



Personal info

Full name

KUHN, George John

Date of birth

1 April 1921

Age

23

Place of birth

Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

Hometown

Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

Military service

Service number

13126626

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**48th Squadron,
313th Troop Carrier Group**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

24 March 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
E	14	15

Immediate family

Members

John Kuhn (father)

Dorothy Kuhn (mother)

Plane data

Serial number

44-77602

Data

Type: C-46D

Destination: Drop zone X, north of Wesel, Germany

Mission: Paratrooper drop

MACR: 13425

More information

S/Sgt George J Kuhn graduated from Northeast High School in 1939. He attended college for one year.

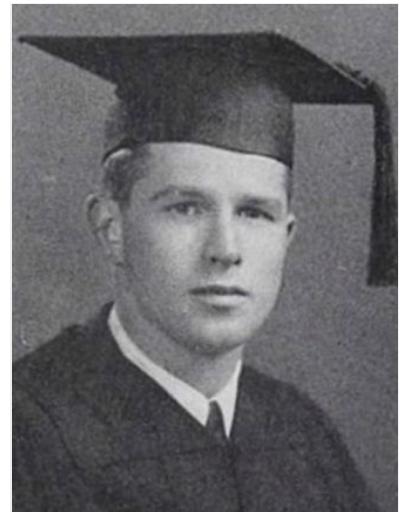
He joined the Air Corps of the Army of the United States in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 20 October 1942.

Lt Glen H. Smith, who was the pilot of another airplane in the same group, witnessed what happened: "I was flying on the right wing of the C-46D airplane ASN 44-77602, piloted by Lt James F. Claussen. After they had dropped their paratroopers on the drop zone they made a right turn-off and the airplane was last seen by me with their left engine on fire heading back toward the Rhine River. The airplane was under good control and about 100 feet off the ground."

There were 5 crew members and 29 passengers, all members of A Company of the 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 17th Airborne Division on board.

Four crew members were killed. Only T/Sgt Charles L. Williams, Crew Chief, survived. He was partially out of the side escape hatch when the aircraft crash-landed and as a result he was thrown clear of the wreckage and unconscious. German medics carried him, seriously wounded, to a cellar, dressed his wounds and departed.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.fold3.com - MACR, www.ancestry.com - Headstone and Interment Record, WWII Draft Card, 1930 Census

Photo source: Peter Schouteten, Northeast Catholic High School 1939