

## Fields of Honor Memorial

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### Personal info

Full name

**WILLIS, Gordon J**

Date of birth

**1924**

Age

**unknown**

Place of birth

**Colorado**

Hometown

**San Francisco, California**

### Military service

Service number

**19138634**

Rank

**Staff Sergeant**

Unit

**364th Bombardment Squadron,  
305th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**22 May 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
B	42	52

### Immediate family

Members

**Grace Willis (mother)**

## Plane data

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Serial number

**42-37979**

Data

**Type: B-17G**

**Nickname: Bayou Gall**

**Destination: Kiel, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the navy yard**

**MACR: 4951**

## More information

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S/Sgt Gordon J. Willis enlisted on 28 September 1942 in San Francisco, California.

The aircraft was hit by flak and was reported to have blown up, after it had left the formation with one wing a solid mass of flames. No parachutes were seen. All 10 crewmembers were killed.

## Photos

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Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com), [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov) - WWII Enlistment Record, [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) - MACR, [www.8thafhs.com](http://www.8thafhs.com)

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