

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

THOMPSON, Tommy Marion

Date of birth

8 August 1920

Age

24

Place of birth

Golden, Mc Curtain County, Oklahoma

Hometown

Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California

Military service

Service number

O-771837

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

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

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

9 November 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
H	20	24

Immediate family

Members

Irene Thompson (mother)

Marian K. Thompson (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

42-102563

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Chelveston, England

Mission: Non-operational practice flight

MACR: 11653

More information

On 9 November 1944, this aircraft, piloted by 2nd Lt Thompson, was cleared by 1st Lt Cook, Duty Flying Control Officer at that time, for a local slow-time flight. The aircraft's estimated time of departure was 1615 hours, and the estimated time of arrival was 1915 hours. At 2040 hours no word had been received from the aircraft, so the duty flying control office requested the station D/F to get a QDM on the aircraft. The aircraft was called continuously by W/T and R/T: however, no answer was received. Station Operations was notified. At 2053 hours, Station D/F picked up the aircraft's callsign. It requested a frequency-check, but interference was too great for the check to be made, or a bearing to be taken. D/F Stations in France too were operating to pick up a bearing.

On 10 November 1944 the Division HQ arranged for Eleven Group to make a search of the Channel areas at daylight.

Due to a navigation error the aircraft and his crew came not-intended over enemy occupied territory. It is believed they were on a course towards Hamburg.

Eventually, the aircraft was downed, presumably by flak, in the vicinity of Endorf, 11 kilometers South of Arnsberg, Germany. The aircraft made an emergency landing and burnt out. Three crew members were killed in action and two others were wounded and taken prisoner.

2nd Lt Tommy M Thompson was first buried at the cemetery of Endorf, Germany.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Carla Mans, www.wwiimemorial.com, <http://usaafdata.com/> - USAAF Personnel Records, www.fold3.com - MACR, (Individual) Casualty Questionnaire, www.ancestry.com - Headstone and Interment Record / U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men

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