



### 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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