



Personal info

Full name

BRAGUE, Roger J

Date of birth

12 December 1920

Age

23

Place of birth

Los Angeles County, California

Hometown

Riverside County, California

Military service

Service number

O-807813

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**856th Bombardment Squadron,
492nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

19 May 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
A	11	7

Immediate family

Members

Charles R. Brague (father)

Renee (Lyon) Brague (mother)

Kathryn L. Brague (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

44-40088

Data

Type: B-24J

Nickname: Katie Jean

Destination: Brunswick, Germany

Mission: Bombing

MACR: 5246

More information

2nd Lt Roger J. Brague enlisted in San Francisco, California on 27 April 1942.

On 19 May 44, they flew with the Group on a bombing mission to attack a marshalling yard in Brunswick, Germany. Their position in the Group's formation was on the far right. Always a dangerous position as the Luftwaffe often likes starting at one end, chewing their way across. As they were approaching their target, the 492nd got caught without fighter protection by about 40 German fighters. The wave of enemy FW-190s came in quickly from about one to two o'clock high. Just before the plane fireballed, Lt Wymond, Sgt Dorow and Sgt Kline were able to get out. The blast threw two more men, Lt DeRose and Lt Warakomski, from the plane and they survived and parachuted safely to the ground. Lt. Brague was immediately killed in the initial strike. All of the dead were initially buried in the Lutter Cemetery. After the war their bodies were recovered and buried in US cemeteries.

2nd Lt Roger J. Brague was first buried at Temporary American Military Cemetery Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium Block N, Row 1, Grave 9.

Photos



Source of information: Michel Beckers, www.ancestry.com - U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S. Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil / 1940 Census, [492nd Bomb Group](http://492ndBombGroup.com), [www.wwiimemorial](http://www.wwiimemorial.com), www.fold3.com

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