**LANG, Joseph L.**

B: 27 June 1922  Boston, MA  
D: 14 October 1944  near Manheim, GER

**“This is Lang. I’m down below the clouds with ten ME-109’s, I got two. I don’t know where I am and I need help.”**

- *Joseph Lang, heard over the R/T some time after aborting from the mission of 14 Oct 44. It was his last transmission.*

**Hometown:** Boston, Massachusetts  
**Rank:** Captain  
**MOS:** 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter  
**Unit:** 334th Fighter Squadron

**Aircraft:**  
P-51B-7-NA  43-6578  QP-Z  
P-51D-5-NA  44-13352  QP-Z  
P-51D-10-NA  44-14123  QP-Z

**4th Service:** 28 December 1943 – 14 October 1944  
8 MAY 44  Promoted to 1st Lieutenant  
22 MAY 44  Designated Flight Commander C Flight  
2 JUN 44  Designated Flight Commander B Flight  
21 JUN 44  Participated in Operation FRANTIC II, the Russia Shuttle mission. (RTB 5 JUL; flew Hofer’s *Salem Representative* on the trip)  
25 SEP 44  Promoted to Captain  
14 OCT 44  Aborted after crossing the Channel, turned back alone. En route to Debden he was jumped by 10 ME-109’s. He downed two in the ensuing dogfight before being overwhelmed. KIA. (MACR 9495)  
Buried at Epinal American Cemetery  
Epinal, France  
Plot A Row 9 Grave 47

**Victories:**  
11.83 (7.83 air / 4 ground)

**Highlights:**  
28 MAY 44  - 1.5 ME-109’s  
14 OCT 44  - 2 Me-109’s

**Decorations**  
Distinguished Flying Cross (3 OLC), Air Medal (4 OLC), Purple Heart.