

James Swayne Wilson, Jr., T-40

21 September 1927 – 12 April 1951

(aged 29)



United States Air Force Captain served with the 93rd Bomber Squadron, 19th Bomber Wing.

He was was a crewmember of a B-29A Superfortress Bomber that was attacked by fifteen to twenty MiGs. It exploded and crashed into a mountain near Sinuiju, North Korea. His remains were recovered on December 8, 1993.

Hot Box (44-69682) – *When 15-20 MiGs attacked this aircraft during the Yalu River Bridge Mission on April 12, 1951, its #2 engine caught fire, and then the entire wing caught fire. The aircraft exploded and crashed into a mountain near Sinuiju. The tail gunner of B-29 6323 observed the crash and saw no parachutes, but there is strong evidence that some of the crew survived the attack and were taken POW. Crew members were:*

- Aaron, 1Lt George N. – New York, New York – born July 16, 1917. He survived this particular crash but later reports stated that he died April 22, 1951 during friendly fire strafing. Remains returned 1994.*

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- *Bergmann, Sgt. Louis Henry – St. Paul, Minnesota – born May 01, 1926.*
 - *Bevans, Sgt Robert Warren – San Rafael, California – born December 18, 1913. He survived this crash.*
 - *Bullock, 2Lt Elmer Trombly – Portsmouth, New Hampshire – born November 19, 1922. Remains recovered 1994.*
 - *Elsman, Sgt Ralph Jr. – Los Gatos, California – born August 7, 1924.*
 - *Hatfield, Lt Col Douglas Hampton – Shenandoah, Virginia – born August 7, 1919. He was a POW, held after the war and not returned in Big Switch.*
 - *Simpson, Capt Richard Harold – Fairhaven, Michigan – born July 25, 1923.*
 - *Wilson, 1Lt James Swayne Jr. – Memphis, Tennessee – born September 21, 1921.*