



### Personal info

Full name

**HEALY, John F**

Date of birth

**11 April 1914**

Age

**29**

Place of birth

**New York**

Hometown

**Brooklyn, Kings County, New York**

### Military service

Service number

**32335119**

Rank

**Sergeant**

Unit

**535th Bombardment Squadron,  
381st Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**1 December 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
C	5	15

## Immediate family

Members

**Thomas F. Healy (father)**

**Margaret J. (O'Brien) Healy (mother)**

**Margaret D. Healy (sister)**

**Thomas R. Healy (brother)**

**Elizabeth M. Healy (sister)**

## Plane data

Serial number

**42-31097**

Data

**Type: B-17 G**

**Nickname: Mission Belle**

**Destination: Leverkusen, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of IG Farben factories**

**MACR: 1661**

## More information

Sgt John F. Healy enlisted at Governors Island, New York, on 12 May 1942.

The plane's controls were shot away and as they were on the deck they did not have enough altitude.

The bomber made an emergency landing on the Lek river after a fight with German fighters. Seven crew members could escape the sinking bomber.

Everyone was still in the plane when they ditched. Everyone had been wounded with the exception of the co-pilot. Seven crew members survived and were taken prisoner, three were killed.

Sgt Healy was killed by machine gun fire of the attacking fighters. His remains were found in the plane during the salvage of the wreckage on 26 May 1955.

## Photos



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