



### Personal info

Full name

**MENAUL, James Jr "Jimmy"**

Date of birth

**19 November 1923**

Age

**19**

Place of birth

**Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California**

Hometown

**Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California**

### Military service

Service number

**19179204**

Rank

**Sergeant**

Unit

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

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**14 October 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Lorraine**

Plot	Row	Grave
C	10	41

## Immediate family

Members

**James Menaul (father)**

**Jessie Menaul (mother)**

**Catherine Menaul (sister)**

## Plane data

Serial number

**42-3338**

Data

**Type: B-17F**

**Nickname: Sleepy Time Gal**

**Destination: Schweinfurt, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the ball bearing plants**

**MACR: 791**

## More information

Sgt James Menaul enlisted in Los Angeles, California on 26 October 1942.

Sgt. Menaul, his pilot and three other crew members were killed when their B-17 was hit by anti-aircraft fire and enemy fighters. Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt John T. Chandler, survived and evaded capture with the help of the French Resistance.

During his debriefing after returning to England Lt Chandler described what happened that day:

"Hit by flak over Schweinfurt... We lost the formation and headed for France. At 18,000 feet we caught fire, fighters came in to finish us off..."

Wounded in the stomach by flak, Sgt. Menaul crawled back to his post and continued to return fire until mortally wounded.

He was first buried in Toul, France, near where the wreckage of his plane landed, his remains were later moved to the Lorraine American Cemetery, St. Avold, France.

## Photos



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