



Personal info

Full name

MELLON, James Benedict Jr

Date of birth

4 October 1915

Age

28

Place of birth

Connecticut

Hometown

Naugatuck, New Haven County, Connecticut

Military service

Service number

31281346

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**360th Bombardment Squadron,
303rd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

28 September 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

| Plot | Row | Grave |
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Immediate family

Members

James B. Mellon (father)
Julia Mellon (mother)
Robert Mellon (brother)
Teresa (Wesig) Mellon (wife)
Richard J. Mellon (son)

Plane data

Serial number

43-38572

Data

Type: B-17G
Destination: Magdeburg, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the city
MACR: 9404

More information

Sgt James B. Mellon attended college and was an accountant at the Swift Company in Waterbury, Connecticut.

He enlisted in Hartford, Connecticut on 21 January 1943.

The formation was victim to severe attacks from enemy fighters. The aircraft's right wing was on fire but it apparently was still under control. The entire crew of nine was killed. They were initially buried at the cemetery of Schladen.

Photos



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