

**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



