



Bubolz, Jr., Edward H. - S SG USAAF Service Number 38546130; 334th Bomb Squadron, 95th Bomber Group (H),
Born Sept 20, 1924; died May 7, 1945 Non-Battle
Buried: Missing in Action or Buried at Sea
Tablets of the Missing at Cambridge American Cemetery
Cambridge, England.

[Eddie was in the photography unit of the 334th (?), 95th bomb group (heavy). Eight Air Force. Horham UK. MIA in loss of the last airplane lost by the Eight Air Force on 7 May, 1945, the day before VE day. B-17G 44-8640 piloted by Capt. Lionel Scurmann – per Bubolz Family Tree – Ancestry Public]

1930 Census -Seymour, Baylor, Texas son of Edward H. Bubolz and Louise Edna (Radtke) Bubolz, all born in Wisconsin;

1940 Census – Calvert, Falls County, Texas, son of Edward H. Bubolz and Louise Edna (Radtke) Bubolz, sibling Robert Bubolz, 5.

Edward H Bubolz – listed as :Killed In Service” Also “48640 - This aircraft came under anti-aircraft fire on the approach to the food drop zone, One engine was feathered due to flak damage and on the way back over the channel the aircraft was ditched” – from 95th Bomb Group Memorial Association

"By January 1945, Edward H. Bubolz, Jr., the son of Edward H. And Edna Bubolz of Columbus, found himself stationed in England, assigned to the 8th Air Force as a ball-turret gunner on a B-17 bomber. The following month he participated in his first bombing run, a raid against a railroad bridge in the German city of Cologne. Probably, he continued to fly such missions for the next few months ; however, his unit made its last bombing runs in April 24. By that date, they had basically run out of targets; sites that they might conceivably bomb were dangerously close to Allied ground troop positions. Within days, Hitler had committed suicide and Berlin had fallen to the Soviets. On May 7, 1945, general Alfred Johl signed the inevitable surrender. Bubolz died the same day. The plane he was on had completed a routine flight over Holland to drop food and supplies. On the return to England, the plane caught fire, and he and other crew members parachuted into the North Sea. The pilot and co-pilot stayed with the plane, crashing into the ocean. Ironically, they were the only two survivors of the incident. Bubolz was survived by his parents and his brother, Robert. A service was held in his memory on July 19, 1945. source: Nesbitt Memorial Library Journal, Volume 5, Number 3, September, 1995

From Douglas Phillips, dougspobox@outlook.com : I am researching a possible book about the loss of B17 44-8640 during World War 2. I was pleased to find a bio and photo of Eddie H Bubholz Jr. that was linked to your site. His parents were part of the Wendish Heritage. There is an error on the bio sheet. This statement is incorrect " The pilot and copilot stayed with the plane, crashing into the ocean. Ironically, they were the only two survivors of the incident." The pilot Lt Lionel Scurman escaped the plane but drowned. He was originally buried at Cambridge England but was interred at Arlington National Cemetery in 1947. The only two survivors were Co Pilot James R Schwarz and David Condon who was a gunner. It is said that they bailed out. Otherwise the biography appears factual. Sincerely Douglas Phillips.