

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



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