

Thomas Lester Smith, T-41

29 December 1922 – 11 June 1944

(aged 21)



His plane went down in the English Channel during Operation Overload, when the D-Day landing forces converged, June 11, 1944.

Operation Overlord was the codename for the Battle of Normandy, the Allied operation that launched the successful invasion of German-occupied Western Europe during World War II.



Front row left to right

Lt. Glenn G. Read--Navigator
Lt. Harold J. Wilcox--Pilot
Lt. Donald L. Smith -- Co-Pilot
Lt. Robert S. Gershon--Bombardier

Back row left to right

Staff Sgt. Paul L. Davis. Ball turret gunner
Tec. " Leland D. Glover-- Engineer
Staff " Raymond C. Reed--Rt waist gunner
Tec. " Thomas L. Smith--Radio operator
Staff " Adonal C. Hudson--Left Waist gun'r
" " Chas D. Rogers --Tail gunner