



### Personal info

Full name

**HANCY, Eldred Edward**

Date of birth

**8 March 1916**

Age

**27**

Place of birth

**Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan**

Hometown

**Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan**

### Military service

Service number

**O-683237**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

**510th Bombardment Squadron,  
351st Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Missing in Action**

Date of death

**9 October 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

**Walls of the Missing**

## Immediate family

Members

**Bert Hancy (father)**  
**Emma Hancy (mother)**  
**Louisa Hancy (sister)**  
**John Hancy (brother)**

## Plane data

Serial number

**42-30867**

Data

**Type: B-17F**

**Destination: Anklam, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the Arado-Heinkel aviation industry**

**MACR: 1035**

## More information

Eldred Hancy attended Cass Technical High School in Detroit, Michigan.

He enlisted in Detroit, Michigan on 24 June 1941.

Shortly after crossing the Danish coast the group was attacked by German fighters. Thirty to fifty Me 109s executed many close attacks. At the start of the bomb-run the enemy fighters broke off their attacks, leaving the formation to suffer the attentions of the Anklam flak gunners.

Smoke from the bombs of the preceding Wing obscured the target, as a consequence most of the bombs fell in the center of the city.

The formation turned for home and flew straight into the Luftwaffe's assembled forces. Me 110s and a few Ju 88s stood off and fired rockets into the formation.

Edmond Blais and another crew member, John R. Butterbach, were killed during the fighter attack.

In total four crew members were killed, six were taken prisoner.

## Photos



SGT 403 BOMB GRU		PLANE TO ANIA
HAMM ROBERT E	2 LT 326 BOMB SQ 92 BOMB GP 01	NEW YORK
HAMRICK VICTOR L	S SGT 91 BOMB GP 01	WEST VIRGINIA
HANCY ELDRED E	2 LT 310 BOMB SQ 251 BOMB GP 11B	MICHIGAN
HANDORF EDWARD	1 LT 351 BOMB SQ 100 BOMB GP 04	OHIO
HANEY EDSSEL E	S SGT 366 BOMB SQ 305 BOMB GP 11B	MICHIGAN
HANSEN THEODORE R	2 LT 326 BOMB SQ 95 BOMB GP 01B	ILLINOIS
HARBOUR MARVIN L	S SGT 450 BOMB SQ 327 BOMB GP 04A	OKLAHOMA
HARDEN IRA J	S SGT 893 TD BN	VIRGINIA
HARDY LUCILLE H		



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