



## Personal info

Full name

**LA COURSE, Victor**

Date of birth

**4 November 1924**

Age

**19**

Place of birth

**Highland Park, Wayne County,  
Michigan**

Hometown

**Wayne County, Michigan**

## Military service

Service number

**36586506**

Rank

**Staff Sergeant**

Unit

**567th Bombardment Squadron,  
389th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Missing in Action**

Date of death

**29 May 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

**Walls of the Missing**

## Immediate family

### Members

**Reginald La Course (father)**  
**Martha La Course (mother)**  
**Frederick Howard (stepfather)**  
**Jean M. La Course (sister)**

## Plane data

### Serial number

**42-110074**

### Data

**Type: B-24J**  
**Nickname: Satan's Mate**  
**Destination: Merseburg, Germany**  
**MACR: 5387**

## More information

Aircraft experienced oil leak in #2 engine that became worse over target. A/C's No 3 engine lost its supercharger. A/C began to lose altitude and crew was ordered to bail out over the English Channel Pilot and Co-Pilot remained with A/C until the rest of the crew was out, and they then bailed out together. The Co-Pilot did not survive the jump. The Pilot was recovered by the Germans and sent to a POW camp. Only two other members of the crew survived and were fortunate to be picked up by Air-Sea Rescue. After recuperation they both resumed flying missions.

S/Sgt Victor La Course had bailed out, but drowned in the North Sea.

## Photos



KEARFEE, EDWARD A.	2 LT	350 BOMB
KROENKE, RALPH A.	1 LT	347 BOMB SQ
KRUPKA, STEPHEN J.	2 LT	351 BOMB
KUNTZ, SAMUEL H. JR.	1 LTC	350 RD
KURJACK, AUGUST	1 LTC	8 AAC CMB
LA COURSE, VICTOR	2 LTC	350 BOMB
LANIER, SHIRLEY T.	2 SGT	701 BOMB
LARSEN, GEORGE G.	2 LT	343 BOMB SQ
LAWSON, STANLEY F.	1 LTC	
LAWSON, JUSTICE E.	1 LTC	310
LAFORE, EARL R.	1 LTC	501
LEACH, DELMAR J.	2 SGT	350 BOMB SQ
	1 LT	334

