



Personal info

Full name

POULSEN, Leonard Irvin

Date of birth

19 April 1924

Age

20

Place of birth

Piper, Wyandotte County, Kansas

Hometown

Tonganoxie, 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

Members

Christian Poulsen (father)

Laura Poulsen (mother)

Virginia Poulsen (sister)

Marie Poulsen (sister)

Helen Poulsen (sister)

Evelyn Poulsen (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

43-39164

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Leipzig, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the rail traffic center

MACR: 13850

More information

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



Source of information: Terry Hirsch, Raf Dyckmans, www.384thbomgroup.com, WWII Draft Card, www.fold3.com

Photo source: Jac Engels, Tonganoxie Mirror - 19 July 1945