

Personal info

Full name

THOMPSON, George Edward Jr

Date of birth

29 September 1915

Age

29

Place of birth

Charleston, Calhoun County, South Carolina

Hometown

Charleston, Calhoun County, South Carolina

Military service

Service number

O-821378

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**410th Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Finding of Death

Date of death

1 August 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Epinal

Tablets of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

George E. Thompson (father)

Annie L. (Brown) Thompson (mother)

Helen E. Thompson (sister)

Walter Thompson (brother)

Luther Thompson (brother)

Charles Thompson (brother)

Preston Thompson (brother)

Robert Thompson (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-31906

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Munich, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the synthetic oil plants

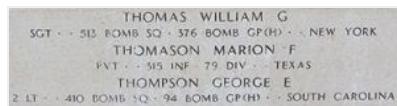
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More information

2nd Lt George E. Thompson was serving as the co-pilot on a B-17G which took off from Bury St. Edmunds with an assigned target of Munich, Germany. The aircraft was first hit by flak in the No 1 engine and a second later another flak hit near the flight deck and the pilot ordered all the crew to bale out. Then there were explosions and the B-17 went down into a spin and blew up. It crashed 220yards SW of Gunzenhausen, about 12 miles north of Munich City Center. 6 KIA 3 POW Three of the KIA were executed on the orders of the Kreisleiter and buried in a bomb crater near the autobahn.

Lt Thompson was officially declared dead one day and one year after he was reported missing in action.

Photos



Source of information: André Koch, www.abmc.gov, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.ancestry.com - 1920/1930/1940 Census / Headstone and Interment Record, www.fold3.com - MACR 7739, <http://www.8thafhs.com>,
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