

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

DOWDA, Thomas Butler "Tommy"

Date of birth

14 January 1926

Age

19

Place of birth

Palatka, Putnam County, Florida

Hometown

Palatka, Putnam County, Florida

Military service

Service number

34947361

Rank

Private First Class

Unit

**C Company,
1st Battalion,
513th Parachute Infantry Regiment,
17th Airborne Division**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

24 March 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
M	22	2

Immediate family

Members

Charles S. Dowda (father)

Clifford (McGauley) Dowda (mother)

Audrey Dowda (sister)

Jeanette Dowda (sister)

Charles S. Dowda (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

unknown

Data

unknown

More information

Pfc Thomas B. Dowda enlisted at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia on 23 May 1944.

He was a passenger of C-46D #44-77595, which was shot down by anti-aircraft fire on the approach to the dropzone and exploded when hitting the ground.

The entire crew of four men was killed and of the 34 passengers, only 10 survived.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, www.fold3.com - WWII Draft Cards, www.ancestry.com - Family Tree / 1940 Census

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