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by E. A. BIRDSONG, Lt. Col., AG
by F. M. WURCH, Capt., AG
Date ~~Mar 13 1946~~

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Cpl. Charles F. Reynolds

Mrs. Mary T. Reynolds (Wife)
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Cpl. John O. Dunbar

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S/Sgt. Kenneth W. Seiler

Mrs. Elizabeth Seiler (Mother)
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S/Sgt. Robert F. Jacobs

Mrs. Joseph Jacobs (Father)
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Sgt. William E. Moores

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371. Sgt. William E. Crowley

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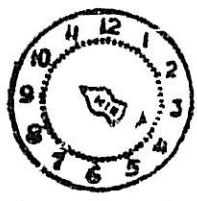
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location A.P.O. #719; Command or Air Force 13th AF
Group 307th Bomb (H); Squadron 372nd Bomb (H); Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Mokerang Field; Course To Yap Is. and return
intended Destination Mokerang Field; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
High overcast, alto stratus at 15,000, .2 low cumulus, tops 3,000, vis 1-2 miles
4. GIVE: (a) Date 7-15-44; Time Approx. 1220K; and Location 09° 08'N - 138° 17'E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; () Last Contacted by Radio;
() Forced Down (X) Seen to Crash, or () Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check
only one) (X) Enemy aircraft () Enemy Anti-aircraft () Other Circum-
stances as Follows and collision between Ap# 42-73119 and Ap# 44-40555
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model and Series B-24J; A.A.F. Serial No. 42-73119
7. ENGINES: Type, model and Series R1830-65; A.A.F. Serial No. (a) CP 309284
(b) Series R1830-65A #BP436627(c) CP 310135; (d) CP 307777
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) 10 Browning M-2; (b) 50 Cal. Machine; (c) Guns, Serial No; (d) unknown
(e) ; (f) ; (g) ; (h) ;
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11; Passengers 0; Total 11
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10
persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet
and attach original to this form.)

<u>Crew Position</u>	<u>Name in Full</u> (Last Name First)	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial</u> <u>Number</u>
1. Pilot	<u>Diederich, Anthony F., Jr.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-697342</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>Pomeroy, Robert W.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-768215</u>
3. Navigator	<u>Garrett, Eugene W.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-703251</u>
4. Bombardier	<u>Sekanics, Andrew</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-703402</u>
5. Engineer	<u>Seiler, Kenneth W.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>32762907</u>
6. Asst Engineer	<u>Hundley, Clint D.</u>	<u>Cpl</u>	<u>38135303</u>
7. Radio Operator	<u>Jacobs, Robert F.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>33738013</u>
8. Asst Radio Operator	<u>Reynolds, Charles F.</u>	<u>Cpl</u>	<u>37678896</u>
9. Gunner	<u>Dunbar, John O.</u>	<u>Cpl</u>	<u>37540207</u>
10. Armorer Gunner	<u>Crowley, William E.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>15004052</u>

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-
CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:
11. Camera Gunner Moore, William E. Sgt 36647606



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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT - (continued)

RECEIVED
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Contacted

	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.	Rice, Earl F., Jr.	2d Lt	0695767			X	
2.	MacDougal, Walter A.	S/Sgt	31300112		X		
3.	Kendall, James M.	S/Sgt	36570613			X	

12. 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 ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify)
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTEND OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None

Date of Report 17 July 1944

Clement B. Baldwin
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

CLEMENT B. BALDWIN,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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JULY 1, 1943

- 4-Attachments:
- 1-Cert. - Lt Rice
 - 2-Cert. - Sgt MacDougal
 - 3-Cert. - Sgt Kendall
 - 4-Map showing location

Ref WD Ltr AG-360.33(5-21-43)
OB-S-AF-M (For instructions -
see FFAF Reg 35-45)

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372ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
Office of the Operations Officer
A.F.C. # 719

17 July 1944

C E R T I F I C A T E

Plane #119 was swaying back and forth in formation and suddenly dropped right wing and peeled onto plane #555 cutting #555 into. No. 2 engine on #119 came out of wing and left wing fell off; plane then broke up and flames came out from fuselage. When #555 broke in half (behind trailing edge of wing) it also burst into flames. Bodies came out of both ships, but from my position I could not see any parachutes open. This happened approximately ten minutes from target area. I was pilot of plane #863 flying in a formation to the right of and a short distance behind the two planes.

Earl F. Rice Jr.
EARL F. RICE, Jr.,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot.

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17 July 1944

C E R T I F I C A T E

I was at the left waist gun on ship #603 when a silver ship appeared to break in two somewhere in the bomb-bay (I believe) very close to #119. It is possible that it may have broke in two as it hit #119. I saw this silver ship fall away in a mass of flames and some part of it knocked the trailing edge of the right wing of #119. At this point #119 started down and I was unable to see any more due to interception.

Walter A. MacDougal

WALTER A. MACDOUGAL,
Staff Sergeant,
Radio Operator.

