

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

WILLIAMS, Jack Oswald

Date of birth

4 January 1922

Age

22

Place of birth

**Pittsburgh, Alleghany County,
Pennsylvania**

Hometown

Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia

Military service

Service number

O-718039

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**410th Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

11 September 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
C	38	14

Immediate family

Members

Joseph S. Williams (father)

Carrie Williams (mother)

Marguerite Williams (sister)

Orville Williams (brother)

Joseph S. Williams (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-31653

Data

Type: B-17G

Nickname: Erie Ferry

Destination: Bohlen, Germany

Mission: Bombing of oil refinery

MACR: 8840

More information

2nd Lt Jack Williams enlisted on 10 September 1942 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Statement of 2nd Lt Thomas C.S. Houser:

"One minute after bombs away, while executing a sharp turn off the target, this aircraft slid over and hit A/C #153, another aircraft in the same group, breaking the latter in two near the ball turret. A/C 653 had nose pushed in but continued to fly back and forth over the target area. Four chutes were observed, but it is not known which aircraft they came from.

Considerable propwash was encountered from Belgium coast into target. Another Group of B-17's ran a collision course to our group while on the bomb run. The high group of the Wing running collision course, flew directly through our formation.

These incidents probable had a tiring and straining effect on all pilots and can be considered as a contributory cause of the collision."

It was his second mission.

Photos



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