



Personal info

Full name

BURGIN, James Leonard

Date of birth

3 May 1924

Age

19

Place of birth

Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee

Hometown

Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee

Military service

Service number

14161327

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

**333rd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

26 November 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Epinal

Plot	Row	Grave
B	29	31

Immediate family

Members

James C. Burgin (father)

Anna T. (Nipper) Burgin (mother)

Margaret H. Burgin (sister)

Virginia L. Burgin (sister)

Eugene Burgin (brother)

Thelma Burgin (sister)

Shirley L. Burgin (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-3185

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: Queen Bee

Destination: Ivry, Paris, France

Mission: Bombing of the ball bearing factory

MACR: 1125

More information

Sgt James L. Burgin was an optician at Knoxville Optical Dispensary.

He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States at Camp Forrest, Tennessee on 16 November 1942.

The airplane was attacked by enemy fighters. The interphone was out of action, the right aileron was chattered and the gas tanks punctured. It crashed in Londinières. Seven crew members were taken prisoner, one evaded capture and one man was killed. Sgt Burgin was found wounded and died the same day in the Luftwaffe Lazaret in Beauvais.

He was first buried at the French Memorial Cemetery of Marissel in Beauvais, France.

Photos



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