



Personal info

Full name

MENEFEE, Freddie Otis

Date of birth

25 April 1924

Age

20

Place of birth

Wagner, Charles Mix County, South Dakota

Hometown

Sioux Rapids, Buena Vista County, Iowa

Military service

Service number

37675668

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

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

Awards

Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters

Death & Grave

Status

Died of Wounds

Date of death

7 October 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
A	36	17

Immediate family

Members

Otis L. Menefee (father)
Minnie E. Menefee (mother)
Lavon Menefee (sister)
Phyllis Menefee (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

43-38208

Data

Type: B-17G
Destination: Böhlen, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the Braunkohle-Benzin AG (BRABAG) oil refinery
MACR: 9553

More information

S/Sgt Freddie O. Menefee enlisted at Camp Dodge Herrold, Iowa on 21 July 1943.

At approximately (5055N-1155E), 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 the aircraft was flying bore the brunt of the attacks. About 50 to 60 enemy 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 in the vicinity of the I.P. going down with its left wing on fire.

The aircraft was riddled by 30mm shells and was on fire immediately. The pilot and the co-pilot left the controls when they knew the situation was hopeless. They were unable to contact any other members of the crew due to the fire in the plane. The radio and the interphone were out. Before they could get the escape hatch open, the plane went into a spin.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.findagrave.com, www.fold3.com, <http://iagenweb.org> - The Sioux City Journal, www.ancestry.com - U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S. Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil, WWII Draft Card

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