



### 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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