



Personal info

Full name

NELSON, Edward Franklin Jr

Date of birth

13 October 1916

Age

26

Place of birth

Orange, Essex County, New Jersey

Hometown

West Orange, Essex County, New Jersey

Military service

Service number

O-680684

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**331st Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

27 September 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
C	5	1

Immediate family

Members

Edward F. Nelson Sr. (father)

Aula Nelson (mother)

Ruth H. Nelson (sister)

Richard A. Nelson (brother)

Aula J. Nelson (sister)

Margaret E. Nelson (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

42-5888

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: Elusive Elcy

Destination: Emden, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the port area

MACR: 732

More information

2nd Lt Edward F. Nelson Jr. attended college was a routeman. He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States in Newark, New Jersey on 2 April 1942.

The aircraft was attacked by enemy fighters and was last seen on fire, losing altitude, going down. Its left wing then came off and it exploded. Two men were seen to come out of the ship, but only one with a parachute.

Lt Nelson was initially buried at the cemetery of Wittmund, Germany on 28 September 1943.

Photos



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