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**Friday, 13 April 1945 – Island of Ie Shima**  
**Crash of B-24 44-49827, 'Rum and Coke'**  
**TSGT Thaler's Pictures and Mission Log Write-up**



# 11  
APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> (FRIDAY)  
TIME 9:00  
TARGET - HONG-KONG  
FLAK WAS HEAVY AND  
WE WERE SHOT UP  
BADLY. LANDING GEAR  
WAS SHOT OUT. WE  
MADE BLURRY LAND-  
ING. PLANE WAS  
WASHED OUT BUT NO  
ONE WAS HURT.  
L.H.  
7640

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**Crew photo, TSGT Leo H Thaler kneeling at far left of photo**



**Leo H Thaler**  
**Laid to Rest**  
**Maimonides Cemetery - Elmont, New York**  
**Age 88 years**