



Personal info

Full name

RISER, William Caudie

Date of birth

15 September 1925

Age

19

Place of birth

Calhoun County, South Carolina

Hometown

Calhoun County, South Carolina

Military service

Service number

34847945

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

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

Awards

unknown

Death & Grave

Status

Missing in Action

Date of death

7 May 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Willie L. Riser (father)
Margaret Riser (sister)
Annette Riser (sister)

More information

Sgt William C. Riser enlisted at Fort Jackson, South Carolina on 20 November 1943.

He was a gunner in the 567th Bomber Squadron

Sgt Riser was a passenger on a B-24J with serialnumber 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.

Sgt. William Caudie Riser is remembered at Pine Grove Lutheran Church Cemetery in Lone Star, Calhoun County, South Carolina.

Photos



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