



Personal info

Full name

THOMAS, John Robert "Pete"

Date of birth

10 July 1924

Age

20

Place of birth

New York

Hometown

Smithville Flatts, Chenango County, New York

Military service

Service number

42121196

Rank

Staff Sergeant

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	17	9

Immediate family

Members

John J. Thomas (father)

Lena M. Thomas (mother)

Margaret J. Thomas (sister)

Clifford C. Thomas (brother)

Claude Thomas (half-brother)

Plane data

Serial number

44-77595

Data

unknown

More information

S/Sgt John R. Thomas enlisted in Binghamton, New York on 27 January 1944.

He was a passenger in 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



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