



Personal info

Full name

HUNT, Paul Gibson

Date of birth

5 August 1924

Age

18

Place of birth

Oklahoma

Hometown

Ryan, Jefferson County, Oklahoma

Military service

Service number

18131137

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**331st Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

13 June 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	14	40

Immediate family

Members

George W. Hunt (father)
Martha E. (Tate) Hunt (mother)
Lillian A. Hunt (sister)
Loyd H. Hunt (brother)
Georgia E. Hunt (sister)
Alma L. Hunt (sister)
Tate G. Hunt (brother)
Wilson B. Hunt (brother)
Mary E. Hunt (sister)
Marjory V. Hunt (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-29957

Data

Type: B-17F
Nickname: Helno Gal II
Destination: Kiel, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the U-boat yards
MACR: 15556

More information

The aircraft was shot down by enemy fighters. The bombardier, 1st Lt Wilton H. Power, stated that they left the formation between the IP and the target. The pilot, co-pilot, bombardier, top turret, ball turret, tail gunner, radioman and right waist gunner all bailed out. He believed that everyone was out but Hamilton, left waist gunner, who was shot during action and he was almost positive about his death. He also states that all other members were in good condition, except for minor wounds. However, after interviewing parachuting crewman of other shot down B-17's that day, he believes the remainder of his crew, pilot, top turret, ball turret, tail gunner and right waist gunner were all shot in their parachutes as they were descending.

Six crew members were killed. Their remains were initially buried at the Garrison Cemetery of Kiel on 17 June 1943. Four crew members were taken prisoner.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Peter Schouteten, www.abmc.gov, www.wwiimemorial.com - Matthew G. Hunt, www.findagrave.com - Rick Miller, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.ancestry.com - Headstone and Interment Records / Gary Noblett Family Tree / 1930 Census, www.fold3.com - MACR

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