th marshalling yard and the synthetic oil refineries**

**MACR: 1043**

## More information

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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](http://www.ancestry.com) - 1920 census / 1930 census / 1940 census / Family Tree, [www.angelfire.com](http://www.angelfire.com)

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