## Consolidated B-24E #42-7408 and #42-7183

Mid-Air Collision

December 29, 1943

## Part Two

On December 29, 1943, five B-24 bombers with the 789th Bomb Squadron (467th Bomb Group) at Wendover Army Air Field, Utah, were on a formation flying practice mission to Pocatello, Idaho. Two of the aircraft accidentally collided and crashed near the western shore of the Great Salt Lake, killing 25 men. In August 2024, during a survey of the two crash sites, a dog tag belonging to the co-pilot of #408, Lt. John D. Rogers, was located. The dog tag was returned to his relatives in Illinois. In May 2025, Lt. Roger's nephew, Larry Rogers, and his two sons, Tim and John, visited the crash site with a special memorial plaque honoring the crewmen of both aircraft. Site revisited on 5/3/25.

For the original story, please see this link: https://www.aircraftwrecks.com/B-24E%2042-7408.pdf



Lt. John D. Rogers, from West Frankfort, Illinois (Courtesy of the Rogers Family)



The dog tag belonging to Lt. Rogers that was discovered in May 2024



Larry Rogers (center) and his sons Tim (left) and John (right) with a special memorial plaque designed by Tim to honor the men of #408 and #183

# Second Air Force / 15th Wing 467th Bombardment Group / 790th Bombardment Squadron

On December 29th while on a formation training mission from Wendover Air Base to Pocatello Air Base, serial numbers 42-7408 and 42-7183 were involved in a mid-air collision resulting in the loss of life on both aircraft. The preparation for the liberation of Europe resulted in many sacrifices, this incident is one of many. All gave some, some gave all and may their names be never forgotten.

## Serial 42-7408

Austin W Clark Milton O Bell John D Rogers James B Sharp Richard R Abmyer Anton P Brakjovick Ralph E Dahlkamp Francis E Hansen Stanley F Roberson Hans R Priester Joseph L Guth Edward W Arnold Hugh W Robinson

#### Carrol E Meyer Paul J Kohler Lawrence G McGinnis Richard Settineri Clyde Hewitt Lawrence A Griffin Ray W Ganbol William D Lieber James H Hutchenson John H Moffett Saul Becker Loyd E Fowler

Serial 42-7183

A close-up photo of the memorial plaque



Larry Rogers holds a timing gear from a R-1830 engine (Courtesy of Tim Rogers)



American flag that was placed on a large piece of wreckage at the site