

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

KEMPER, Harold Clement

Date of birth

4 May 1919

Age

24

Place of birth

**Livingston, Rockcastle County,
Kentucky**

Hometown

Carrsville, Livingston County, Kentucky

Military service

Service number

35495091

Rank

Technical Sergeant

Unit

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

Awards

Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

22 February 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	38	18

Immediate family

Members

Herbert Kemper (father)

Alma (Mhan) Kemper (mother)

Walter Kemper (brother)

James Kemper (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-39895

Data

Type: B-17G

Nickname: Bermondsey Battler

Destination: Aschersleben, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the aircraft factory

MACR: 2935

More information

T/Sgt Harold C. Kemper worked on a farm before he enlisted in Evansville, Indiana on 25 September 1942.

The airplane was hit by fire of enemy aircraft during the first attack. The #2 and #3 engine caught fire and there was probably a small fire in the nose. The pilot put the airplane in what looked to be a controlled slip to the left and dove down, probably in an effort to put out the fires..

The entire crew of ten men was killed. They were initially buried at the cemetery of Hiddesen.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.fold3.com, <http://www.americanairmuseum.com>, www.ancestry.com - United States World War II Army Enlistment Records / Kentucky, Vital Record Indexes / 1920 census, WWII Draft Card

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