

Remembering the Crew of B-17G 43-38812 (812).



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Lost in the Cotswold Hills – 23.12.44.



The Crew



Lt Hendrickson

Pilot



Lt Graves

Co-Pilot



F/O Kilmer

Navigator



F/O Williams

Bomb/Gunner

Pilot.	Lt.	Clifford Hendrickson.	Jasper, Indiana.
Co Pilot.	Lt.	Walter B. Graves.	Seymour, Tennessee.
Navigator.	F/O.	Joseph L. Kilmer.	Mexico, New York.
Bombardier/Gunner.	F/O.	David E. Williams.	South Orange, New Jersey.
Engineer/Gunner.	T/Sgt.	George H. Bruer.	Saint Augustine, Florida.
Radio Operator.	Sgt.	Robert H. Riedel.	Cleveland, Ohio.
Ball Gunner.	Sgt.	Edmund T. Fitzgerald.	Taunton, Massachusetts.
Waist Gunner.	Sgt.	George B. Hawley.	Pine Lawn, Missouri.
Tail Gunner	Sgt.	Clifford A. Heinrich	Chicago, Illinois.



T/Sgt Riedel

Radio operator



T/Sgt Bruer

Flt Eng/Gunner



S/Sgt Fitzgerald

Ball Gunner



Sgt Hawley

Waist Gunner



Sgt Heinrich

Tail Gunner

Accident Report - Extracts.



- **‘While making an instrument let-down the aircraft flew into the ground’.**
- **‘The cause of the accident is attributed to the fact that the Pilot was lost...**

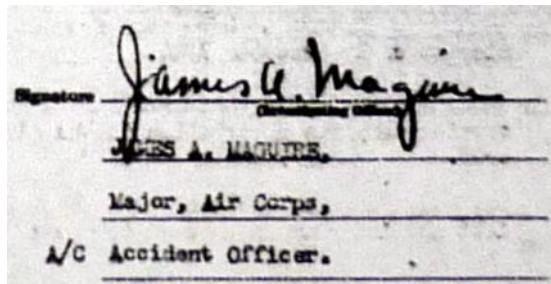
.....and let down in an area 500 feet above the level of the field of intended landing’.

Accident Report - Extracts.



- '75% of the responsibility is attributed to Pilot error.....

.....25% is attributed to the Weather'.



Accident report signed off
by Major Maguire.



Casualties.

- **8 Airmen died as a result of the crash.**

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- **1 Airman survived – Sgt Heinrich.**

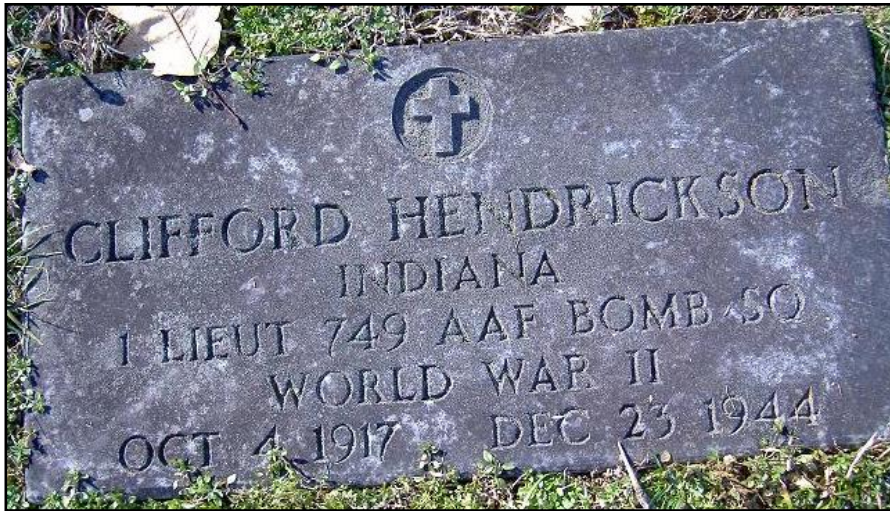


‘812’ Casualties initially laid to rest at Madingley U.K. (*Plots S-8-7 to S-8-14*)



Nursing Sister Lewis laying flowers in 1945.

Final Resting Place – (6 U.S.A, 2 UK).



Lt Graves



F/O Kilmer

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Crash Site Investigations.





The Memorial in the garden of Great Rollright Village Hall, Oxfordshire, dedicated on April 30th 2017 to the 8 crew members who died as a result of the crash of B-17 43-38812 ('812') On Dec 23rd 1944.