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REPORT NO. 1 (one)

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Original - Supplemental (Cross out one)

570th Bomb Squadron UNIT

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- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name 570th Squadron 570th Detachment; Command or Air Force 20 Oct 47
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Wesley; Course 339
Target or Intended Destination Osaka, Shikoku, Japan.; Type of Mission Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Unknown - last seen at take off.
- GIVE: (a) Day 3 Month 7 Year 1945 Time 0700; and Location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft Last seen at take off.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); Last contacted by radio (); Forced down (); Seen to crash (); or Information not available ().
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) Enemy Aircraft (); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (); Other circumstances as follows: unknown.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-29; AAF Serial No 44-24774
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any: None.
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; AAF Serial Nos _____
(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
Make: _____; Type: _____
(a) _____; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
(e) _____; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____
(i) _____; (j) _____; (k) _____; (l) _____
(m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty _____
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11; Passengers _____; Total 11
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars:

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Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1. <u>Agas</u>	<u>10 Merrill, Keith E.</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>0-104774</u>	<u>MIA</u>
2. <u>Pilot</u>	<u>11 Eike, Walter H. Jr.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-777577</u>	<u>MIA</u>
3. <u>Navigator</u>	<u>12 Johnson, Robert E.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-104774</u>	<u>MIA</u>
4. <u>Navigator</u>	<u>13 Wallace, William E.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-706377</u>	<u>MIA</u>
5. <u>Navigator</u>	<u>14 Quinn, Patrick E.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-104774</u>	<u>MIA</u>
6. <u>Radio Oper</u>	<u>15 Hill, Harry E.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>16-104777</u>	<u>MIA</u>
7. <u>Radar Oper</u>	<u>16 Brown, James E.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>32-104777</u>	<u>MIA</u>
8. <u>Observer</u>	<u>17 Gannon, Edward E.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>32-104774</u>	<u>MIA</u>
9. <u>Observer</u>	<u>18 Powell, John L.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>1-104777</u>	<u>MIA</u>
10. <u>Observer</u>	<u>19 Perkins, John F.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>33-104774</u>	<u>MIA</u>
11. <u>Observer</u>	<u>20 Norman, Earl J. II</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>12-104774</u>	<u>MIA</u>
12. <u>Co's Pilot</u>	<u>21 Griffith, John H.</u>	<u>2d Lt</u>	<u>0-21105</u>	<u>MIA</u>
13. <u>Observer</u>	<u>22 Longtin, Joseph V.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-104774</u>	<u>MIA</u>
14.				

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Check only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	ASN	Contacted Last by Radio	Saw Sighted	Saw Forced Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>NONE</u>						
2.						
3.						
4.						



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13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____
No information available
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM. Area unknown
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. No information available
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT: Air Sea Rescue operations are being conducted by Naval Personnel from Iwo Jima. No other information available at this time.

DATE OF REPORT 5 July 1945

~~Walter C. S. [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]~~
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

Aircraft took off from Saipan at approximately 1930, 3 July 1945 on bombing mission against Kochi Shikoku, Japan. No contact has been made with this aircraft since it took off on the mission.

Note: On Supplemental reports it is not necessary to repeat answers to questions previously answered, except questions 1 and 2. Additional statements may be attached hereto.

XXI BC Casualty Form #3.

REPORT NO. 1 (one)

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Original - ~~Supplement~~
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570th Bomb Squadron

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

UNIT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name 570th; Command or Air Force 20th
Group 497th Squadron 570th Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Salinas; Course 335
Target or Intended Destination Kobe, Shikoku, Japan.
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Unknown--Last seen at take off. Type of Mission Bombing.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 3 Month 7 Year 1945 Time 0300; and Location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft Last seen at take off.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); Last contacted by radio (); Forced down (); Seen to crash (); or Information not available (x).
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) Enemy Aircraft (); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (); Other circumstances as follows: unknown.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-29; AAF Serial No 42-24774
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any: None.
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; AAF Serial Nos
(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
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(e) _____; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____
(i) _____; (j) _____; (k) _____; (l) _____
(m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty _____
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 13; Passengers 2; Total 15
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars:

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KIA1.
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KIA9.
KIA10.
KIA11.
KIA12.
KIA13.
KIA14.

