



Personal info

Full name

LA MAR, John Atwood

Date of birth

23 January 1920

Age

24

Place of birth

St. Louis, St. Louis County, Missouri

Hometown

Saint Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri

Military service

Service number

O-744282

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**701st Bombardment Squadron,
445th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

20 February 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
A	34	10

Immediate family

Members

Atwood A. La Mar (father)

Zoe J. La Mar (mother)

Norma (Sheridan) La Mar (wife)

John P. La Mar (son)

Plane data

Serial number

42-7569

Data

Type: B-24H

Nickname: Sky Wolf

Destination: Brunswick, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the aviation industry

MACR: 2439

More information

2nd Lt John A. La Mar a graduate of Christian Brothers High School before he volunteered for the Air Corps of the U.S. Army at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on 17 April 1942 as a Private. He attended college for 1 year and was a salesman before he joined the army. He was married.

Statement of 2nd Lt George C. Sfarnas:

"I saw an enemy fighter go after Lt. Neal's ship and a few minutes later I saw the ship burst into flames."

The entire crew was killed and initially interred in a common grave in the Northeast corner of the cemetery of Edemissen on 22 February 1944.

After the war, 2nd/Lt John A. La Mar was transferred to the American Military Cemetery of Ardennes.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Danny van der Groen, www.abmc.gov, www.findagrave.com - Teddy Lamar, www.archives.gov - WWII Enlistment Record, www.ancestry.com - U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S. Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil, www.newspapers.com - St Joseph News Press Gazette 19 July 1945

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