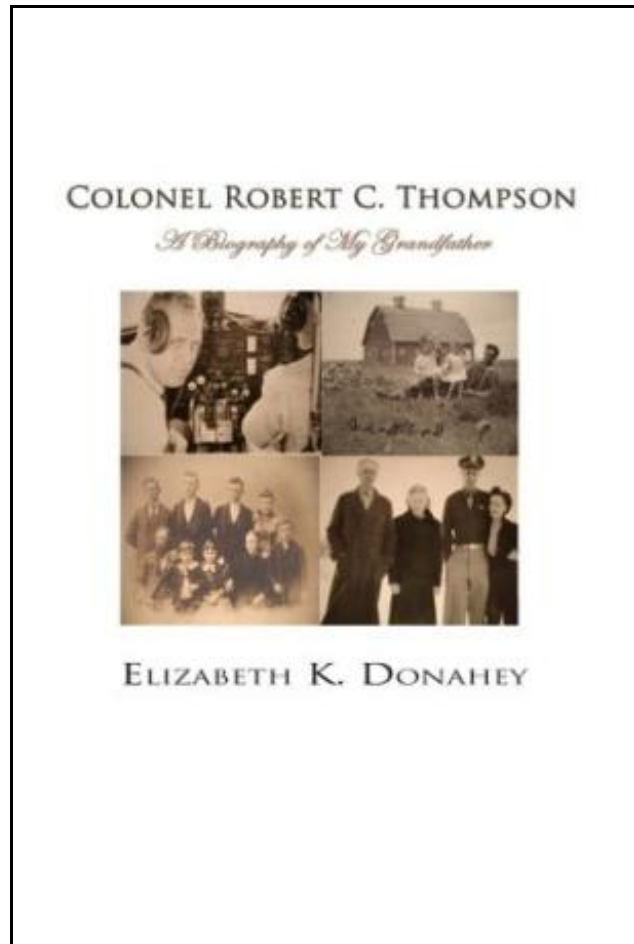


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CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform. Paperback. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Paperback. 34 pages. Dimensions: 9.0in. x 6.0in. x 0.1in.About Colonel Robert C. Thompson: The Biography of My Grandfather. This is the story of U. S. Air Force Colonel (ret. ) Robert C. (akaTommy) Thompson of Lompoc, California who passed away on Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at the age of 88. Tommys story is told by his youngest granddaughter Elizabeth Donahey who sat alongside her grandfather listening to and documenting his lifes recollections during the year leading up to his death in 2006. This biography is a candid yet elegant account that captures the major highlights of his life, from the hand-built town of Cactus Lake, Canada in turn of the century, to intense accounts of his days as a military leader in the battles of WWII. When Tommy went to enlist in the Army, a recruiting sergeant encouraged him to take an aviation exam instead. Although he had never been in an airplane or considered becoming a pilot, Tommy took the necessary test and was one of five who passed, out of a total of 50 that tried. He became a cadet in the Army Air Force on January 27, 1942. Just a few weeks later, he completed his pilot training at Kelly Field in San Antonio, Texas. While stationed as a Second Lieutenant and flight instructor for C47 Gooney Bird planes at Bergstrom Air Force Base, in Austin, Texas, Tommy met Anne Lee Harris at a dance and was married less than a year later on October 2, 1943. During WWII, Tommy served with the 318th Troop Carrier Squadron in the South Pacific, leading missions that dropped supplies and picked up wounded soldiers. When the war was over, Tommy left the service to complete a...



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