

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Owan M. Sullivan Jr. Rank F/O Serial No. T-4162
2. Organization 459th Gp Commander Mooney Rank Col. Sqn CO Black Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month November day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Oil Refinery, target, Blechhammer, Silesia, target
time, 12:30, altitude, 23000 route scheduled, Direct
route to target, route flown Direct route to target.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Half an hour from the target over
Czechoslovakia
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 other members of crew bailed out before aircraft exploded at altitude of 13,000 feet. All landed safely except Cpl. Gaylord Lance, Waist Gunner, whose leg was fractured on landing and was captured immediately by the enemy. All crew members that bailed out landed in approximately the same area which was near Myava, Slovakia.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Myava, Slovakia
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) 2nd Lt. Ernest Appleby
O-826834, the 1st Pilot of the aircraft
11. Where were they in aircraft? At the controls of the aircraft.
12. What was their condition? Unknown
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? All other members of the crew with the exception of Lt. Appleby, F/O Kirchhoff and Cpl. Lance were seen during the time we evaded capture. All were under the protection of the partisans and were in good health. Cpls. Chakos, Chekirda, and Scardino were captured by the enemy in the last week of February 1945. 2nd Lt. Newbury was last seen on March 21st 1945 when he was leaving the area for the Russian front. Cpls. Baumgarten and Gardwell were last seen in the area on 24 March 1945. On that date I was captured.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. 2nd Lt. John Zebrowsky and T/Sgt. Wilford Tritz and S/Sgt Eugene Hodge were members of a crew that bailed out on 11 December 1944 and landed in the same area and were picked up and aided by the partisans. Zebrowsky was captured by the enemy in the last week of February 1945 and Hodge was captured with me on 24 March 1945. It is my knowledge that Tritz made his way to the Russian lines and was returned to his home base in Italy. These men were members of the 460th Bomb Group I believe.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)