



Personal info

Full name

BRENNAN, Richard Edmund

Date of birth

21 July 1913

Age

30

Place of birth

San Diego, San Diego County, California

Hometown

Burlingame, San Mateo County, California

Military service

Service number

39117715

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

19 May 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	8	29

Immediate family

Members

Elmund B. Brennan (father)
Caroline Brennan (mother)
Roger M. Brennan (brother)
Agnes L. Brennan (sister)
James A. Brennan (brother)
Mary L. Brennan (sister)
Juanita E. Brennan (wife)
Gordon Brennan (son)
Jacklyn Brennan (daughter)

Plane data

Serial number

42-31540

Data

Type: B-17G
Nickname: Miss Donna Mae II
Destination: Berlin, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the city
MACR: 4946

More information

S/Sgt Richard E. Brennan graduated from San Mateo High School and was employed by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company before he enlisted in San Francisco, California on 19 December 1942.

The plane had 10 crew members and 1 passenger, T/Sgt John B. Davis, on board. The airplane was hit by a 1000 lb. bomb from an aircraft flying overhead in the High Squadron. The tail section of the aircraft was broken off and the aircraft went down in what appeared to be a straight nose dive. One wing was observed to fall off when the aircraft was about 13,000 feet. Two parachutes were observed. This accident occurred directly over the target on signal of bombs away.

The entire crew of 11 was killed and first buried at the POW Cemetery in Elsgrund-Döberitz between 24 and 31 May 1944. Between 30 November and 7 December 1946 their remains were disinterred and evacuated to Ardennes.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.fold3.com - MACR, www.newspapers.com - The Times of San Mateo, WWII Draft Card

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