



## Personal info

Full name

**POULSEN, Leonard Irvin**

Date of birth

**19 April 1924**

Age

**20**

Place of birth

**Piper, Wyandotte County, Kansas**

Hometown

**Toganoxie, Leavenworth County, Kansas**

## Military service

Service number

**37533708**

Rank

**Staff Sergeant**

Unit

**544th Bombardment Squadron,  
384th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**6 April 1945**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
B	32	18

## Immediate family

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### Members

**Christian Poulsen (father)**

**Laura Poulsen (mother)**

**Virginia Poulsen (sister)**

**Marie Poulsen (sister)**

**Helen Poulsen (sister)**

**Evelyn Poulsen (sister)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**43-39164**

### Data

**Type: B-17G**

**Destination: Leipzig, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the rail traffic center**

**MACR: 13850**

## More information

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S/Sgt Leonard I. Poulsen graduated from Tonganoxie Rural High School in 1940. He was employed by the Turgeron Flying Service in Lockport, Illinois.

He enlisted in July 1943 and was sent overseas in October 1944.

The airplane collided with B-17 #43-38801 just after they left the target area.

It peeled off to the right, the #3 engine fell out, and #4 was on fire. It went into a spin and fell apart.

Three crew members were taken prisoner, and five men were killed.

## Photos

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