



**Thomas (Tom)  
Irving**

*Other*

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**Nov 17, 1916 -**

**BIRTHPLACE: Illinois**

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### **SOLDIER DETAILS**

**DIVISION: Other, First AEF**

**THEATER OF OPERATION: European**

**HONORED BY: Alice Irving, wife; Children, Kay, Tom, Jack, grandchildren and great-grandchildren**

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

Thomas Walter Irving enlisted in 1941. His branch of service was the American Red Cross. He served in Ireland, England, India, Africa, and China. He served as the assistant Director of Operations for the American Red Cross. He returned to the States in 1945. The following medal (MEDAL OF FREEDOM) was awarded to Thomas W. Irving on July 6, 1945. Sec. 2 WD Bul 12-1945 MOFF for meritorious service which has aided the United States in the prosecution of war against an enemy during the period indicated was awarded by the War Department to the following named individual, Thomas W. Irving, as assistant director of operations ARC, for the China, Burma, India Theater performed meritorious services from July, 1944 to December, 1945. He was directly responsible for creating and maintaining the high standard of welfare and recreation service for American troops in China. In Shanghai, Mr. Irving directed the creation of the ARC facilities in the newly opened China coastal areas where his valuable services reflected the highest interpretation of the R.C. responsibility to the military forces of the United States.