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61ST BOMB SQUADRON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Classification changed

(Unit)
39TH BOMB GROUP

to **RESTRICTED**
by L. A. BRIDGES, Lt. Col., AG
by S. L. BRENK, Capt., AG
Date MAR 15 1946

XXI Bomber Command

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name APO 246; Command or Air Force 20th Air Force
Group 39th Squadron 61st Detachment
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure North Field; Course 343°, 301°, 337°, 27°, 76°, 128°
Target or Intended Destination Kushadze
- OTHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Weather clear, slight haze, visibility unlimited
- GIVE: (a) Day 28 Month April Year 1945 Time 0130 K; and Location of Last known whereabouts of missing aircraft 29°N 136°E
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); Last contacted by radio (); Forced down (); Seen to crash (x); 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: Right wing rammed by enemy fighter aircraft. Ditching due primarily to failure of #4 engine.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-29; AAF Serial No. 44-69895
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any: None
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series Not applicable AAF Serial Nos Aircraft ditched into (a) SEA (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
Make: Same as Item #8; 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 x
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11; Passengers 1; Total 12
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars:

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
DE01. A	Orionchek, Alexander	1st Lt	0-683054	Missing in Ac
DE02. A	Kopit, Aaron M.	2d Lt	0-828460	Missing in Ac
DE03. B	Donahoo, David P. Jr	T/O	T-128440	Missing in Ac
DE04. C	Coutts, Charles B.	2d Lt	0-785487	Missing in Ac
DE05. F	McCandless, Jim A.	2d Lt	0-2057811	Missing in Ac
DE06. G	Vost, Conrad E.	Cpl	10227530	Missing in Ac
DE07. H	Addelman, Robert L.	T/Sgt	16042855	Missing in Ac
DE08. H	Beavers, Clarence W.	T/Sgt	11060525	Missing in Ac
DE09. O	Wood, William L.	Sgt	36873657	Missing in Ac
DE10. K	Vlong, Marvin H.	Cpl	3682642	Missing in Ac
DE11. K	Sprosty, John C. Jr	Cpl	15399537	Missing in Ac
DE12. K	Tomasetti, Albert P.	Cpl	42094232	Missing in Ac
13.				
14.				

*See par 3 under Item #17 (Remarks)

- IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, 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 Crash	Saw Fore Landing
1. Styron, Woodland M.	Capt 0-789354				X
2. Pulley, John H. Jr	1st Lt 0-675621				X
3. Erb, Donald L.	2d Lt 0-2064236				X
4. _____					

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13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachuter were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; (c) Any other reason (Specify) Members of crew were seen in water by planes which circled overhead and dropped supplies
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM:
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT: Search conducted in accordance with provisions of XXI Bomber Command regulations by Air Seas Rescue Unit 314th Bomb Wing, 1st Lt Graham S. Campbell, O-724288 in charge. Also joined by aircraft from 39th Bomb Group, Colonel George W. Mundy, O-17112, Commanding Officer in charge.

DATE OF REPORT 3 May 1945


(Signature of Preparing Officer)

GEORGE W. MUNDY,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

1. Right Wing of plane was seen to have been rammed by enemy fighter aircraft over target, however, it is believed ditching was due primarily to failure of #4 engine.

2. Survivors were observed in water after ditching by planes circling overhead. Supplies were dropped and position noted. When rescue units arrived on scene no survivors were found.

3. T/Sgt Clarence W. Beavers, 14060525, MMH 737 Flight Engineer was on aircraft as passenger to gain combat experience in EM's MDS.

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 here.

XXI BC Casualty Form #3.

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT
WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MACR NO. 14533

IMPORTANT: This report will be completed in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION LOCATION: APG 245 COMMAND OR AIR FORCE: XXI B C-20th A F
GROUP: 39th SQUADRON: 61st DETACHMENT:
2. SPECIFY: NUMBER OF DEPARTURE: North Fid Tinian COURSE: 345° 301° 337° 027° 100° 120°
INTENDED DESTINATION: Eschsch TYPE OF MISSION: Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Weather clear, slight haze, visibility unlimited.
4. GIVE: (A) DATE: 28 April 45 TIME: 0150 E AND LOCATION OF LAST KNOWN
WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING AIRCRAFT: 280° N 150° E
(B) SPECIFY WHETHER: () LAST SIGHTED; () LAST CONTACTED BY RADIO;
() FORCED DOWN; () CRASH OR () INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF (CHECK ONLY
ONE): () ENEMY AIRCRAFT; () ENEMY ARTILLERY AIRCRAFT; () OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES AS OF #4 engine.
FOLLOWS: Right wing ripped by enemy fighter aircraft. Ditching due primarily to failure
6. AIRCRAFT: TYPE, MODEL AND MAKE: B-29 AAF SERIAL NO.: 44-66225
7. ENGINES: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIAL (IF APPLICABLE) AAF SERIAL NO. (A) Aircraft
ditched into (B) _____ (C) _____ (D) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (GIVE MAKE, TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER)
Same as type (E) _____ (F) _____ (G) _____ (H) _____
(I) _____ (J) _____ (K) _____ (L) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (A) BATTLE CASUALTY
OR (B) NON-BATTLE CASUALTY
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: CREW 13; PASSENGERS 1; TOTAL 14
Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar
particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form.

