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by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AG
Date MAR 15 1946

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MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location APO 713, Unit 1 ; Command or Air Force V Bomber
Group 43rd Bomb (H) ; Squadron 64th Bomb (H) ; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Mokerang ; Course En route to target ;
Intended Destination Yap Island ; Type of Mission Strike
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Tropical front from equator to 50 miles south of Yap Island. Rain and two mile visibility over target. Front along North West New Guinea coast on return.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 13 June, 1944 Time Unknown ; and location Mokerang
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft,
(b) Specify wether ( ) Last Sighted; ( ) Last Contacted by Radio;
( ) Forced Down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or (X) Information not Available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one)
( ) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; (X) Other Circumstances as follows:
Unknown
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24D1 ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-72811
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1830-43 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 41-13279
(b) 41-44891 ; (c) 42-3253 ; (d) 41-17319
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
KRESS AND HAYES Frigidaire Frigidaire Frigidaire
(a) R-666272 ; (b) R-332972 ; (c) R-237312 ; (d) R-382721 L-382393
(e) L-669106 ; (f) L-332697 ; (g) L-233713 ; (h) R-374926 L-421533
9. THER PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
OR (b) Non Battle Causalty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11 ; Passangers None ; Total 11
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	SERIAL Number	
1. Pilot	DUVALL, JOHN C.	1st Lt.,	0-677685	
KIA-2. Co-Pilot	VOSSE, FRED M.	1st Lt.,	0-674916	
KIA-3. Navigator	CORNELIUS, EDWARD K.	2nd Lt.,	0-688628	
KIA-4. Bombardier	EDWARDS, WILLIAM B.	2nd Lt.,	0-688325	
KIA-5. Radar Operator	BRIDGES, ROY L.	1st Lt.,	0-859788	
KIA-6. Engineer	MEEDER, CHARLES V.	S/Sgt.,	13134649	MIA 6/21/44
KIA-7. Radio Operator	JENNINGS, EDWARD	T/Sgt.,	32662937	
KIA-8. Ass't Engineer	MANNING, THOMAS K.	S/Sgt.,	35392158	
KIA-9. Ass't Radio Op.	JONES, ARCHIE N.	S/Sgt.,	6251438	
KIA10. Gunner	HEMEREE, CONARD A.	S/Sgt.,	34721821	
KIA11. Gunner	FARNSWORTH, RICHARD M.	Sgt.	31294168	Attchd to Group from V Bomber Replacement center, APO 929.

12. 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 (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check only (1) column: Contacted by Radio	Last sighted	Saw Chrsh	Saw Forced Landing
1. Two ships from the 90th Bombardment Group (H), reported sighting a ship burst-						
2. into flames and crashing into the water.						
3.						

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 ; or (c) any other reason (Specify Unknown)
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE Refer to V Bomber Command Rescue Service.

Incl:
1 Map
Attachment 3

DATE OF REPORT 15 June, 1944

Walter W. Shankel
WALTER W. SHANKEL, Captain AC, Operations Officer

ADDENDUM TO MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

I am convinced that wreckage found by V Bomber Rescue Service was that of #42-72811. The aircraft was supposed to have been in that area at the time when a plane was seen to crash by crews of the 90th Bomb Group. Wreckage ~~in~~ was discovered in same vicinity in which plane was seen to crash. Catalinas searched area for four (4) hours but found no survivors.

Merrill F. Sargent

MERRILL F. SARGENT,
Major, Air Corps

FROM: CONFIDENTIAL
Hq US Army Forces, in Far East
APO 501, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.
R#34542

DATE: 1 Nov 44

NO.: 35537

TYPE: 23d Ind

FILE DESIGNATION: 360.33

SUSPENSE DATE:

FILING DATE:

SUMMARY:
Transmittal of Missing Aircraft Report.
Basic Ltr from 64th Bombardment Sqdrn (H), Co Squadron Cmdr, APO 715, Unit 1, 15 June 1944.
1 Incl

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TO:	TO:	TO:	TO:	TO:
DATE: 10 Nov 44	DATE:	DATE:	DATE:	DATE:

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EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT

SQUADRON: 320th Bomb (H)

GROUP : 90th Bomb (H)

13 September 1944

1. On June 13, 1944, I was flying in plane M053 on mission 165A1 at approximately 2100/K. The weather broke and before me I saw a huge fire on the water against the horizon. I circled the fire at 1000 to 1500 ft. and saw that it came from a large plane. This was probably a B-24 but it could not definitely be identified as such. I circled the area with lights on, in search of personnel until the fire had burned almost out. No personnel were sighted. A message was sent to the ground station immediately giving the approximate location of the crash.

