



8th Air Force



96th Bomb Group

**Boyd Wilson Sholl**  
**Master Sergeant U.S. Army Air Corps**  
**24 September 1941 – 4 October 1945**

Boyd was born on 17 November 1917 in Bellefonte, in Centre County, Pennsylvania. He attended grade school and high school in Bellefonte, graduating from Bellefonte High School in 1936. After high school, he moved to Allentown, Pennsylvania, in 1936 where he worked at the Trexler Fish Hatchery on Lehigh Parkway in Allentown before entering the service. He enlisted as a Private in the Army Air Corps on 24 September 1941 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and underwent initial and follow-on technical training at Wichita Falls, Texas, to become a certified Airplane Mechanic on 21 March 1942. After Wichita, he was successively assigned to MacDill Field in Florida; Gowen Field in Boise, Idaho; and Pocatello Army Air Base in Idaho before being ordered overseas. After Pocatello, Boyd left for Camp Kilmer in New Brunswick, New Jersey, an East Coast staging area for further transfer overseas. He arrived at Snetterton Heath, England, on 20 April 1943. He served there in the 8th Air Force as a B-17 Flying Fortress Crew Chief in the 21st Reconnaissance Squadron, 413th Division, 96th Bomb Group, until the end of World War II. He was discharged on 4 October 1945 as a Master Sergeant and returned to Emmaus, Pennsylvania, where he was employed by The Bell Telephone Company.



Camp Kilmer, New Jersey



B-17 Flying Fortress

Boyd worked for Bell Telephone until retiring in 1980. In June 1946, Boyd married **Arlene M. Hoffman** (born 16 October 1919) in Emmaus, where they raised two sons, **Gary Sholl** (born 8 January 1949) and **Dennis Sholl** (born 13 January 1951). In May 2002, Boyd and Arlene moved from Emmaus to Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania. Boyd died on 2 June 2003, and Arlene continued to reside in Lower Macungie. Boyd is buried at Western Salisbury United Church of Christ in Salisbury Township. His parents were **Boyd R. Sholl** (1885 – 1963) and **Mary M. Keane** (1885 – 1971).