



## Personal info

Full name

**HUMMEL, Harry Frederick**

Date of birth

**11 May 1924**

Age

**20**

Place of birth

**Franklin, Venango County,  
Pennsylvania**

Hometown

**Franklin County, Pennsylvania**

## Military service

Service number

**O-760852**

Rank

**First Lieutenant**

Unit

**332nd Bombardment Squadron,  
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Missing in Action**

Date of death

**4 November 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

**Walls of the Missing**

## Immediate family

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### Members

**Lewis A. Hummel (father)**

**Edna M. (Stitzinger) Hummel (mother)**

**Louis G. Hummel (sister)**

**Harold E. Hummel (brother)**

**Carolyn J. Hummel (sister)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**43-38165**

### Data

**Type: B-17G**

**Nickname: St. Christopher Kids**

**Destination: Hamburg, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the Rheunania Ossag oil refinery**

**MACR: 10305**

## More information

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1st Lt Harry F. Hummel enlisted in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on 10 June 1942 a few days after graduation from Rocky Grove High School where he was the manager of the basketball team.

He completed his primary and basic training in King City, California and Chico Army Flying School, California. He graduated from the Army Air Forces Advanced Flying School in Yuma, Arizona and was commissioned in November 1943 and was commissioned a second lieutenant on 5 December 1943.

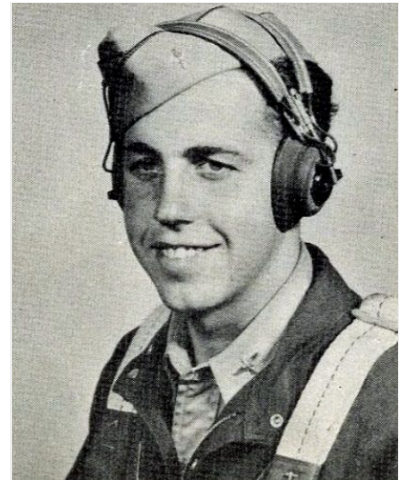
Two engines were hit and damaged by flak. According to the last word received from the crew, they were heading towards Holland and had decided to abandon the plane in the North Sea and await an Air Rescue. No further communication was received.

The entire crew of nine men was killed.

Official Statement of Thomas C.S. Houser, 2nd Lt, Air Corps:

"This aircraft was last seen with two engines out on 4 November 1944 at 53°52'N - 07°00'E at 1322 hours. At 1342 hours it was reported that he was calling for Air Sea Rescue at 53°48'N - 05°40'E. Reports over VHF stated that he would try to make Holland but then decided to ditch. No further confirmed reports were received from this aircraft and therefore it is not known whether it ditched or made a landing safely."

## Photos



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