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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth ; Command or Air Force VIII A.F.
Group 303rd Bombardment ; Squadron 355th ; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See Diagram
Intended Destination Duren, Germany ; Type of Mission Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 8/10 - 10/10
Cirrus Base 25,000 ft. Tops 30,000 ft. Multilayer cloud below unlimited visibility
- GIVE: (a) Date 20 Oct 43 Time 1405 ; and Location 10 Miles Northeast Cambrai, France
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forced down; () Seen to Crash; or (X) Information not Available.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) (X) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17 ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-29571 "U"
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 41-57372
(b) 41-57407 ; (c) 41-56085 ; (d) 41-56646
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 89163HSM - 365702FCGM
(a) 590280HSM ; (b) 590280HSM ; (c) 590600HSM ; (d) 590340HSM - 590451HSM
(e) 590085HSM ; (f) 590309HSM ; (g) 589995HSM ; (h) 590482HSM - 295134HSM
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty 36548FCGM
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 11
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot			
2.	SEE ATTACHED SHEET		
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

1. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME: Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
			By Radio	Last Sighted		
1. _____						
2. _____						
3. _____						

- 2. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____
- 3. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. CHART ATTACHED.
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. _____
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

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Date of Report 22 October 1943

Jesse M. Barrett
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JESSE M. BARRETT, Major, A.C., Group S-2.

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SCRD BOMBMENT GRUP (K)
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<u>CREW POSITION</u>	<u>NAME IN FULL</u> (Last Name First)	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
1. Pilot	HARTIGAN, William R.	2nd Lt.	0-797837 ✓
2. Co-Pilot	GODDARD, Edward E.	2nd Lt.	0-883008 ✓
3. Navigator & L Nose Gun	DOUGHTY, Lerin F.	2nd Lt.	0-786788 ✓
4. Bombardier & R Nose Gun	DORNEY, Bernard F.	2nd Lt.	0-878178 ✓
5. Engineer & Top Tur. Gun	REBTO, Clement (MI)	T/Sgt.	2242237 ✓
6. Ass't Eng. & R Waist Gun	LOWMYER, John W.	S/Sgt.	23301811 ✓
7. Radio Oper. & Radio Gun	WARD, Robert L.	T/Sgt.	22470221 ✓
8. Ass't Radio Oper & L.W. Gun	DOVE, Charles J. KIA	S/Sgt.	57397222 ✓
9. Gunner Ball Tur Gun	STODDARD, Val F.	S/Sgt.	18171610 ✓
10. Gunner Tail Gunner	INCE, James T.	S/Sgt.	18163488 ✓
11. Photographer	MOFFETT, Ralph P.	Sgt.	14068922 ✓

James W. Bennett
Major, AC,
Group S-2.

