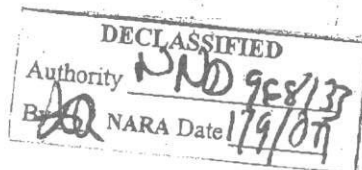


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FROM: VF 20 (ASIATIC)  
 ACTION: SECNAV  
 INFO: CINCPAC...BUAER...COMAIRPAC...COM 14  
 DATE: 26 DECEMBER 1944

OVER YAP ISLAND  
 THE BELOW NAMED MAN MISSING IN ACTION/ABOUT 0900,  
 22 NOVEMBER 1944. PLANE, F6F-5, BUNC 58638, ENGINE  
 NO HP204006, WAS HIT BY AA FIRE AND CRASHED AND BURNED.  
 LINE OF DUTY: NOT MISCONDUCT. RECOMMEND STRIKING OF  
 PLANE AND ENGINE.

LILLARD, Jack Ford LT. A-V(SN) USNR 105971

STATUS: Active duty.  
 NOK: Ann Lacy Lillard (Wife - not notified)  
 Box 47  
 Longview, Tex.  
 REMAINS: Missing.  
 PAY: \$210 per month.  
 INS: \$10,000 GLI paid thru Nov 1944 by allotment.  
 BENEF: Unknown.

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*VF-20*

STATEMENT CONCERNING FINDING OF DEATH

To Facilitate  
Administrative Handling  
Classification changed  
date:

*12-5*  
*0622* Lieutenant Jack Ford LILLARD, Jr., A-1(N), USNR, *1/5/46*

attached to Fighting Squadron TWENTY, based aboard the USS ENTERPRISE (CV-6), has been carried on the official records in the status of "missing in action" as of 22 November 1944.

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The above named officer was officially reported to be missing in action as of that date in dispatches from the Commanding Officer, Fighting Squadron TWENTY, to the Secretary of the Navy.

*B. Spies*

On 22 November 1944, Lieutenant LILLARD, in F6F-3 airplane, Bureau number 50430, took off from the USS ENTERPRISE in a flight of thirty planes of similar type to participate in a rocket and fire-bombing attack on designated Japanese areas at Yap Island. After the rocket and bombing runs were completed, most of the planes, including that of Lieutenant LILLARD, returned for a strafing attack. Lieutenant LILLARD made a strafing run on anti-aircraft positions at the east end of the runway. Since the anti-aircraft fire appeared to be meager, he went low in a shallow dive. His plane was hit and the tail blown off. After two slow rolls out of control, it dove into the ground from several hundred feet altitude at the east end of the runway, and exploded violently. Lieutenant LILLARD was not seen to leave the plane prior to the crash.

To date no further information has been received by the Navy Department concerning the fate of the above named officer.

In view of the strong probability that he was instantly killed when the plane in which he was flying, was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire, crashed and exploded, because no official or unconfirmed reports have been received that he survived, because his name has not appeared in any lists or reports of personnel liberated from Japanese prisons of war camps, and in view of the length of time that has elapsed since he was reported to be missing in action, it is recommended that the above named officer be found to be dead as set forth in the attached finding of death.

Approved:

Walter H. Fiske  
Commander, U.S.N.R.,  
Director of the Dependents  
Welfare Division

Chief of Naval Personnel

*0622-6222*

*Log 408453-1*

Secretary of the Navy

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No comments.

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