



Personal info

Full name

VOLLBRECHT, Thomas Ralph

Date of birth

1 November 1922

Age

21

Place of birth

Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio

Hometown

Mt. Lebanon, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Military service

Service number

O-688141

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**335th Bombardment Squadron,
95th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

20 December 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
M	20	1

Immediate family

Members

Charles M. Vollbrecht (father)

Thelma Vollbrecht (mother)

Jack Vollbrecht (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-31305

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Bremen, Germany

Mission: Bombing

MACR: 1557

More information

2nd Lt Thomas R. Vollbrecht was a crew member of a B-17 Flying Fortress which departed from the British Isles on a bombardment mission over Northwestern Germany, December 1943. He entered military service December 9, 1942 and trained at San Antonio and Dalhart, Texas, and was commissioned in August, 1943. He was immediately assigned to a Flying Fortress as navigator, and after a shake down cruise of sixty days the crew flew the ship to England and fought from there on until they were shot down. Lt Vollbrecht was active in Athletics at Carnegie, his specialties being track and cross country.

After bombing the target, the plane was hit and last seen near the target with two engines on fire when it went down. Two chutes were seen to leave the ship.

Lt Vollbrecht was initially buried on 24 December 1943 at the Garrison cemetery at Wesermunde, Section III, Plot K, Row 1, Grave 18.

Photos



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