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HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE DIVISION 107  
365RD BOMBING GROUP (H)  
APO 634 - US ARMY

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**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  
Group 303rd ; Squadron 427(Crew); Detachment -----

**SPECIFY:** Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See attached diagram  
Intended Destination Bremen, Germany ; Type of Mission Bombing

**WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:**  
2-3/10 Alto Cumulus, Tops 16000-18000ft, Visibility 8-10 miles, light haze

**GIVE:** (a) Date 20 Dec 43 ; and Location See attached diagram  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.

(b) Specify whether (  ) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio;  
( ) Forced down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or ( ) Information not Available.

**AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF:** (Check only one) ( ) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; (  ) Other Circumstances as follows Enemy Action, Kind Unknown

**AIRCRAFT:** Type, Model and Series B-17G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-39764 (360th ship)

**ENGINES:** Type, Model and Series R1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-64427  
(b) 43-64433 ; (c) 43-64434 ; (d) 43-64436

**INSTALLED WEAPONS** (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (b) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (c) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) SEE ATTACHED SHEET ; (h) SEE ATTACHED SHEET

**THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS:** (a) Battle Casualty   
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT:** Crew 10 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 10  
(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	ALEX. ALEXANDER (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-801721	RTD
2. Co Pilot	JACKMAN, LON E. JR.	2nd Lt.	0-803990	KIA
3. Navigator	GOLDSCHMIDT, NICHOLAS J. Jr.	2nd Lt.	0-809584	RTD
4. Bombardier	FARRAH, ALBERT L.	2nd Lt.	0-752561	RTD
5. Engineer - TT	ADAMCZYK, JOSEPH (NMI)	S/Sgt.	12022596	RTD
6. Asst Eng. --LW	NEWCOMB, ROBERT J.	Sgt.	32474839	RTD
7. Radio Oper. --RG	MC'CARREN, WILLIAM R.	S/Sgt.	31160721	RTD
8. <del>WREN</del> Ass't Radio Op. BT	MICHELES, HAROLD P.	Sgt.	39195416	RTD
9. RWG	BROWN, HAROLD A.	Sgt.	37492777	RTD
10. Tail Gunner	HALL, STEWART G.	Sgt.	13092284	RTD

**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	Crash	Forced Landing		
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	

**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) -----

**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 DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE.**

Date of Report 21 December 1943

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

21 Dec 43  
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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107  
303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 634 - US ARMY

21 December 1943.

MEMO:

TO : Whom It May Concern.

Gun Numbers On Ship No. 42-39764 G

360th Sqdn. Ship -- (427th Sqdn. Crew)

568975	-----	Savage Arms Corp.
568849	-----	" " "
568903	-----	" " "
568858	-----	" " "
568967	-----	" " "
569011	-----	" " "
121388	-----	" " "
122129	-----	" " "
569005	-----	" " "
413899	-----	Frigidaire Div. of Gen. Motors.

2 - Unknown (chin turrets).

*Jesse M. Barrett*  
JESSE M. BARRETT,  
Major, AC,  
Group S-2.

# TRACK CHART

TARGET

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Route followed by \_\_\_\_\_

