



Personal info

Full name

PAULEY, James Clifford

Date of birth

4 March 1917

Age

26

Place of birth

Lincoln County, West Virginia

Hometown

Lincoln County, West Virginia

Military service

Service number

35213803

Rank

Staff 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

James A. Pauley (father)

Betty J. (Thompson) Pauley (mother)

Harold L. Pauley (brother)

Frances M. Pauley (sister)

Everett L. Pauley (brother)

Betty L. Pauley (sister)

Ralph T. Pauley (brother)

Odessa L. Pauley (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-30166

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: You Cawn't Miss it

Destination: Gelsenkirchen, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the marshalling yard and synthetic oil refineries

MACR: 1043

More information

S/Sgt James C Pauley worked on a farm.

He enlisted in Huntington West, Virginia at 15 October 1941.

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 Pauley were never recovered.

S/Sgt James C Pauley is remembered at the Pauley Cemetery, Tango, Lincoln County, West Virginia.

Photos



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