

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

BOLGER, Patrick J

Date of birth

8 April 1911

Age

32

Place of birth

Kilkenny, County Kilkenny, Ireland

Hometown

The Bronx, Bronx County, New York

Military service

Service number

32439400

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**331st Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

27 September 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	15	7

Immediate family

Members

Mary Bolger (mother)

Margaret Bolger (sister)

William Bolger (brother)

Elizabeth Bolger (sister)

Edward Bolger (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-5888

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: Elusive Elcy

Destination: Emden, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the port area

MACR: 732

More information

S/Sgt Patrick J Bolger immigrated from Irish Free State (now known as Ireland) on 12 August 1929. He was employed as a cashier at Emigrant Savings Bank.

The aircraft was attacked by enemy fighters and was last seen on fire, losing altitude, going down. It's left wing then came off and it exploded. Two men were seen to come out of the ship, but only one with a parachute.

S/Sgt Bolger was initially buried at the cemetery of Wittmund, Germany on 28 September 1943.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.fold3.com, WWII Draft Card, 1940 US Census

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