



Personal info

Full name

FERRIN, Charles Clifford

Date of birth

25 May 1924

Age

19

Place of birth

South Dakota

Hometown

Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota

Military service

Service number

17080360

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

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

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Missing in Action

Date of death

5 November 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Amos G. Ferrin (father)

Emma A. Ferrin (mother)

Viola Ferrin (sister)

Guy M. Ferrin (brother)

Phyllis L. Ferrin (sister)

Carroll H. Ferrin (brother)

Raymond R. Ferrin (brother)

Marvin J. Ferrin (brother)

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

S/Sgt Charles C. Ferrin was an actor.

He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States at Fort Snelling, Minnesota on 17 June 1942. He was graduated from Las Vegas Aerial Gunnery School in 1942 and received his wings and the rating of a flight sergeant. He had been overseas since 1 April 1943.

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 S/Sgt Ferrin were never recovered.

Photos



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