MAC NAMARA'S STORY
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MY BROTHER'S KEEPER
The lives of an air crew team depended on the skills of the 10 men that made up a B-24 crew. We have several stories in this edition that tell of the valor and sacrifice of individuals who put their duty before their own personal safety. Much has been written on what makes a hero act as he does. We can't answer to what qualities or what psychological make-up heros come from. All we know for certain is that heroes pop up at the very time and moment when they are most needed. The members of the 461St & 484TH Bomb Groups were well represented in this category.

Wedding photograph of Major Don Haldeman and his wife Lois July 27, 1940.

Joe and Doris Mac Namara, December 1943. He was the crew's bombardier.

Oak Leaf Cluster.

The end

January 31, 1945
Wednesday afternoon

Dear Mrs Haldeman:
I don't know how to begin this and would give anything if I didn't have to write it. It is one of the toughest job I have ever had, and so it will probably be all bawled up and hard to understand, but I'll do my best to give you all the facts as I know them.

Before I go on, I want to ask you a favor. The story I am about to tell you is the same one I told to the officials in Washington, and they told me there that it was classified as