



Personal info

Full name

THOMPSON, Chester Lee

Date of birth

25 July 1925

Age

19

Place of birth

Arkansas

Hometown

Concord, Contra Costa County, California

Military service

Service number

39144512

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

**364th Bombardment Squadron,
305th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

5 December 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
B	27	13

Immediate family

Members

Lewis E. Thompson (father)

Clarice A. (Eyestone) Thompson (mother)

Carl E. Thompson (brother)

Alice L. Thompson (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

42-39947

Data

Type: B-17G

Nickname: Chiquita

Destinantion: Berlin, Germany

Mission: Bombing of munitions and tank plants

MACR: 11040

More information

Chester Thompson attended high school for two years and was a welder.

He enlisted in San Francisco, California on 29 November 1943.

The airplane was hit by a direct flak burst, breaking the fuselage in two.

The wreckage crashed close to Prenden, Germany. All nine crewmembers were killed. They were initially buried at the local cemetery of the town.

Photos



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