

James Gordon Threlkeld, T-39

8 October 1921 – 22 January 2006

(aged 84)



One of the first C-47 “Skytrain” transport to land on Mindoro in the Philippines was piloted by Lt. James G. Threlkeld of Memphis.

Lt. Threlkeld has been with the troop carriers in the Southwest Pacific for the past 14 months.

He landed his plane on Mindoro airfield just a few days after it was wrested from the Japs. Unarmed and in adverse weather conditions these planes and their crews braved enemy action to deliver their precious cargoes on time.

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