



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
D	35	13

Immediate family

Members

Roy Altendorf (father)
Catherine A. Altendorf (mother)
Harvey Altendorf (brother)
Melvin Altendorf (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-38158

Data

Type: B-17G
Nickname: Jean
Destination: Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the Dornier aviation industry
MACR: 4352

More information

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, www.archives.gov, www.ancestry.com - Wisconsin U.S. Birth Records

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