

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

LEVY, Rubin

Date of birth

8 January 1919

Age

26

Place of birth

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Hometown

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Religion

Jewish

Military service

Service number

O-721802

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

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

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

24 March 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
E	4	9

Immediate family

Members

Celia Levy (mother)

Eva Levy (sister)

Harriet Levy (wife)

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

2nd Lt Rubin Levy attended college.

He joined the Air Corps of the U.S. Army Reserve in Miami Beach, Florida, on 21 February 1943.

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, Cook County, Illinois Birth Certificates

Photo source: Peter Schouteten, Arie-Jan van Hees - Pilot Class Book 44-D, Coleman Flying School, Texas