



## Personal info

Full name

**ALTENDORF, Elroy Andrew**

Date of birth

**12 June 1916**

Age

**27**

Place of birth

**Milwaukee County, Wisconsin**

Hometown

**Milwaukee County, Wisconsin**

## Military service

Service number

**16006483**

Rank

**Technical Sergeant**

Unit

**547th Bombardment Squadron,  
384th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

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

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**24 April 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

| Plot | Row | Grave |
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## Immediate family

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### Members

**Roy Altendorf (father)**

**Catherine A. Altendorf (mother)**

**Harvey Altendorf (brother)**

**Melvin Altendorf (brother)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-38158**

### Data

**Type: B-17G**

**Nickname: Jean**

**Destination: Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the Dornier aviation industry**

**MACR: 4352**

## More information

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T/Sgt Elroy A. Alterndorf was a mechanic.

He joined the Air Corps of the Regular Army in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 17 September 1940.

The airplane was hit by flak in the cockpit area during the bomb run and exploded in midair. It crashed in Leustetten on the railroad tracks of the Munich-Starnberg Line.

Two crew members bailed out and were taken prisoner; eight were killed.

The deceased crew members were initially buried at the prisoners of war cemetery of Fürstenfeldbruck, Germany, on 3 May 1944.

## Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, Carla Mans, [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com), [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov), [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) - Wisconsin U.S. Birth Records

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