



## 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

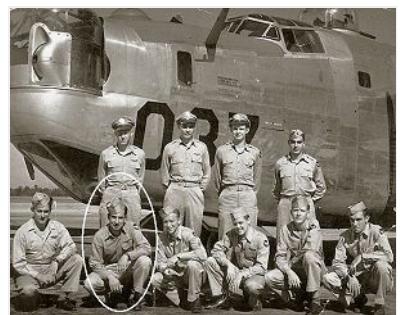
Information received at interrogation from

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](http://www.wwiimemorial.com), Missing Aircrrew Report 13615, [www.ancestry.com](http://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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