

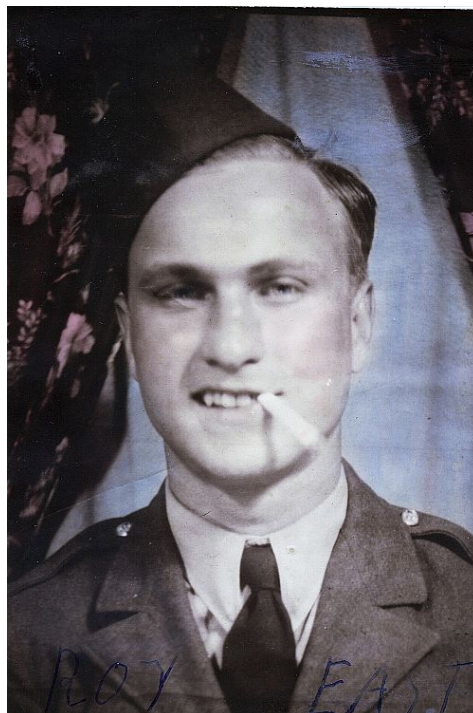
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### Personal info

Full name

**EAST, Roy Weldon**

Date of birth

**3 November 1921**

Age

**22**

Place of birth

**Caldwell County, Kentucky**

Hometown

**Donaldson, Caldwell County, Kentucky**

### Military service

Service number

**35486698**

Rank

**Technical Sergeant**

Unit

**535th Bombardment Squadron,  
381st Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Missing in Action**

Date of death

**5 November 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

**Walls of the Missing**

## Immediate family

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### Members

**Henry E. East (father)**

**Susie M. (Waide) East (mother)**

**R. C. East (brother)**

**Robert F. East (brother)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-30852**

### Data

**Type: B-17F**

**Nickname: Hot Toddy aka Blowin' Bessie**

**Destination: Gelsenkirchen, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the synthetic oil refinery**

**MACR: 1399**

## More information

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Roy East attended high school for four years. He enlisted in Evansville, Indiana on 29 July 1942.

The airplane was hit by flak over the target, knocking out #2 engine. Oil vapor came out the #2 nacelle and the propeller was windmilling. also #1 engine was hit and was feathered. It kept up with the formation for about ten minutes and then dropped out and was observed to be losing altitude. Later the plane was attacked by German fighters, hitting it near the cockpit.

Some of the crew members jumped out before the plane hit the water of the Hollandsch Diep near the village named Klundert.

In total seven crew members were killed from which six were never recovered. Three crew members survived and were taken prisoner.

The wreck of the plane was recovered in October 1969.

## Photos



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