

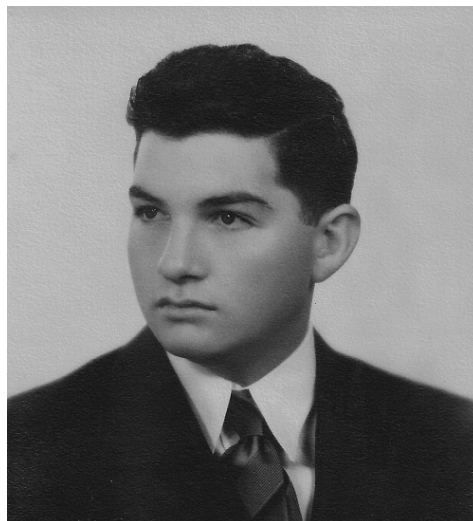
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Personal info

Full name

MURRAY, Billy Jim

Date of birth

25 March 1923

Age

22

Place of birth

Hidalgo, Texas

Hometown

Anderson County, Kansas

Military service

Service number

18162953

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**325th Bombardment Squadron,
92nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Distinguished Flying Cross,
Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Died non-Battle

Date of death

18 May 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
A	8	7

Immediate family

Members

George P. Murray (father)

Sadie (Maltby) Murray (mother)

Earlene E. Murray (sister)

Bernice L. Murray (sister)

Forrest F. Murray (brother)

More information

S/Sgt Billy J. Murray attended high school for four years and worked in a machine shop. He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States in Tulsa, Oklahoma on 2 December 1942.

The flight was British Hudson V9169 detailed to fly from Luneburg, Germany and transport British former POW's to Brussels, Belgium.

These were nonstop flights continuing night and day, and regarded as an emergency to remove all the POW's out of Germany as soon as possible.

On this particular flight, there was not enough of the British POW's available for flight, so American POW's were boarded.

There were eight passengers on board and five crew members.

Upon landing, the airplane bounced badly and the pilot attempted re-take off, engines gunned, he climbed steeply, fell back in a tail slide, stalled, nosedived to the ground, and burst into flames upon impact. There were no survivors.

Photos

