

THOMSON, Archibald M. Jr.

“Tommy”

B: 28 January 1916 NY

D: 13 December 1992 Cocoa Beach, FL



Walton Major, Reported to Be Missing, Safe

Archibald M. Thomson, Jr.,
Now at Home; Began
Flying in 1940

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WALTON, SEPT. 29

Reported missing in action by the War Department early in September, Major Archibald M. Thomson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Thomson of this village, is safe and now at the home of his parents with his wife, the former Miss Marilyn Moore of San Antonio, Tex.

Major Thomson was commandant of the 501st Fighter Bomber Squadron at Waycross, Ga., before going overseas early this year, and upon leaving that company he was given a written testimonial from the officers and enlisted men of their appreciation of his leadership.

*Press and Sun-Bulletin (Binghamton, NY)
29 September 1944*

Hometown: Walton, New York

Rank: Major

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51D-5-NA 44-13534 WD-F

4th Service: 29 June 1944 – 28 August 1944

13 missions

5 JUL 44 Designated Squadron Operations Officer

28 AUG 44 Aircraft struck by flak while strafing an airdrome northwest of Strasbourg, France. Was not seen to go down. Evaded capture; hidden in France until area liberated.

EVD (MACR 8297, EE 1633)

Victories:

None

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Sales manager for IBM.

Decorations:

Air Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.