



Personal info

Full name

CHRISTIAN, Alonzo Howard

Date of birth

23 May 1919

Age

24

Place of birth

McDowell County, West Virginia

Hometown

McDowell County, West Virginia

Military service

Service number

35209959

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**332nd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

11 January 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
G	11	21

Immediate family

Members

James I. Christian (father)

Carrie B. (Higgins) Christian (mother)

James W. Christian (brother)

Vivian Christian (sister)

Paul M. Christian (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-3530

Data

Type: B-17F

MACR: 1885

More information

The main 94th Bomb Group, without having dropped their bombs, made a right turn off the target to the initial point to make a second run. They lost 1000 feet of altitude during this maneuver and were still under heavy German fighter attacks. Just before reaching the target for the second time, the plane of Lt Elza B. Fairchild was seen on fire, probably caused by a rocket. The plane crashed near the city of Schöppenstadt at 12:47 hours in the same vicinity as the 91st Bomb Group's B-17 "Little Jean". Six crewman including Lt Fairchild were killed and the four remaining men were taken prisoner of war.

Photos



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