NAME	RANK	BRANCH	SERIAL NUMBER	STATUS
<u>1st Lt. Alexander</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>O-78541</u>	<u>DEAD</u>	
<u>2nd Lt. _____</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-78542</u>	<u>DEAD</u>	
<u>3rd Lt. _____</u>	<u>3rd Lt.</u>	<u>O-78543</u>	<u>DEAD</u>	
<u>(4) C. Goutte, Charles B.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-78544</u>	<u>DEAD</u>	
<u>(5) P. McCormick, Jim A.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-78545</u>	<u>DEAD</u>	
<u>(6) G. Vogt, _____</u>	<u>Cpl.</u>	<u>18 88750</u>	<u>DEAD</u>	
<u>(7) H. Adkins, Robert L.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>18 042855</u>	<u>DEAD</u>	
<u>(8) W. Seever, Clarence W.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>14 080686</u>	<u>DEAD</u>	
<u>(9) O. Wood, William L.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>36 873691</u>	<u>DEAD</u>	
<u>(10) K. Lang, David H.</u>	<u>Cpl.</u>	<u>34 882542</u>	<u>DEAD</u>	
<u>(11) K. Spreng, John C. Jr.</u>	<u>Cpl.</u>	<u>15 399587</u>	<u>DEAD</u>	

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT,
AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	SERIAL NUMBER	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	DEAD	SAW FORCED LANDING
<u>(12) K. Tomasetti, Albert P.</u>	<u>Cpl.</u>	<u>42 094232</u>			<u>DEAD</u>	
<u>(1) Styron, Woodland M.</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	<u>O-789254</u>		<u>Y</u>		
<u>(2) Fuller, John H. Jr.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>O-675621</u>		<u>Y</u>		
<u>(3) Erb, Donald L.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-2 064236</u>		<u>Y</u>		

12. IF PERSONS 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 _____; OR (C) ANY OTHER REASON (SPECIFY): Members of crew were seen in water by
planes which circled overhead and dropped supplies.

13. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES
PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION
WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL
NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE Search conducted in accordance with provisions of XXI
Bomber Command regulations by Air Seas Rescue Unit 314th Bomb Wing, 1st Lt. Graham
S. Campbell, O-724286 in charge. Also joined by aircraft from 39th Bomb Group,
Colonel George W. Mundy, O-17112, Commanding Officer in charge.

5 May 1945

Date of Report

s/v GEORGE W. MUNDY, Colonel, Air Corps,
(Signature of Preparing Officer) Commanding.

(PREPARED BY MEMORIAL DIVISION) fm1

REMARKS: (Use additional sheet if necessary) * See par 3 under Item #17 (Remarks)

For: Macr No. 14583

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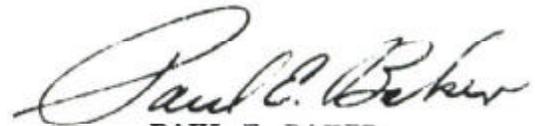
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HEADQUARTERS, CENTRAL PACIFIC BASE COMMAND, APO 956, 17 May 1945.

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
(Attention: Statistical Control Division)



PAUL E. BAKER,
1st Lt., A.C.D.,
Asst Adjutant General.

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- 1st Lt. Alexander Orionchak MIA
- 2nd Lt. Aaron M. Kopit MIA
- 2nd Lt. Jim A. McCumless MIA
- 2nd Lt. Charles B. Curtis MIA
- P/O David P. Dunahoo, Jr. MIA
- T/Sgt. Robert L. Adelman MIA
- T/Sgt. Clarence W. Beavers MIA
- Sgt. William L. Wood MIA
- Cpl. Albert F. Tonnotti MIA
- Cpl. John C. Spawty, Jr. MIA
- Cpl. Marvin H. Long MIA
- Cpl. Conrad E. Vogt MIA

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- Mrs. Kate McCumless (mother) ✓
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- Mrs. Ida May Curtis (mother) ✓
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- Mrs. Jeanette E. Dunahoo (wife) ✓
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- Mrs. Arlene L. Adelman (wife) ✓
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- Mrs. Frances Beavers (wife) ✓
Cleveland, Mississippi
- Mrs. Josephine B. Wood (wife)
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- Mrs. Erminia Tonnotti (mother) ✓
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