Primary \_\_\_\_\_

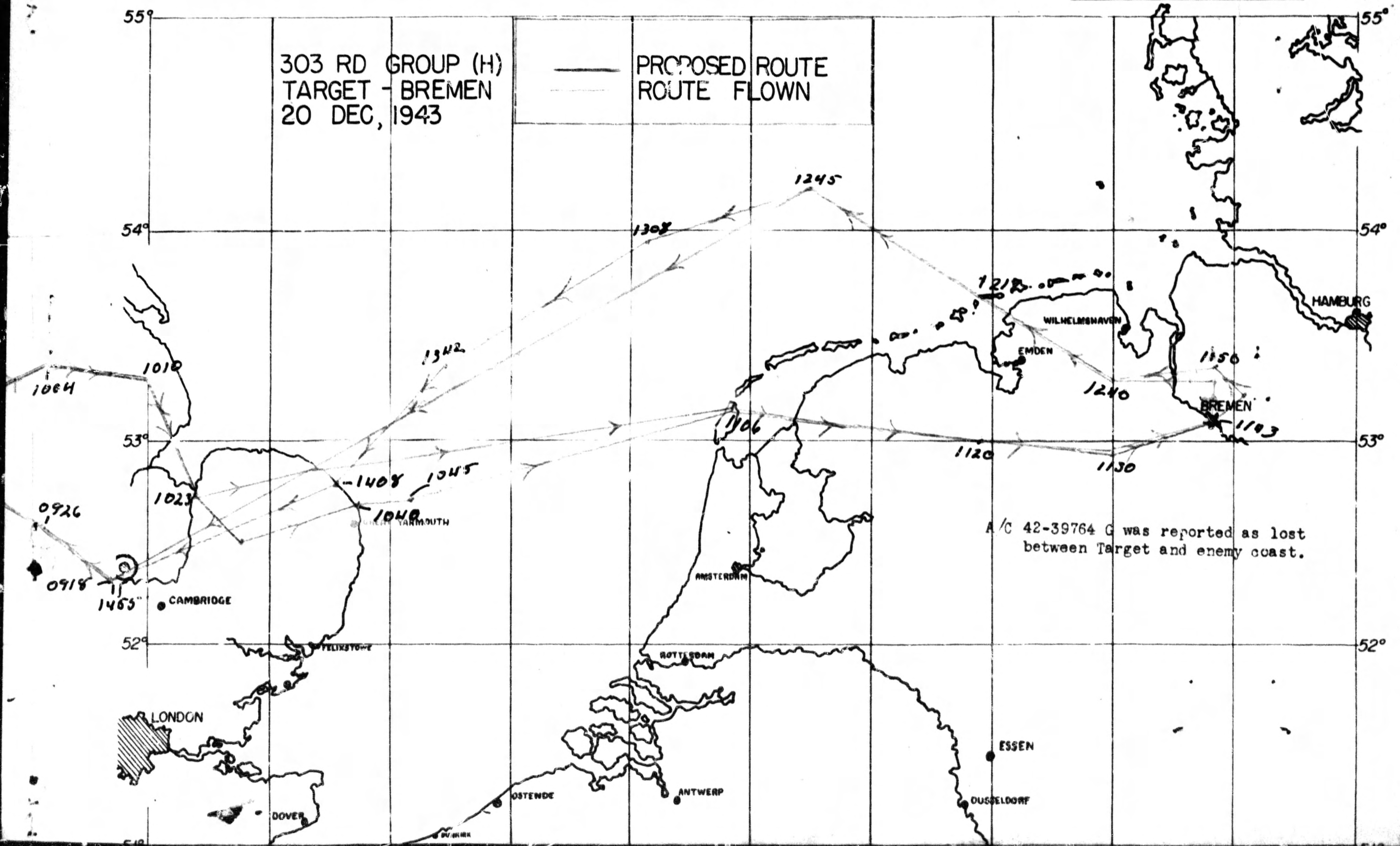
Secondary \_\_\_\_\_

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

"	"	"	_____
"	"	"	_____
"	"	"	_____
"	"	"	_____

303 RD GROUP (H)  
TARGET - BREMEN  
20 DEC, 1943

— PROPOSED ROUTE  
- - - ROUTE FLOWN



CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Harold A. Brown Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 37492777
2. Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Sqn CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month Dec. day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bremen, target, \_\_\_\_\_, target  
time, 11:50 A.M., altitude, 26000 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? In Waist Gun 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".  
I saw all the rest of the crew members while in Germany as a POW
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Area north of Bremen
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) \_\_\_\_\_  
Lt. Lon E. Jackman
11. Where were they in aircraft? Copilot
12. What was their condition? Dead
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I saw all the crew members after we were liberated except the tail gunner Stewart Hall. I understood that he was released from Germany to return to the States before the war ended. He received a bad wound in his leg.
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)

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: **JACKMAN, Lon E. Jr.**  
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**  
 Serial number: **0-803990**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Copilot**

Did he bail out? No.

Where? Shot down near Bremen

If not, why not? Dead. - ?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

Don't remember, interphone was shot out.

Was he injured? Yes.

Where was he when last seen? In plane.