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17 July 1944

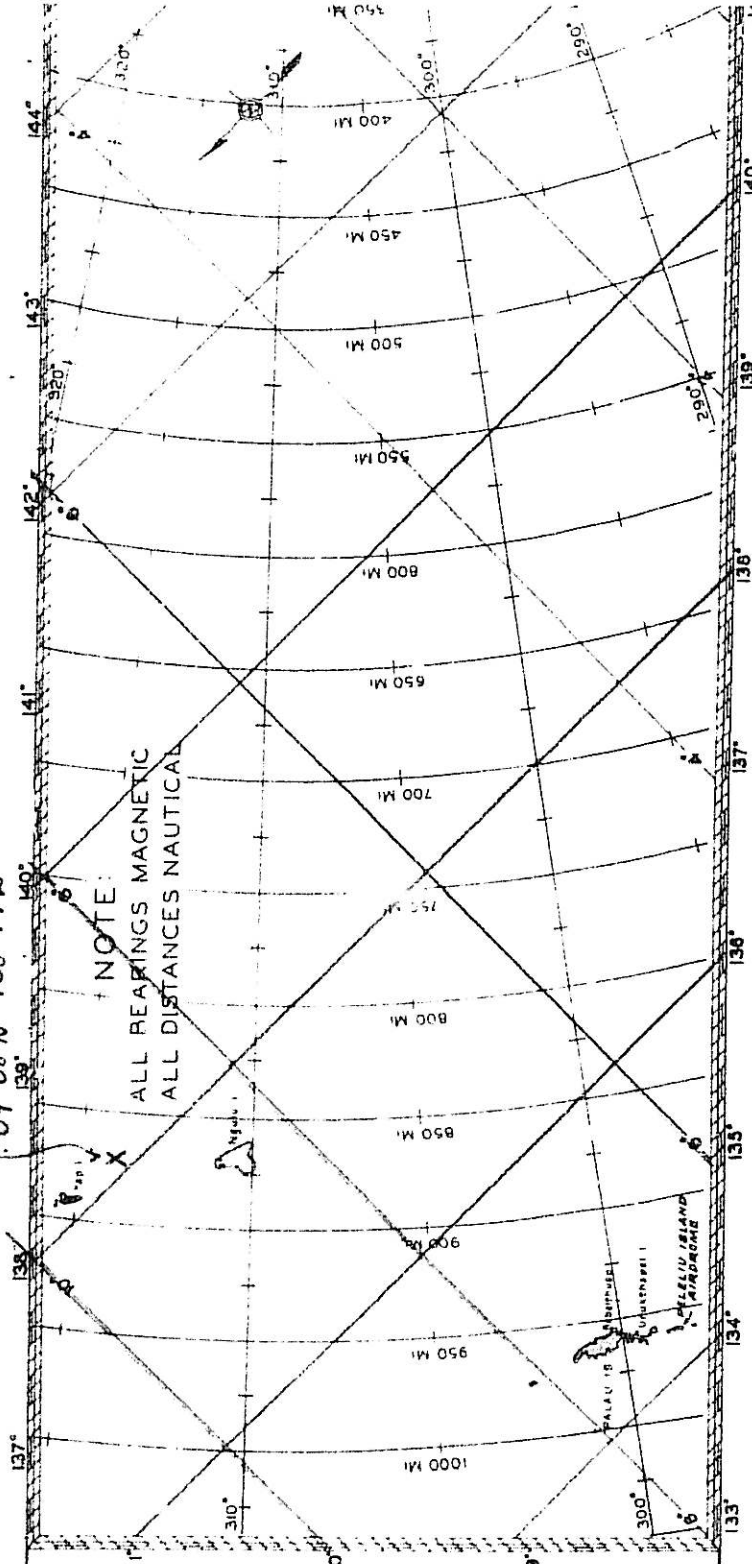
C E R T I F I C A T E

A Zeke attacked the formation in which airplanes number 119 and 555 were flying, from about two o'clock high. Right after the attack #119 was seen to fall off to the left and come down directly on top of #555. Both planes appeared to burst into flames and, after hanging together for several seconds each broke up. No. 555 broke into just behind the wing, the front part flamed for several seconds, then quit. No. 119 broke behind the wing and the right wing was also crumpled and blazing. All the wreckage seemed to drop almost straight down, all of it hitting the water close together. I saw this happen from the position of right waist gunner on plane #567.

JAMES M. KENDALL,
Staff Sergeant,
Radio Operator.

S/Sgt James M. Kendall

Scene of crash
09° 08' N - 139° 17' E



PILOTS REFERENCE STRIP
955-N

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS
TO
PALAU ISLANDS

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NOTE OFFICERS USING THIS MAP WILL
MARK HEREON CORRECTIONS AND
ADDITIONS WHICH COME TO THEIR
ATTENTION AND MAIL DIRECT TO
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