

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

CAMERON, Edward Hedley

Date of birth

25 November 1913

Age

29

Place of birth

Teague, Freestone County, Texas

Hometown

Mexia, Limestone County, Texas

Military service

Service number

38137217

Rank

Technical Sergeant

Unit

**410th Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

13 June 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
B	37	26

Immediate family

Members

Edward Cameron (father)

Fannie E. (Waldrip) Cameron (mother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-29715

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: Klo Kay

Destination: Kiel, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the U-boat yards

MACR: 15162

More information

Edward H. Cameron was a mechanic.

He enlisted in Tyler, Texas on 13 April 1942.

The MACR contains the following story about what happened during the attack:

Capt Rawlinson was pilot on a B-17 plane on a mission to bomb Kiel, Germany, 13 June

1943. Target time was, approximately, 0810. About twenty minutes before reaching the target the plane was heavily attacked by enemy fighters and the No. 2 engine was set afire. The prop on No. 2 engine was feathered and shortly thereafter the ball turret gunner called on the intercom and said he was coming out of the ball as he could not operate due to smoke and heat. At this time Capt Rawlinson told the co-pilot, Capt Hebert, to go to the rear and investigate the condition of the plane. Capt Herbert turned around almost immediately and announced that the fire was spreading through the bomb bay. Capt Rawlinson then rang the bail-out alarm and found that the intercom was out of commission. During the period covered by the above, the plane was constantly under severe fighter attack from apparently close range. Capt Hebert and the top turret gunner, S/Sgt Harold S. Hiltz, immediately prepared to abandon the plane and secured their chest type parachutes. The gunner and Capt Hebert disappeared through the catwalk toward the nose, apparently heading for the nose escape hatch. Capt Rawlinson at this time made a turn off the IP toward the target with the intention of dropping salvo bombs from the cockpit and then abandon the plane. Altitude at this time was 28,500 feet. Just prior to bomb release time the plane exploded and Capt Rawlinson who was wearing a seat type parachute was blown clear of the wreckage. As soon as he cleared the debris he pulled his ripcord and immediately thereafter blacked out. He became conscious again while on the way down and noticed one parachute in the air about 200 yards from him. He does not know whether or not this parachute came from his own plane. He then blacked out again and remained unconscious until he landed and was in the hands of Germans who captured him.

Nine crew members were killed, Capt Rawlinson was taken prisoner. The killed crew members were initially buried at a cemetery in Schoenberg, Germany on 17 June 1943.

It was the first and only mission of this crew.

Photos



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