



### Personal info

Full name

**NELSON, Thomas Bernard**

Date of birth

**14 November 1919**

Age

**23**

Place of birth

**makoti, Ward County, North Dakota**

Hometown

**Hiddenwood, Ward County, North Dakota**

### Military service

Service number

**O-670213**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

**535th Bombardment Squadron,  
381st Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**8 October 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
C	5	14

## Immediate family

### Members

**Reinart Nelson (father)**  
**Olive Nelson (mother)**  
**Edith Nelson (sister)**  
**Minnie Nelson (sister)**  
**Donald Nelson (brother)**  
**Rosemary Blossom (Wagner) Nelson (wife)**  
**Eileen Nelson (daughter)**

## Plane data

### Serial number

**42-3123**

### Data

**Type: B-17 F**  
**Nickname: Ron-Chee**  
**Destination: Bremen, Germany**  
**Mission: Bombing of the city and industrial area**  
**MACR: 1396**

## More information

Thomas B. Nelson worked on a farm before he volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States in Seattle, Washington on 6 January 1942.

The airplane was shot down by enemy fighters and crashed in the area of Bremen, Germany. The entire crew of ten men was killed. This crew was on their first mission.

## Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Peter Schouteten, Terry Hirsch, [WWIIMemorial.com](#), [NARA](#), Missing Aircrew Report 1396, WWII Draft Card

Photo source: Jac Engels, Arie-Jan van Hees, Bombardier Class Book 43-01 San Angelo AAF, Texas