

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

PRANGL, Louis S

Date of birth

24 August 1924

Age

20

Place of birth

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Hometown

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Military service

Service number

36658360

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**569th Bombardment Squadron,
390th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

14 February 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
H	16	24

Immediate family

Members

John J. Prangl (father)

Mathilda (Pazur) Prangl (mother)

Janina Prangl (sister)

Dolores Prangl (sister)

Elaine E. Prangl (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

43-39079

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Chemnitz

Mission: Bombing of the marshalling yard

MACR: 12350

Biography

www.louishensgens.com

More information

Louis S. Prangle graduated from Kelvyn Park High School.

He had been in service 22 months, six of which were spent overseas.

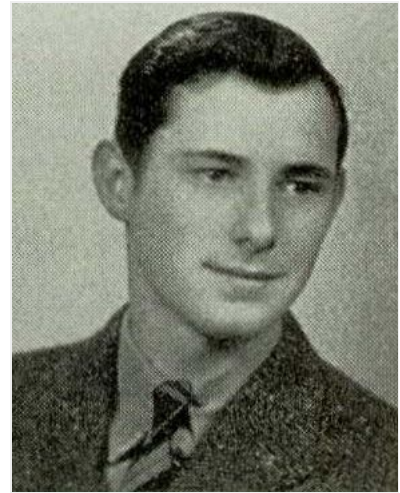
The intended target was to bomb the marshalling yard of Chemnitz with 332 airplanes, but 38 attacked the airfield of Eger as a target of opportunity. According to the MACR, this airplane was part of these 38.

The airplane received a direct hit by flak about the radio room, which bent the ship into a V for a moment. It then broke in two sections, with the forward section going into the ground and exploding and with the tail section spinning slowly down. Several crews reported three bodies leaving the rear section, with only one parachute seen, which seemed to only open partially. Two men survived the crash and were taken prisoner, the remaining seven men were killed.

According to medical examinations of his remains, S/Sgt William C. Eckerle must have hit the ground very hard while landing with his parachute.

The killed crew members were first buried at a civilian cemetery in Kettenbach, Germany.

Photos



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