

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

MESCHER, Edward C

Date of birth

11 September 1920

Age

22

Place of birth

**Spokane, Spokane County,
Washington**

Hometown

Spokane County, Washington

Military service

Service number

20942331

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**364th Bombardment Squadron,
305th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

4 April 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
C	25	8

Immediate family

Members

Clemens J. Mescher (father)

Nellie E. (Horr) Mescher (mother)

Wayne E. Mescher (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-5232

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: Available Jones

Destination: Paris-Billancourt, France

Mission: Renault Motor Works aviation industry

MACR: 15592

More information

S/Sgt Edward C. Mescher attended Lewis and Clark High School for three years.

He joined the Regular Army in Fort Lewis, Washington on 4 October 1941.

Soon after bombs away, the airplane was attacked by more than 20 fighters. Engines #2 and "3 were hit and belch smoke, the communications system was out. The tip of the left wing was destroyed, the vertical stabilizer pierced, the oxygen supply system was dead and the airplane lost altitude and contact with the formation.

Seven crew members survived and were taken prisoner, one could evade capture Two men were killed.

He was first buried at the Temporary American Military Cemetery of St. Andre, France.

Photos



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