

Fields of Honor Memorial

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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, WWII Memorial.com, NARA, Missing Aircrew Report 1396, WWII Draft Card

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