



Personal info

Full name

DERENCE, Leonard A

Date of birth

11 October 1924

Age

20

Place of birth

**McKees Rocks, Allegheny,
Pennsylvania**

Hometown

Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Military service

Service number

33697311

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**853rd Bombardment Squadron,
491st Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

24 March 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
A	31	54

Immediate family

Members

Joseph Derence (father)

Helen Derence (mother)

Fannie Derence (sister)

Mary Liberto (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-50749

Data

Type: B-24 J

Mission: Aerial Combat

MACR: 13615

More information

Information received at interrogation from

2nd Lt Kohl, Howard S:

Aircraft 749 had number 3 engine on fire, feathered number 4 engine and then feathered number 3. Aircraft exploded when it hit the ground at 1322 hours at approximately 5144N-0640E.

S/Sgt Leonard A. Derence first buried at Temporary American Military Cemetery Ardennes, Belgium Block F, Row 11, Grave 274.

Photos



Source of information: Terry Hirsch, www.wwiimemorial.com, Missing Aircrew Report 13615, www.ancestry.com - U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S. Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil / McKees Rocks, Allegheny, Pennsylvania

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