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TARGET

Primary DÜREN - GERMANY

Secondary _____

Last Resort _____

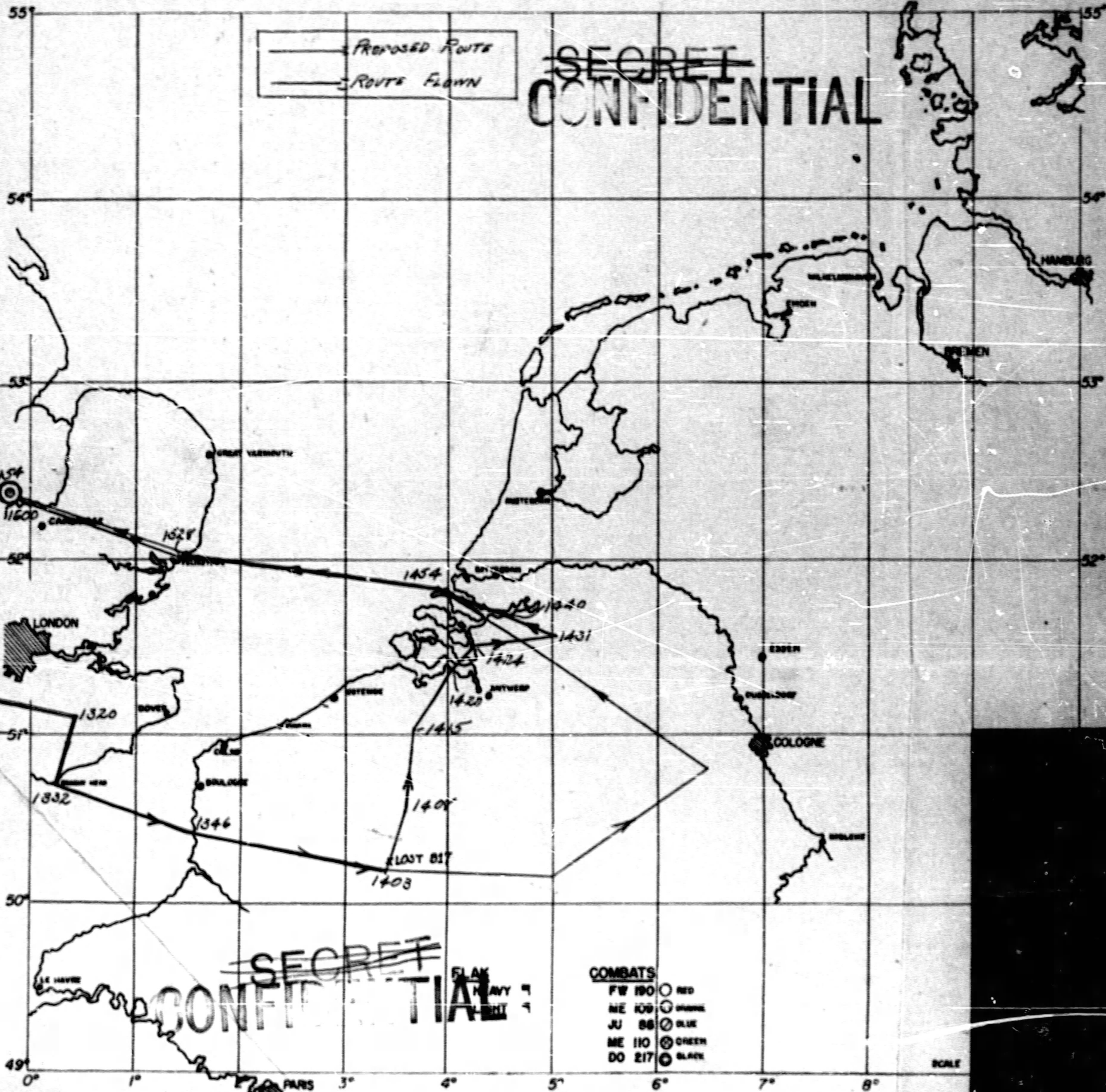
TRACK CHART

Date 20 OCT 43

Route followed by 303RD BOMB GROUP (H)

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— PROPOSED ROUTE
— ROUTE FLOWN



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COMBATS
 FW 190 ○ RED
 ME 109 ○ WHITE
 JU 88 ○ BLUE
 ME 110 ○ GREEN
 DO 217 ○ BLACK

SCALE

by authority of *John H. ...*
date *13 1945*

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CASUALTY INTERROGATION FORM
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

THE FAMILIES OF MANY OF YOUR COMRADES HAVE NOT BEEN AS FORTUNATE AS YOURS. THEIR SONS AND HUSBANDS HAVE BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION AND THEY ARE ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO LEARN THEIR FATE. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY THE INFORMATION WHICH WILL HELP TO TERMINATE THE SUSPENSE AND ANXIETY THEY ARE SUFFERING.

