



Personal info

Full name

HILLER, Arthur Clarence

Date of birth

1 April 1917

Age

26

Place of birth

Victoria, Victoria County, Texas

Hometown

Victoria, Victoria County, Texas

Military service

Service number

38159153

Rank

Technical Sergeant

Unit

**33rd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Missing in Action

Date of death

17 July 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

William L. Hiller (father)
Margaret P. (Schutz) Hiller (mother)
Leslie Hiller (brother)
Dorothy Hiller (sister)
William Hiller (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-3219

Data

Type: B-17F
Nickname: Dear Mom
Destination: Hamburg, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the aircraft industry
MACR: 93

More information

T/Sgt Arthur C. Hiller graduated from Victoria High school where he was an outstanding athlete. He attended Victoria Junior College and was employed by the Arkansas Oil Company as an Oil Scout.

He enlisted at Fort Sam, Houston, Texas on 26 May 1942.

The element originally designated to attack Hamburg was a combined force of 125 B-17's, but weather caused a recall of this formation. However 84 B-17's from 94BG (18), 95BG (23), 96BG (21) and 100BG (22) sighted a German ship convoy on the return. Only one B-17 from BG96 managed to drop on the convoy. Another segment of this formation, 385BG (21) and 388BG (20) attempted to bomb the Fokker aircraft factory at Amsterdam. A total of 22 aircraft attempted the bombing, but the results were highly scattered and 150 civilians were killed. 1 B-17 from 94BG, aircraft 42-3219, was shot down by enemy aircraft (2 engines were hit) near Helgoland, Germany.

The entire crew was killed. Every crew member, with the exception of waist gunner Everett A. Quimby is remembered on the Walls of the Missing at Margraten. We have no information why he isn't mentioned.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Peter Schouteten, Terry Hirsch, www.94thbomgroup.com, www.wwiiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov, www.fold3.com - MACR, www.8thafhfs.com, www.newspaperarchive.com - Corsicana Daily Sun, www.ancestry.com - 1930 Census, WWII Draft Cards

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