



### Personal info

Full name

**MILCHAK, Elmer A**

Date of birth

**16 July 1919**

Age

**25**

Place of birth

**Munhall, Allegheny County,  
Pennsylvania**

Hometown

**Munhall, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania**

## Military service

Service number

**33706583**

Rank

**Sergeant**

Unit

**576th Bombardment Squadron,  
392nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**24 March 1945**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

| Plot | Row | Grave |
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## Immediate family

Members

**Andrew J. Milchak (father)**

**Mary H. (Krosefska) Milchak (mother)**

**Joseph Milchak (brother)**

**Edward Milchak (brother)**

**Josephine M. Milchak (sister)**

**Anna Milchak (sister)**

**Helen Milchak (sister)**

## Plane data

Serial number

**42-50709**

Data

**Type: B-24H**

**Nickname: Mairzy Doats**

**Destination: Wezel, Germany**

**Mission: Supply drop**

**MACR: 14177**

## More information

Sgt Milchak was on his sixteenth mission.

As we approached the drop area, we found that there was considerable smoke or haze covering the area. We began getting a little small arms fire during the supply drop run, for we could hear it hitting the plane. our Radio Operator, James Deaton, stood at the entrance of the bomb bay, waiting for the drop, so he could enter and pull the static lines. We made our drop. At the time of our drop we had slowed our air speed and with 2 engines out at this speed we could not gain altitude. Jack picked out the first field he could find, which also contained the remains of some gliders, so we could make a controlled crash. Elmer Milchak had been killed as he was coming out the waist window of the plane. He was the first one out after the crash.

## Photos



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