



Personal info

Full name

LANG, Kenneth W

Date of birth

16 April 1918

Age

26

Place of birth

Bronx, Bronx County, New York

Hometown

The Bronx, Bronx County, New York

Military service

Service number

O-672133

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**838th Bombardment Squadron,
487th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

24 December 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Henri-Chapelle

Plot	Row	Grave
C	7	4

Immediate family

Members

Rudolph C. Lang (father)
Norm (Tallman) Lang (mother)
Cora (Smith) Lang (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

44-8192

Data

Type: B-17G
Destination: Babenhausen, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the airfield
MACR: 11258
Name: Lindy Luo

More information

Kenneth Lang graduated from DeWitt High School and attended Fordham University where he graduated in 1941. He worked in an occupation related to packing, filling, or bottling.

He enlisted at Camp Upton on 6 August 1941.

He was married to Cora Smith on 13 May 1944.

After training, he and his crew arrived in England at the end of October 1944.

The airplane was attacked at 1215 hours about 5 miles southeast of Liege, Belgium at an altitude of approximately 22,000 feet. After 4 or 5 seemingly random attacks about 7 ME 109's made a front quarter attack from about 2 o'clock, slightly high of level. In this attack the nose and flight deck were considerably shot up. About 40 enemy aircraft (ME109) had formed on the tail of the formation. During their attack, made in single file on our formation, the plane was on fire and the bail out order was given. Four parachutes from the airplane were seen and very shortly after the last parachute was seen to open the plane exploded.

Five crew members bailed out and landed between Spa and Sprimont, Belgium where they were picked up by American forces. Four men were killed by enemy gunfire in the airplane.

Photos



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