



Personal info

Full name

HUDSON, Eldon Lee

Date of birth

11 April 1923

Age

22

Place of birth

Pulaski County, Kentucky

Hometown

Ford County, Illinois

Military service

Service number

36477915

Rank

Technical Sergeant

Unit

**332nd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Finding of Death

Date of death

5 November 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten**Walls of the Missing**

Immediate family

Members

Sylvester Hudson (father)
Carrie (Abbot) Hudson (mother)
Veda (Mangan) Hudson (sister)
Vera (Hedge) Hudson (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

43-38165

Data

Type: B-17G
Nickname: St. Christopher Kids
Destination: Hamburg, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the Rheunania Ossag oil refinery
MACR: 10305

More information

T/Sgt Eldon L. Hudson enlisted in Peoria, Illinois on 19 March 1943.

Two engines were hit and damaged by flak. According to the last word received from the crew, they were heading towards Holland and had decided to abandon the plane in the North Sea and await an Air Rescue. No further communication was received.

The entire crew of nine men was killed.

Official Statement of Thomas C.S. Houser, 2nd Lt, Air Corps:

"This aircraft was last seen with two engines out on 4 November 1944 at 53°52'N - 07°00'E at 1322 hours. At 1342 hours it was reported that he was calling for Air Sea Resque at 53°48'N - 05°40'E. Reports over VHF stated that he would try to make Holland but then decided to ditch. No further confirmed reports were received from this aircraft and therefore it is not known whether it ditched or made a landing safely."

T/Sgt Hudson was officially declared dead one day and one year after he was reported missing in action.

He is remembered at the Glen Cemetery, Paxton, Ford County, Illinois.

Photos



HRUBOVCAK, GEORGE
S SGT 385 BOMB GP (H)
HUDGENS, WILLIAM
1 LT 410 BOMB SQ 94 BOMB
HUDSON, ELDON L
T SGT 332 BOMB SQ 94 BOMB
HUG, BERNHARD R
PFC 28 INF 8 DIV
HUGHEY, EDWARD L
2 LT 714 BOMB SQ 448 BOMB



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