



Personal info

Full name

BRAATZ, Elroy John

Date of birth

26 June 1921

Age

23

Place of birth

**Milwaukee, Milwaukee County,
Wisconsin**

Hometown

Milwaukee County, Wisconsin

Military service

Service number

36842645

Rank

Private

Unit

**2nd Battalion,
513th Parachute Infantry Regiment,
17th Airborne Division,
313th Troop Carrier Group**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

26 March 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
F	15	11

Immediate family

Members

John H. Braatz (father)

Lillian G. (Schultz) Braatz (mother)

Lauretta Braatz (sister)

Virginia Braatz (wife)

More information

Pvt Elroy J. Braatz was aboard a C-46 aircraft in Serial A-5, 313 TCCG, 9th TCC scheduled to drop by parachute into Drop Zone W. Due to a smokescreen and disorientation of the aircraft, his unit was dropped 2.5 miles northeast of the drop zone east of a railway line and 1.5 miles southwest of Hamminkeln, Germany. After landing, his unit fought its way to within 1 mile northeast of Diersfordt where he was killed.

Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.ww2-airborne.us, www.ancestry.com - 1930 Census / Headstone and Interment Record / family trees, 17th Airborne Division Historical Report of Operation Varsity, Book: The Last Drop, March 24-25, 1945 by Stephen L. Wright

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