



Personal info

Full name

SCHAEFFLER, Albert Clarence

Date of birth

17 February 1922

Age

21

Place of birth

**Tangier, Woodward County,
Oklahoma**

Hometown

Woodward, Woodward County, Oklahoma

Military service

Service number

38149879

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**368th Bombardment Squadron,
306th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

11 January 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
B	17	17

Immediate family

Members

Fred C. Schaeffler (father)
Emma A. (Lucas) Schaeffler (mother)
Josephine Schaeffler (sister)
Esther Schaeffler (sister)
Marion A. Schaeffler (sister)
Orlean Schaeffler (sister)
Faye T. Schaeffler (sister)
William E. Schaeffler (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-30782

Data

Type: B-17F
Nickname: Rationed Passion
Destination: Halberstadt, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the Junkers aviation industry
MACR: 1931

More information

S/Sgt Albert C. Schaeffler was a farmer. He enlisted in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on 17 July 1942.

The plane was hit and was damaged at the leading edge of the right wing and had 20mm holes in the nose and at the base of the vertical stabilizer.

Eight crew members bailed out at 18,000 feet, two were killed.

The aircraft didn't explode while striking the ground. It was broken into two parts and spread out considerably.

Three crew members, Orian G. Owens, Charles A. Nichols and John J. Gemborski were being helped by the Belgian resistance and were captured near Charleroi, Belgium. After interrogation they were executed in a forest near St. Remy, Belgium on 22 April 1944, along with other American aviators and two resistance fighters. A memorial to their memory was erected in 1999.

Photos



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