J. Frank Dingee

J. FRANK DINGEE
1st Lt., Air Corps
Operations Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
V BOMBER COMMAND
APO 920

360.33 9 September 1944

SUBJECT: Searches conducted for B-24D1, Serial Number 42-72811.

TO : Commanding General, 5th Air Force, APO 710.

The wreckage of B-24D1, serial number 42-72811, was found 14 June 1944, by search Catalina from Momote at a position of 30 min. N., 146 deg. 40 min. E., at 1115/K. A four hour search for survivors proved unsuccessful.

An intense search of the area was made. Taking part in these searches were; Navy Catalina's from both Momote and Finschhafen, Army Catalina's from Nadzab and Hollandia, Fighters of the 310th Bomb Wing from Hollandia, Rescue Boats from Madang, two (2) Patrol Boats from FINSCHHAFEN, one (1) Crash Boat from Saidor, one (1) L-5 and four (4) P-47's from Finschhafen, two (2) B-25's from the 38th Bomb Group. All V Bomber Command Aircraft that were on missions in this area were informed of missing airplane and crew and a strict lookout was kept.

Results of searches for crew were negative.

Victor W. Grimes

VICTOR W. GRIMES
Captain, Air Corps,
A-3 Rescue Officer.

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SIXTY FOURTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
OFFICE OF THE SQUADRON COMMANDER
A.P.O. # 713, Unit 1.

15 June, 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Aircraft Report.

TO : Commanding General, Fifth Air Force, APO #925.
(THRU CHANNELS)

1. Transmitted herewith in compliance with Fifth Air Force Regulation 35-45A, dated 4 September, 1943, is Missing Aircraft Report for airplane type B-24D1, AAF No. 42-72811, which is reported missing 13 June, 1944.

Merrill F. Sargent

MERRILL F. SARGENT,
Major, Air Corps,
Actg. Squadron Commander.

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Incls:
Rpt of Missing Acft & incls thereto.
(Quad)

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HEADQUARTERS, 43RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), APO 713, Unit #1, 16 June, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, V Bomber Command, APO 713, Unit #1.

1. Attention invited to basic communication.

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18 JUN 1944
H.Q. 5th Bomber Command
A.P.O.

Harry J. Hawthorne

HARRY J. HAWTHORNE,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

Incls: n/c.

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AG 360.33 (15 Jun 44) 2nd Ind AG/JAH/ajb
HEADQUARTERS, V BOMBER COMMAND, APO 713, Unit 1, 18 June, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Fifth Air Force, APO 713, Unit 1.

For the Commanding Officer:

J. A. Holt
J. A. HOLT
Major, A.G.D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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Incl 1 MAC Rpt (in trip)

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AG 360.33 (15 June 44) AG-Pers. 3rd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, FIFTH AIR FORCE, APO 713, Unit #1, 19 June, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Far East Air Forces (Prov), APO 925.

For the Commanding General:

A. M. Holdsworth
A. M. HOLDSWORTH,
2nd Lt, Air Corps,
Actg Asst Adj Gen.

1 Incl: n/c.

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AG 360.33
(15 June 44)

4th Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST AIR FORCES (P), A.P.O. 925, 29 June 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 64 Bomb Sq, 43 Bomb Gp, A.P.O. 710.
(THRU: Commanding General, Fifth Air Force, A.P.O. 710.)

1. The attached Missing Aircraft Report is returned herewith.

2. Records at this headquarters indicate that Staff Sergeant HEMBREE's first name is spelled CONARD rather than CONRAD as shown on the Missing Aircraft Report.

3. Request that an indication be made as to which is correct in case of the above noted discrepancy.

4. The personnel of the 90th Bombardment Group mentioned in paragraph 11 will be contacted for a full description of the circumstances under which they observed the plane crash. Their individual statements will be added to the report with an explanation made by your organization as to why this aircraft is presumed to be Airplane B24D1 42-72811.

