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St Woodland told me all about what happened in the nose section of the ship when we were shot down. After the order to bail out had been given by the pilot, the navigator, Lt. Irwin J. Woodland, helped both the radio oper. Desiderio, who was manning the nose turret on that last mission, and the bombardier put on their chutes and bail out through the nose wheel doors. Lt. Woodland said that he cleared the nose section so taking everything into consideration it seems that every man bailed out.

The casualty questionnaire asks what is my opinion as to how Pasquale J. Desiderio could have lost his life. I'm sure that I don't know what could have happened but I can only speculate that he may have been killed when his chute failed to open, he could have drowned in the lake, he might have been killed by flak while in the air because flak was being fired at the formation above me, or he might have been killed if he fell in the wrong hands. This last speculation I base on the fact that I saw signs of hostility from Austrian civilians when we were paraded through the streets after we had been rounded up.

I would appreciate it very much if after you have been able to find out definitely what happened to Pasquale Desiderio if you sent me the information. I'm very sorry I took so long in filling these blanks out and supplying the necessary information but I've been trying to get everything in detail and as accurately as I could. Thanking you very much I remain

Sincerely yours

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