

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT GLEN INGLIS MURRIE - EDEN VALLEY

Second World War

Glen Inglis Murrie was born in Hazelwood, Adelaide on 7 March 1922 to parents George Murrie and Lulu (nee Murray). Glen attended Adelaide High School and Scotch College in Adelaide.

Glen's occupation prior to enlisting was pastoralist, working at Avon Brae, Eden Valley.

Glen enlisted with the Royal Australian Air Force on 21 July 1941 at the No 5 Recruiting Centre. Glen's brothers Bruce and David also enlisted with the Royal Australian Air Force.

Glen was awarded the Flying Badge on 7 March 1942 and promoted as Flying Officer on 30 October 1942. On 30 April 1944 Glen was promoted to Flight Lieutenant of No. 22 Squadron. Glen flew over 880 hours.

Flight Lieutenant Murrie's Boston Aircraft A28-55 was shot by Japanese Navy guarding the beach, in the vicinity of Kai Islands, Netherlands, East Indies and Murrie was last seen to jettison his hatch and abandon his aircraft with his parachute failing to open.

Murrie is listed as killed in action on 23 September 1944, aged 22 years.

In 1945, Flight Lieutenant Murrie was given a Posthumous award for "a sense of responsibility, an understanding of his work and aircraft and a capability of leadership of the highest order. He was an outstanding leader in operations, and set a high example in courage, determination and ability in attacking his targets."

Lest We Forget.



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