

Service Brief

Alfred L. Kovner, 2nd Lt. US AAC Serial# 0-886921

322 Bomber Squadron, 91st Bomb Group Heavy, 8th Air Force

Base - Bassingbourn, England 14 Oct 42 - 21 June 45

Commanding Officer - Col. Henry W. Terry

Aircraft B-17G, #42-102527
 Sleepytime Gal
 Commander George Abbott

Crew 1st Lt. George Abbott (Pilot)
 1st Lt. Edward Waters (Co-pilot)
 2nd Lt. James P. VanFelt (Bombardier)
 S/Sgt. Louis T. Miller
 S/Sgt Chester A. Kolano
 S/Sgt Claud P. Hopkins
 T/Sgt Harold H. Humm
 S/Sgt Robert W. Hettinger
 Sgt. Edward A. Shirley

Mission details

Last mission, 21 Jun 1944. Mission #183
Target Berlin (Railroad marshalling yards)
Mission completed with loss of 4 B-17s

“Lt. Abbott and Lt. Waters were leading the low group of the “A” CBW in A/C #42-102527 (Sleepy Time Gal). A/C appeared to have been hit in number 3 engine and in the trailing edge of left wing between #1 and #2 engines by fire (20 mm.) from enemy aircraft. Fire was building up as AC 527 peeled off to the right and was lost from view. This occurred at about 0930 hours and position 5330N - 1340E. No parachutes were seen to come from this A/C.”

DOD 21 Jun 44

Burial
Location Lorraine American Cemetary
 St. Avold France
 Plot D, Row 38, Grave 26

Awards Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters
 Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Clusters

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