



Personal info

Full name

TIDWELL, Billy Mack

Date of birth

27 October 1923

Age

20

Place of birth

**Dennis, Tishomingo County,
Mississippi**

Hometown

Tishomingo County, Mississippi

Military service

Service number

14129923

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**333rd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Distinguished Service Cross,
Purple Heart**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

11 April 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	14	18

Immediate family

Members

Henry W. Tidwell (father)
Hestie Tidwell (mother)
Athar L. Tidwell (brother)
Herbert L. Tidwell (brother)
Maurice Tidwell (brother)
Eula Tidwell (sister)
Ruth Tidwell (sister)
Cathleen Tidwell (sister)
Nadine Tidwell (sister)
Bernell Tidwell (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-97086

Data

Type: B-17G
Destination: Arnimswalde & return
Mission: Operational
MACR: 4008

More information

S/Sgt Billy M. Tidwell worked with his father on the family farm.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps on 22 July 22 1942 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

The aircraft lost two engines due to flak over the Danish Peninsula and left the formation under control. S/Sgt Tidwell was believed to be injured because he called for other crewmembers to help him out of the wreckage. They tried to get him out but he was pinned in. They worked until the flames got too hot and close for their safety. The ammunition began to explode because of the heat and they believed that S/Sgt Tidwell was burned to death.

S/Sgt Tidwell is remembered at Joel Cemetery in Dennis, Tishomingo County, Mississippi with a memorial marker.

Photos



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