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Personal info

Full name

GILMER, Melvin E

Date of birth

1925

Age

unknown

Place of birth

Idaho

Hometown

Hubbard, Marion County, Oregon

Military service

Service number

19202112

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

**331st Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

7 October 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Lorraine

Plot	Row	Grave
E	26	31

Immediate family

Members

Jesse L. Gilmer (father)

Mabel M. (Shank) Gilmer (mother)

Lloyd Gilmer (brother)

Wilma Gilmer (sister)

Charles Gilmer (brother)

Clarence Gilmer (brother)

Kenneth Gilmer (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-39896

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Bohlen, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the oil refineries

MACR: 9554

More information

Sgt Melvin E. Gilmer enlisted at Fort Lewis, Washington on 12 January 1944.

The airplane was shot down by fighters.

Statement:

"At approximately (50°55'N - 11°55'E), 12 minutes before the briefed I.P. was reached, enemy aircraft made sudden attacks on the Group of which this aircraft was a member. The Squadron in which this aircraft was flying bore the brunt of the attacks. About 50 to 60 S/E and T/E aircraft comprised the attacking force. They were mostly FW-190's although a few ME-109's and ME-210's were observed. The attacks lasted for about 10 minutes and there were friendly fighters present, but not in sufficient numbers to give adequate protection. This aircraft was last seen going down in the vicinity of the I.P. Due to the extreme battle conditions prevailing, no further observations were made and no further information regarding this crew is known."

Sgt Gilmer was first buried on the edge of a forest, south of Wiehe.

Source of information: André Koch, www.abmc.gov, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov - WWII Enlistment Record, www.ancestry.com - Headstone and Interment Record / 1920/1930/1940 Census, www.fold3.com - MACR 9554, <http://www.8thafhs.com>
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