



## Personal info

Full name

**ETZEL, Edward Jr**

Date of birth

**21 August 1924**

Age

**20**

Place of birth

**Butler, Waukesha County, Wisconsin**

Hometown

**Butler, Waukesha County, Wisconsin**

## Military service

Service number

**36841015**

Rank

**Sergeant**

Unit

**407th Bombardment Squadron,  
92nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**1 January 1945**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

Plot	Row	Grave
P	19	12

## Immediate family

### Members

**Edward Etzel (father)**  
**Catherine M. Etzel (mother)**  
**Gordon Etzel (brother)**  
**Stanley Etzel (brother)**  
**Le Verne Etzel (sister)**  
**Ruth M. Etzel (sister)**  
**Daniel Etzel (brother)**

## Plane data

### Serial number

**43-38932**

### Data

**Type: B-17G**  
**Destination: Kassel, Germany**  
**Mission: Bombing of the marshalling yard**  
**MACR: 11371**

## More information

Sgt Etzel arrived in England on 21 October 1944.

He flew a total of sixteen missions. On 11 December 1944, during his 14th mission, their plane was hit by flak and lost three engines. The aircraft was ditched in Allied occupied territory near Metz, France. The crew safely parachuted out of the plane prior to its crash landing.

On 1 January 1945, the aircraft was attacked by enemy fighters and was on fire between #2 engine and the fuselage. It was seen to blow up. The entire crew of nine men was killed. They were initially buried at the cemetery of prisoners of war in Stendal on 3 January 1945.

## Photos



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