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEATH IN ACTION OR DURING IMPRISONMENT OF ANY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES YOU ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE DECEASED:

FULL NAME OF DECEASED **Unknown** **Waist gunner B-17**

HOME TOWN OR STATE **Unknown**

GRADE OR RANK **A/Sgt**

ORGANIZATION **303 Bomb Gp, 358 Bomb Sq, 8th AF**

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **20 Oct/43, near Duren, Germany**

CAUSE OF DEATH **Plane was hit, and I was knocked unconscious. The next thing I remember, I found myself safely on the ground after having either jumped automatically or having been pushed out. I did not see the plane after I was knocked out. I saw or heard about all the rest of the crew later, but I never saw or heard anything about the Waist Gunner.**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Unknown**

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH **No**

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH **Unknown**

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IF YOUR INFORMATION IS HEARSAY GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR INFORMANT

10 August 1945

SIGN HERE

Ralph P. Moffett
Name and serial number

**Sgt. Ralph P. Moffett, 14065962,
1028 Lawton Ave., Atlanta, Ga.
Your home address**

NOTE: THIS FORM IS FOR USE BY CASUALTY BRANCH, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON 25, D. C. ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE FORM ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU. PLEASE FILL ONE OUT FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES WHOM YOU KNOW OR BELIEVE TO BE DEAD.

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1. Your name Bernard J. Savage Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 0679172
2. Organization 302 Cg Commander Rank 1st Lt Sqn CO Mitchell Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1948 month Feb day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Railway Station, target time, 1730, altitude, 27,000 route scheduled, London
via Belgium, route flown same.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Low altitude, 2nd position
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". All the crew bailed out.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Aircraft was a fire
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None were in the ship.
11. Where were they in aircraft? DNA
12. What was their condition? DNA
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I saw 1st Lt [unclear] and 1st Lt [unclear] while flying. 1st Lt [unclear] was killed in an area around the oval.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Sgt [unclear], 1st Lt [unclear], and 1st Lt [unclear] were with 1st Lt [unclear] at a base in the area of Vienna according to a 1st Lt [unclear]. Transferred to [unclear]

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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All members of the crew checked in, to me after
we were hit, except T/Lt. Reels who was caught
in the top turret. As I was getting out, he freed
himself, and pulled and pushed Lt. Eric W. Hanson
out of the plane. This was some while the
ship was on its way down and I felt T/Lt

① Reels should be entitled to something for his
actions. He, T/Lt. Reels, was injured, and only
had one eye, the left had been injured, during
the fight. I am certain he hit the leader
of the flight of seven ships (F-190s) which
were responsible for downing our plane.

T/Lt Reels, received his injury when the
two second ships, and the rest of the flight of (190s)
opened up. He was pinned between the top turret's
sight and the turret housing.

The above actions occurred on 30 Oct 43
1930.

Bernard J. Doney
1st Lt. etc.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Lerin Frank Douthett, May Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-736762
2. Organization 303 Gp 328 Sqdn. Co. Stevens Rank Col Sqn CO Kirk R. Mitchell Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month October day 20th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, _____, target, Duren, target
time, 13:10, altitude, 27,500 route scheduled, Down Belgium
French Border, route flown Same
5. Where were you when you left formation? 30 miles inside enemy coast
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". W.R. Hartigan, Pilot, evades
Ted Goddard, Copilot, POW, Bernard Dorsey, Bombardier, POW, Resto,
Chief Engineer, POW, Lowther, Ass't Engineer, Internee Switzerland
Robert Ward, Radio Man, Internee, Switzerland Robert Stoddard reported
killed, Ince First same unknown POW, MacDonald extra photo. No knowledge
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No Knowledge
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Probably none.
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? In the air with parachutes.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. McDonald extra photographs
None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name GODDARD, EDWARD N. Rank 2nd Lt Serial No. 3006
2. Organization 388th CG 35th SQDN KEARNEY J. STEVENS Rank Capt Sqd CO RIEN MITCHELL Rank MAJ
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month OCT day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, DURAND GERMANY target, DURAND, target
 time, 8 1530, altitude, 21,000 route scheduled, From Eng
To FRANCE, BELGIUM, route flown same
GERMANY
5. Where were you when you left formation? BELGIUM
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". NO KNOWLEDGE
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR MADS, BELGIUM
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None
11. Where were they in aircraft? —
12. What was their condition? —
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? SAN SALVAD MEMBERS OF CREW IN POW CAMP
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)