



Personal info

Full name

SPIVA, Elza Roy

Date of birth

26 January 1922

Age

21

Place of birth

Kansas City, Clay County, Missouri

Hometown

Kansas City, Clay County, Missouri

Military service

Service number

17076402

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

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

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

19 May 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
B	32	4

Immediate family

Members

Grover R. Spiva (father)

Vivian Z. (Klinker) Spiva (mother)

Claudia P. Spiva (sister)

Bonnie V. Spiva (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

41-24573

Data

Type: B-17F

Destination: Kiel, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the Krupp Germaniawerft U-boat yards

MACR: 15329

More information

S/Sgt Elza R. Spiva attended high school for two years and worked for Standard Steel.

He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri on 7 August 1942.

The aircraft was shot down by enemy fighters. it ditched in shallow water about two miles off the shore. Four men survived and were taken prisoner, six men were killed.

Photos



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