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AFPO 634 - US ARMY  
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-17E ; 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) 590605HSM ; (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:  

Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted				Saw	
			By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing		
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 BOMBARDMENT GROUP (K)  
APO 534 - US ARMY

22 October 1945

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<u>CREW POSITION</u>	<u>NAME IN FULL</u> (Last Name First)	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL</u> <u>NUMBER</u>
1. Pilot	HARTIGAN, William R.	2nd Lt.	0-797837 ✓
2. Co-Pilot	GODDARD, Edward H.	2nd Lt.	0-883008 ✓
3. Navigator & L Nose Gun	DOUGHTY, Lerin F.	2nd Lt.	0-786783 ✓
4. Bombardier & R Nose Gun	DORNEY, Bernard F.	2nd Lt.	0-878178 ✓
5. Engineer & Top Tur. Gun	REBTO, Clement (MI)	T/Sgt.	3243287 ✓
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.	57397232 ✓
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.	14088922 ✓

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

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TARGET

Primary DÜREN - GERMANY

Secondary \_\_\_\_\_

Last Resort \_\_\_\_\_

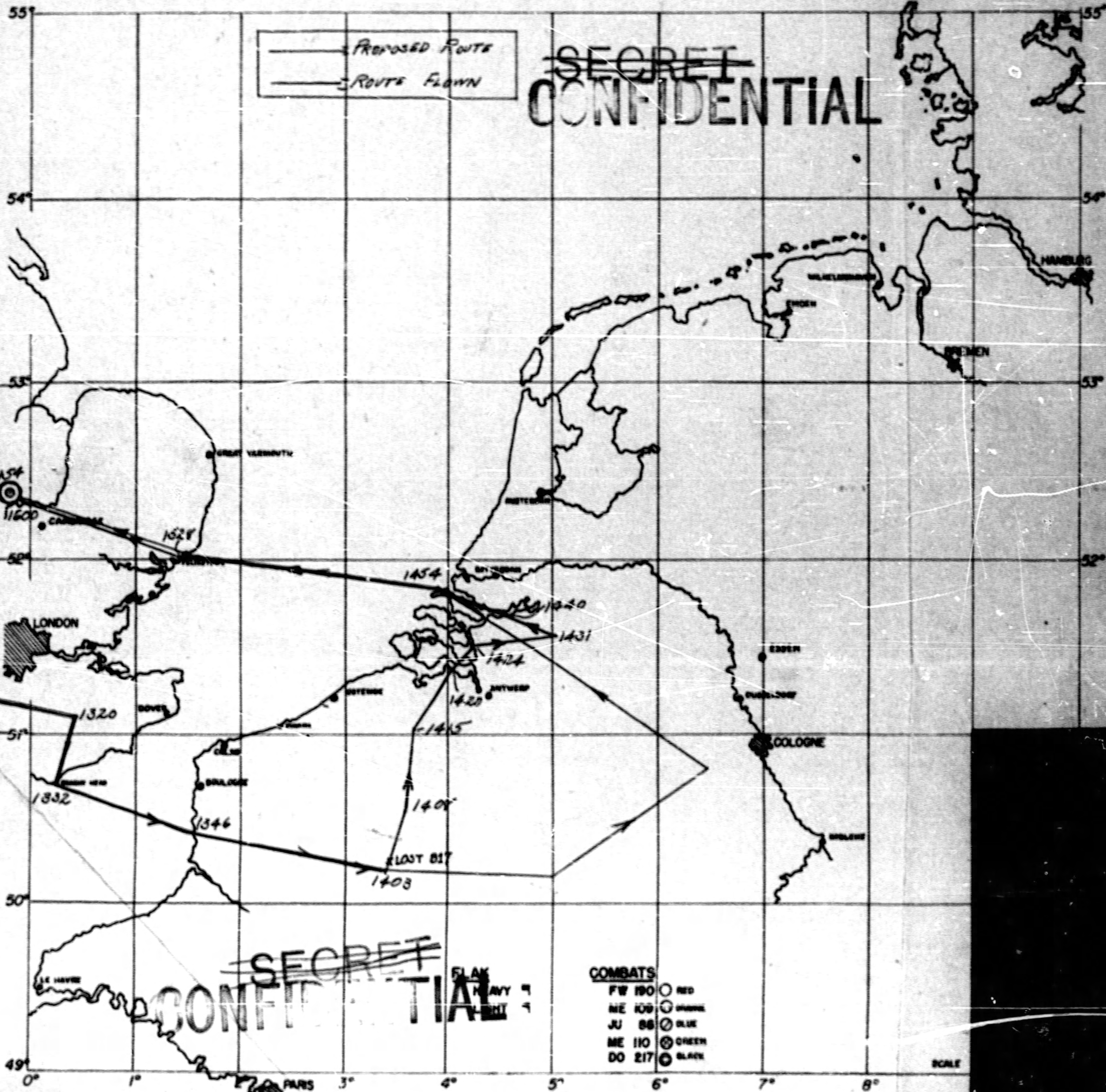
TRACK CHART

Date 20 Oct '43

Route followed by 303<sup>rd</sup> 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. Young 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, Search, target, Barney's area, target time, 1730, altitude, 27,000 route scheduled, to base  
at 1800, route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? Low altitude, 2-2 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 back in the air 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. E. W. D. Howard  
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. O-736762
2. Organization 303<sup>rd</sup> Gp. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sqn. Co. Gp. Commander 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, evaded  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Serial No. 3006
2. Organization 388<sup>th</sup> CG 35<sup>th</sup> SQDN KEARNEY J. STEVENS Rank Capt Sqdn 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, DUESS, GERMANY target, DUESS, target  
 time, 8:15 AM, 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)