

## 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.