Any hearsay information: The only information I received was five months later, when I was interrogated at Frankfurt after getting out of the hospital. The Senior Major told me that Lt Jackman was killed. I did not know him as it was his first mission flying with us.

Source: Interrogation at Frankfurt.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: One year later I met the rest of my officers in prison and the pilot told me he was hit in the stomach by a 20 mm and his waist caught on fire and he died. I was flying in the waist of plane, so, I don't know what happened to him.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

R. J. Newcomb  
 9 E. Kersan Ave  
 Akron, N. Y.  
 6-3861, AF

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: JACKMAN, Lon E. Jr.  
Rank: 2nd Lt.  
Serial number: O-803990  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? NO

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? JUST BEFORE I WE LOST ALTITUDE I SAW THAT HE WAS HURT AND OXYGEN TUBE WAS BURNING I WAS GOING TO GIVE HIM MINE WHEN THE PILOT TOLD ME HE WAS ALREADY DEAD

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE HELPED ME WITH MY OXYGEN MASK WHEN I GOT BACK FROM THE BOMBAY JUST BEFORE WE WERE HIT

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? HE WAS IN HIS CO-PILOTS SEAT

Any hearsay information: NO

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of missions of above crew member: I BELIEVE IT WAS HIS 4<sup>th</sup>

Dates and destinations if possible: BREMEN DEC. 16, - 20. THE OTHERS I DO NOT KNOW

*1st Sgt. Joseph Adamczyk  
12022596  
146 AAFB 30 SgM  
Selfridge Fld Mich  
6-3861, AF*

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1706

Name of crew member: JACKMAN, Lon E. Jr.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-803990  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: I was told that Lt. Jackman was wounded severely in the  
stomach by 20MM schrapnel and, before any one of the crew members present could  
stop him, ended his own life by using his 45 pistol. He went down with the ship  
which was on fire.

Source: Pilot: Lt. Alexander Alex, Bombadier: Lt. Al. Farrah, Engineer: Joe Adamczyk

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_



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Name of crew member: **JACKMAN, Lon E. Jr.**  
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**  
 Serial number: **O-803990**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? "

If not, why not? "

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

Told Bombardier Bomb Bays were afire - jammed

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? "

Any hearsay information: - Heard at Dulag Luft (Frankfurt en Main)

that Co Pilot was killed - was not in position to inquire for particulars

Source: German Interrogator

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

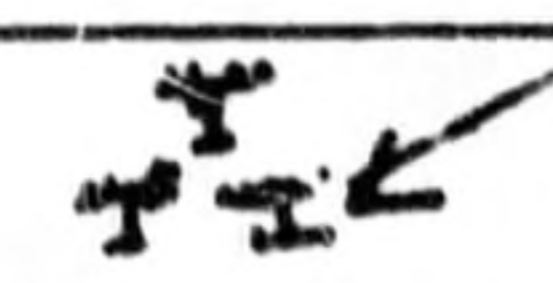
Ball Gunner said aircraft exploded shortly after he (ball gunner) bailed out. It is possible Lt Jackman was still in plane - (After interphone shot up there was no contact between crew members on different sides of bomb bays.

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge - 1<sup>st</sup> time wed

Dates and destinations if possible: met him was that morning.

*William R. McCarron  
Radio Operator*

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

- (Demobilized)
1. Your name William R. McCarren Rank T/Sgt Serial No. 31160721
  2. Organization 303<sup>rd</sup> OG Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Sqn CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full name)
  3. What year 1943 month Dec day 20 did you go down?
  4. What was the mission, Bremen, target, City, target time, 12:15, altitude, \_\_\_\_\_ route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Where were you when you left formation? 
  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". Harold Michaels (Ball Gunner) Bailed out as did H. Brown - Newton W. G<sup>s</sup> and S. Brown Tail Gunner - (all captured) - Hearsay: Pilot Alex - Bombardier Farrah - Navigator Gobschmidt all captured. - understood Co pilot killed.
  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) No Knowledge.
  11. Where were they in aircraft? No Knowledge
  12. What was their condition? "
  13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? \_\_\_\_\_
  14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No Knowledge

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

*MAR 17 1906*

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