

Fields of Honor Memorial

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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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