



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

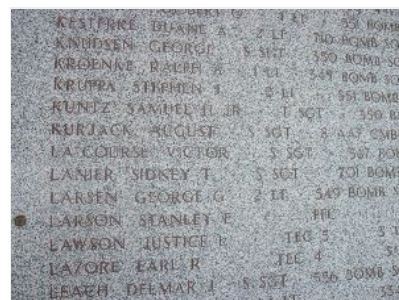


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