



## Personal info

Full name

**KIGGINS, Russell Joseph "Junie"**

Date of birth

**28 March 1921**

Age

**22**

Place of birth

**Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York**

Hometown

**Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York**

## Military service

Service number

**32383681**

Rank

**Staff Sergeant**

Unit

**364th Bombardment Squadron,  
305th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**14 October 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

Plot	Row	Grave
O	21	10

## Immediate family

Members

**Russell Kiggins (father)**

**Catherine Kiggins (mother)**

**Robert Kiggins (brother)**

**Ann Kiggins (sister)**

**Mary K. Kiggins (sister)**

## Plane data

Serial number

**42-29952**

Data

**Type: B-17F**

**Nickname: Sizzle**

**Destination: Schweinfurt, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of ball bearing plant**

**MACR: 917**

## More information

Russell Kiggins attended college and worked in a machine shop.

He enlisted in Syracuse, New York on 3 August 1942.

The airplane was shot down by enemy fighter planes. Five crew members survived and were taken prisoner, five men were killed.

## Photos



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