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
Appo	10 Merrill, Keith H.	Major	0-404374	MIA
Pilot	1 Eike, Walter H. Jr.	1st Lt	0-777535	MIA
Navigator	1 Johnson, Buford P.	1st Lt	0-432246	MIA
Radio Oper	13 Wilson, William D.	1st Lt	0-706327	MIA
Flt Eng	12 Quinn, Patrick B.	1st Lt	0-552221	MIA
Radio Oper	5 Hill, Harry E.	S/Sgt	15122577	MIA
Radio Oper	9 Keenan, James E.	S/Sgt	2241459	MIA
IFF Gunner	7 Gorman, Edward F.	S/Sgt	1255245	MIA
Gunner	11 Powell, John L.	S/Sgt	14016111	MIA
Gunner	4 Jenkins, John T.	Sgt	33696249	MIA
Gunner	4 Harman, Earl J. II	S/Sgt	1212245	MIA
Co-ld Pilot	24 Griffith, John H.	1st Sgt	0-21365	MIA
Radio Oper	9 Lanaglia, Joseph V.	1st Lt	0-661293	MIA

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Check only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	ASN	Contacted Last by Radio	Saw Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. NONE						
2. _____						
3. _____						
4. _____						

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DATE OF REPORT 5 July 1945

~~Major C. C. Smith, 1st Lt. James R. ...~~
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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AISTA 704

1st Ind,

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE, APO 234, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California, 22 Sep 1945.

TO: Commanding General, U.S. Army Strategic Air Forces,
APO 234, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

In compliance with basic communications Missing Air
Crew Report is forwarded.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:
Missing Air Crew Rpt,
870th Bomb Sq. dtd,
3 Aug 45.

FOR /s/ CARL W. ALLEN
/t/ EDWARD T. DENTRY, JR.
Major, Air Corps
Actg Ass't Adjutant
General

AISTA 704

2nd Ind.

STAT/SRS/twc/J-521

Headquarters, USASTAF, APO 234

25 September 1945

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters, Army Air Forces,
Washington 25, D. C.
Attn: AC/AS-1, Personal Affairs Division.

In compliance with basic communication Missing Air
Crew Report is forwarded.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

HARRY STES
CAPT. AG
ASS. ADJ. G.

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AISTA 704

1st Ind,

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:
Missing Air Crew Rpt,
370th Bomb Sq. dtd,
3 Aug 45.

FOR /s/ CARL W. ALLEN
/t/ EDWARD T. DENTRY, JR.
Major, Air Corps
Actg Ass't Adjutant
General

AISTA 704

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STAT/WRS/two/J-521

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HARRY STILES
CAPT. AG
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Carl W. Allen
for EDWARD T. DENTRY, JR. A.C.
Major, Air Corps
Asst Adjutant General

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2nd Ind.

STAT/WRS/two/J-521

Headquarters, USASTAF, APO 234

25 September 1945

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Robert B. Laurence
Capt A.C.
for HARRY SITES
CAPT. AG
ASS. ADJ. GEN.

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPPA-8
(F & R)


6 Sep 45

SUBJECT: Request for Missing Air Crew Report

TO: Commanding General, Hq. United States Army Strategic Air Force, 20th Air Force, APO 234, c/o Postmaster San Francisco, California

Request Missing Air Crew Report as required by AGO letter, 7 Jul 1944 (AG 704 (5 Jul 44) OB-S-AAF-M), be forwarded with least practicable delay in the case of First Lt. Buford P. Johnson, 0438244, 870 Bomb Sq. reported missing, missing in action, 3 Jul 45, which report has not been received to date.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:


N.W. REED
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Notification Section
Personal Affairs Branch
Asst Chief of Air Staff-1

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1st Lt. Joseph V. Lanoglia	Mrs. Florence C. Lanoglia (Mother) ✓ 5441 Ruth Avenue Oakland, California
1st Lt. Walter H. Fike, Jr.	Mrs. Mildred V. Fike (Wife) ✓ 349 South Dixler Avenue Rynes, California
1st Lt. Buford P. Johnson	Mrs. Gladys P. Johnson (Mother) ✓ 5200 2nd Avenue South Minneapolis, Minnesota
1st Lt. William D. Wilson	Mr. William C. Wilson (Father) ✓ 1622 Netherwood Avenue Memphis, Tennessee
1st Lt. Patrick B. Quinn	Mr. Dolph Quinn (Father) ✓ Box 42 Beville, Texas
T/Sgt. Edward F. Gawron	Mrs. Julia Gawron (Mother) ✓ 7 Catherine Street Amsterdam, New York
T/Sgt. Kurt J. Hermann II	Mr. Kurt J. Hermann, Sr. (Father) ✓ 24 Wyandanch Avenue Babylon, New York
S/Sgt. Harry R. Hill	Mrs. Mary E. Hill (Wife) ✓ 523 California Avenue Peoria, Illinois
S/Sgt. James E. Keenan	Mrs. Mary A. Keenan (Mother) ✓ 22 Willard Street Quincy, Massachusetts
S/Sgt. John L. Powell	Mrs. Lilia F. Powell (Mother) ✓ Route Number Five Andalusia, Alabama
Sgt. John T. Jenkins	Mrs. Anne Jenkins (Mother) ✓ 511 North Seventh Street Clairton, Pennsylvania