



Personal info

Full name

EMERY, William Kingston

Date of birth

11 December 1916

Age

28

Place of birth

**Manchester, Hillsborough County,
New Hampshire**

Hometown

San Francisco, San Francisco County, California

Military service

Service number

39095551

Rank

Corporal

Unit

**567th Bombardment Squadron,
389th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

unknown

Death & Grave

Status

Died non-Battle

Date of death

7 May 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
K	4	3

Immediate family

Members

William A. Emery (father)

Ada C. (Young) Emery (mother)

Elsie G. Emery (sister)

Rachel Emery (sister)

Lucy E. (Crofoot) Emery (wife)

More information

Cpl William K. Emery attended college was an errand boy before he enlisted in San Francisco, California on 16 July 1942. He was an accomplished musician and had planned to audition for the San Francisco Symphony (California) before enlistment. He played the viola.

He was an airplane engine mechanic in the 567th Bomber Squadron

Sgt Emery was a passenger on a B-24J with serial number 44-10620, which was on a Trolley mission.

Trolley missions were flown in early May 1945. The purpose being to provide all crew and ground personnel the opportunity to see the results of their contribution in the strategic air war against Germany. Many precautions were taken on these missions, and the most responsible and experienced pilots were chosen to fly. There were no trolley missions flown in bad weather. Despite such precautions, accidents occurred, such as this.

The pilot of the lead aircraft in the element in which Lt Saunderson was to fly left wing, said that he contacted Lt Saunderson once while the aircraft were circling the field. Lt Saunderson said that he was going to pull up on the wing. When Lt Saunderson failed to do so the other pilot tried several more times to contact him, however he was unable to do so. The other pilot then went out on course.

The aircraft crashed into the Engers Bridge.

All nineteen men aboard were killed, and of only six of them the remains were recovered.

Photos



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