



Personal info

Full name

ZIELINSKI, Donald F

Date of birth

29 December 1917

Age

26

Place of birth

Bay City, Bay County, Michigan

Hometown

Bay Ward 5, Bay County, Michigan

Military service

Service number

O-674714

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**701st Bombardment Squadron,
445th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

24 February 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
E	10	5

Immediate family

Members

John S. Zielinski (father)

Aunedpsia Zielinski (mother)

Edith Zielinski (sister)

Marion Zielinski (brother)

Albert Zielinski (brother)

Esther Zielinski (sister)

Ernest Zielinski (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

41-29130

Data

Type: B-24H

Destination: Gotha, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the aviation industry

MACR: 2556

More information

2nd Lt Donald F. Zielinski volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States at Selfridge Field, Mount Clemens, Michigan on 20 March 1942.

He completed 4 years of high school and worked as a laboratory assistant at the X-ray laboratory of Dow Chemical Company in Bay City, Michigan.

Statement of 1st Lt Glenn E. Jorgensen:

"I saw Lt. Swanson's plane 41-29130 get hit by fighters. Flames could be seen in the bomb bay. He turned and left formation. I turned and left a few minutes later and saw a plane that had crashed, burning on the ground."

Five crew members survived and were taken prisoner. Five were killed and initially buried at the church cemetery of Holtrup.

Photos



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