



Personal info

Full name

WILLIAMS, Gaylon Clovis

Date of birth

10 July 1923

Age

21

Place of birth

Donie, Freestone County, Texas

Hometown

Limestone County, Texas

Military service

Service number

O-720046

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**360th Bombardment Squadron,
303rd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

10 October 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	9	39

Immediate family

Members

Elbert H. Williams (father)
Mary L. (Cobbs) Williams (mother)
Emma Williams (sister)
Carl L. Williams (brother)
Mary E. Williams (sister)
Paul R. Williams (brother)
Ovid E. Williams (brother)
Elbert H. Williams (brother)
Jerry V. Williams (brother)
Bobby J. Williams (brother)
Gerry G. Williams (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-107196

Data

Type: B-17G
Nickname: Temptress
Destination: Brux, Czech Republic
Mission: Bombing of the synthetic oil plant
MACR: 8825

More information

2nd Lt Gaylon Williams attended college.

He joined the Air Corps of the U.S. Army Reserve in Houston, Texas on 18 February 1943.

The mission took place on 12 September 1944.

The airplane received a hit in the #1 engine and the propeller was feathered. It first dropped back out of formation and seemed to be holding altitude pretty well. Then it slid off to the left and made a 180 degree turn to the east. When it was last seen, it was in a tight spin after the crew had bailed out.

Eyewitnesses state that 2nd Lt Gaylon C. Williams was badly wounded when he bailed out, about 40 miles northeast of Berlin, Germany. He was taken prisoner of war and was evacuated to a hospital in Neuruppin. He died a month later after much suffering. He was initially buried in Neuruppin.

The airplane crashed near Jachymov, Czechoslovakia.

The other nine crew members survived and were taken prisoner.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, www.303rdbg.com, National WWII memorial, Footnote

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