



Personal info

Full name

LONG, John A

Date of birth

26 July 1917

Age

26

Place of birth

**Duquesne, Allegheny County,
Pennsylvania**

Hometown

Duquesne, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Military service

Service number

O-799811

Rank

Captain

Unit

**360th Bombardment Squadron,
303rd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Silver Star,
Distinguished Flying Cross,
Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

11 May 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
C	29	4

Immediate family

Members

Francis P. Long (father)
Henrietta Long (mother)
Raymond Long (brother)
Timothy R. Long (brother)
Francis P. Long (brother)
Eugene Long (brother)
William Long (brother)
Fred Long (brother)
Robert Long (brother)
Richard Long (brother)
Mary M. Long (sister)
Hannah Long (sister)
Patricia Long (sister)
Louise Long (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-97260

Data

Type: B-17G
Nickname: Bow-Ur-Neck Stevens
Destination: Saarbrucken, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the marshalling yard
MACR: 4868

More information

John Long was the oldest of 13 and a grid star at Duquesne High School. He worked for the Duquesne Light Company and attended Carnegie Tech. night school.

He was commisioned an earned his wings in March 1943 at an Army Flying School near Columbus, Mississippi.

The airplane absorbed a flak hit which set the #1 engine ablaze and knocked the aircraft out of formation. Capt. Long forced his aircraft back into formation for the second bomb run by straining his three remaining engines. Just after the bombs were released, another flak burst tore the #3 engine and propeller off the plane, throwing it completely out of control. It flipped over on its back and went down in a dive. It pulled out of this dive and almost immediately went into another. Four parachutes were spotted, but the aircraft was lost in the haze as it went down and was not seen to hit the ground.

Three crew members survived and were taken prisoner. Eight men were killed.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, www.ancestry.com - 1940 census / U.S. Headstone and Interment Records for U.S. Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil

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