



## Personal info

Full name

**NARGI, Louis John**

Date of birth

**27 December 1917**

Age

**26**

Place of birth

**Milford, Worcester County,  
Massachusetts**

Hometown

**Milford, Worcester County, Massachusetts**

## Military service

Service number

**O-673264**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

**333rd Bombardment Squadron,  
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**11 January 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
D	12	3

## Immediate family

### Members

**Antonio Nargi (father)**  
**Vincenza (Moccia) Nargi (mother)**  
**James Nargi (brother)**  
**Edward Nargi (brother)**  
**Vincent J. Nargi (brother)**  
**Lena Nargi (sister)**

## Plane data

Serial number  
**42-39822**

### Data

**Type: B-17G**  
**Destination: Brunswick, Germany**  
**MACR: 1887**

## More information

2nd Lt Louis J. Nargi graduated from Milford High School in 1935.

The B-17 piloted by Lt Donald D. Sharps was the eighth plane the 94th Bomb Group lost that day. About ten minutes after bombs away over Brunswick, Lt Sharps' B-17 received a direct hit in the no.3 engine from German fighters. The engine immediately fell out. This loss of power made it difficult for Lt Sharps to keep up with the formation and slowly but surely they became in the unfortunate position of being a straggler. Approaching the Dutch/German border, things became really hairy. With no.1 and no.2 engines overheated, the crippled plane got riddled with bullets from attacking FW-190's. During these attacks the bombardier Lt Nargi and the Left Waist Gunner Sgt Majaska were fatally hit. Also the unfortunate Navigator, Lt Frederic Irwin, who already was wounded earlier by shrapnel, was hit by several bullets all over his body and was bleeding heavily. Lt Sharps considered the situation as being hopeless and ordered all his capable crewmen to bail out. After having given the bail out order, Sharps regained some control over the plane and decided to try to crashland the plane instead of bailing out too. He found a suitable place and put the plane on the ground near Osterwick, west of Münster, at 13:27 hours. Directly after landing, Sharps immediately evaded the aircraft. Also the badly wounded Navigator Frederic Irwin managed to leave the plane.

## Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Terry Hirsch, 1930 US Census

Photo source: [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com), Arie-Jan van Hees, Bombardier Class Book 43-3, San Angelo, Texas, Milford High School 1935