



### 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.wwiiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiiimemorial.com), <http://usaaafdata.com> - USAAF Personnel Records, [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) - MACR, (Individual) Casualty Questionnaire, [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) - Headstone and Interment Record / U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men

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