

**KELLY**, William P.

“Wild Bill”

B: 23 August 1918 Saratoga Springs, NY

D: 5 February 1943 The North Sea



**Hometown:** Saratoga, New York

**Rank:** Captain

**MOS:** 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

**Unit:** 335th Fighter Squadron

**Aircraft:**

Spitfire Mk VB BM581 AV-K *Kelly's Kite*

**4th Service:** 14 October 1942 – 5 February 1943

26 OCT 43 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

28 JAN 43 Promoted to Captain

25 FEB 43 Aircraft struck by flak while strafing an enemy convoy off Walcherin Island. Attempted to make land, but a/c was seen to go into the North Sea. Body not recovered.

KIA.

Tablets of the Missing  
Netherlands American Cemetery  
Margraten, Netherlands

**Victories:**

None

**Decorations:**

Air Medal (OLC), Purple Heart