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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Charles L. Riddle Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-689354
2. Organization 45th Gp Commander F. G. Hall Rank Col. Sqn CO Fleming Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month April day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bomb - Koblenz, target, R.R. Marshalling yard, target
time, 1600, altitude, 20,000 route scheduled, Bomb and
return, route flown Bomb, Koblenz and return
5. Where were you when you left formation? 10 miles west of Koblenz
6. Did you bail out? Yes, over Belgium
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, the entire crew bailed out over
an area from Innoles to Neplierre, Belgium
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".
Pilot, Copilot, and Navigator bailed out Bombay, West of SRV bailed out
of rear escape hatch.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Neplierre, 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? Lt. Hargis, Navigator; Bryant, Bombardier; Sgt. Robert M. Varty;
and myself evaded capture until May 16, 1944 and were picked up by the
Germans at the same time. Sgt. Varty was taken from the room in Arras, France
and never seen again. All were in good condition. Met Sgt. Charles B. Coffman
at Nuremberg prison camp in good condition. 1st Lt. Francis Sheed was in the
same prison camps as I and when last seen was in good condition.
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)

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SOURCE INFORMATION

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Point of Departure: A A F Station 124

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