



## Personal info

Full name

**BLACK, Howard Thompson "Blackie"**

Date of birth

**12 October 1923**

Age

**21**

Place of birth

**Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey**

Hometown

**New Castle County, Delaware**

## Military service

Service number

**32488166**

Rank

**Private First Class**

Unit

**HQ Company,  
513th Parachute Infantry Regiment,  
17th Airborne Division**

Awards

**Purple Heart**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**26 March 1945**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

Plot	Row	Grave
E	3	6

## Immediate family

### Members

**Joseph H. Black (father)**  
**Cornelia M. (Thompson) Black (mother)**  
**Richard J. Black (brother)**  
**Ethel Black (sister)**

## More information

Pfc Howard T. Black graduated from Pierre S. DuPont High School, class of 1941 and had been employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

He enlisted in Camden, New Jersey on 20 January 1943. After entering the Army he had paratroop training at Fort Benning, Georgia. He received special "pathfinder" training in England after he was sent overseas in August 1944.

He died of wounds, sustained during his jump two days earlier. The action in which he lost his life was the first battle.

His last letter was written 23 March.

## Photos



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