



## Personal info

Full name

**CLEARY, Thomas Henry Jr**

Date of birth

**11 May 1925**

Age

**19**

Place of birth

**Bayonne, Hudson County, New Jersey**

Hometown

**Hudson County, New Jersey**

## Military service

Service number

**42010197**

Rank

**Staff Sergeant**

Unit

**702nd Bombardment Squadron,  
445th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

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

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**12 September 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

Plot	Row	Grave
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## Immediate family

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### Members

**Thomas H. Cleary (father)**

**Anna M. Cleary (mother)**

**Frances Cleary (sister)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-95247**

### Data

**Type: B-24H**

**Nickname: Dixie Flyer**

**Destination: Misburg, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the Deulag oil refinery**

**MACR: 8922**

## More information

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S/Sgt Thomas H. Cleary Jr. enlisted in Newark, New Jersey on 19 August 1943. He attended high school for 4 years.

The aircraft was hit by flak over Heligoland. Gas was seen leaking from between #2 engine and the fuselage. The plane did a 180 grade and was last seen going into the clouds. Four crew members were killed and their remains were removed from the wreckage by Dutch civilians. They were buried in an common grave at the public cemetery of Nes on 14 September 1944.

## Photos



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