



### Personal info

Full name

**SIMMONS, William Clinton "Billy"**

Date of birth

**26 May 1924**

Age

**20**

Place of birth

**Surry County, North Carolina**

Hometown

**Graham, Alamance County, North Carolina**

### Military service

Service number

**O-764808**

Rank

**First Lieutenant**

Unit

**47th Squadron,  
313th Troop Carrier Group**

Awards

**Bronze Star,  
Purple Heart,  
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**24 March 1945**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

Plot	Row	Grave
M	22	1

## Immediate family

### Members

**Thomas M. Simmons (father)**  
**Olivia V. (Jackson) Simmons (mother)**  
**Edna L. (Oakley) Simmons (sister)**  
**Buster M. Simmons (brother)**  
**Walter W. Simmons (brother)**  
**Harold G. Simmons (brother)**

## Plane data

### Serial number

**44-77595**

### Data

**Type: C-46D**  
**Destination: Drop Zone X, north of Wesel, Germany**  
**Mission: Paratroop Drop**  
**MACR: 13421**

## More information

1st Lt William C. Simmons joined the Air Corps on 11 March 1943. He successfully completed the Basic Flying Training course and was graduated from Marana Army Air Field in Tucson, Arizona. He was sent overseas near the end of July 1944.

The airplane 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, all members of C Company of the 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 17th Airborne Division, only 10 survived.

On the last picture shows Lt William C. Simmons on the left and Sgt Buster M. Simmons on the right.

## Photos



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