5. A statement will be made by Major SARGENT to explain his belief that wreckage found by V Bomber Command Rescue Service is the aircraft piloted by First Lieutenant JOHN C. DUVALL, O-677685. Major SARGENT's statement should clearly indicate whether or not the wreckage was discovered in the same vicinity that the plane referred to in paragraph 11 was seen to crash.

By command of Lieutenant General KENNEY:

1 Incl-N/C

1327 Herbert C. Wood

HERBERT C. WOOD,
Captain, A.G.D.,
Asst.Adj.Gen.

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AG 360.33 (A-3)

5th Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, FIFTH AIR FORCE, APO 710, 2 July, 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 64 Bomb Sq., 43 Bomb Gp., APO 713 Unit 1.
(THRU: Commanding General, V Bomber Command, APO 713 Unit 1).

For compliance with 4th Indorsement.

By command of Major General WHITEHEAD:

D. G. Meyses

D. G. MEYSES,
Captain, A G D,
Asst Adj Gen.

1 Incl; n/c

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AG 360.33 (15 June 44) 6th Ind A[illegible]/JAH/lpf
HEADQUARTERS, V BOMBER COMMAND, APO 713, Unit #1, 4 July, 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 43rd Bombardment Group, APO 713, Unit #1.

For compliance with 4th Indorsement.

By command of Brigadier General CRABB:

J. A. HOR[illegible]
Major, A.G.D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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Incl: n/c.

AG 360.33 (15June 44) 7th Ind. WAW/abh

HEADQUARTERS, 43RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), APO 713, Unit #1, 6 July, 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 64th Bombardment Squadron, APO 713, Unit #1 (THRU: GROUP S-3)

For compliance with 4th Indorsement.

By order of Colonel HAWTHORNE:

W. A. WRIGHT
Major, Air Corps
Executive

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AG360.33 8th Ind.

OPERATIONS OFFICE, 64TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H), APO 920, 7 September, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, V Bomber Command, APO 920.
(THRU: Commanding Officer, 43rd Bombardment Group (H), APO 920).

1. Par 2, 4th Indorsement complied with. Correction made.

2. Par 3, 4th Indorsement complied with-Records indicate S/Sgt. HEMBREE'S first name spelled CONARD instead of CONRAD as shown on Missing Aircraft Report.

3. Request communication be indorsed to 90th Bombardment Group for compliance with Par 4, 4th Indorsement as a means of expediting this report.

4. Par 5, 4th Indorsement complied with.

Arthur F Mulligan

ARTHUR F. MULLIGAN,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

1 Incl: n/c.

AG 360.33 9th Ind. HWH/rec

HEADQUARTERS, 43RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), APO 920, 7 September, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, V Bomber Command, APO 920.

1. Attention invited to preceding indorsement.

Harry J. Hawthorne

HARRY J. HAWTHORNE,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

1 Incl: n/c.

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AG 360.33 (15 June 44) 10th Ind AG/WRP/sjb
HEADQUARTERS, V BOMBER COMMAND, APO 920. 9 September, 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 90th Bombardment Group, APO 920.

For compliance with Par. 4, 4th Indorsement.

By command of Brigadier General CRABB:

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W. R. PURPUS,
Captain, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

Incl: n/c

AG 360.33 (15 June 44) 11th Ind. FBF/lcm

Hq, 90th Bomb Gp (H), AAF, APO 920, 14 Sept 44.

TO: Commanding General, V Bomber Command, APO 920.

Eye witness account of 90th Bomb Gp personnel obtained and included as part of basic communication. Par 4, 4th Indrosement, complied with.

For the Group Commander:

F. B. FOSKET,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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AG 360.33 (15 Jun 44) 12th Ind AG/NFS/sjb
HEADQUARTERS, V BOMBER COMMAND, APO 920, 16 Sept, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Fifth Air Force, APO 710.

For the Commanding General:

N. F. SORENSEN, 23143
1st Lt, A.G.D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

1 Incl: MAC (trip)
Description of search
added to rpt

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AG 360.33 (15 June 44) AG-Pers. 13th Ind

HEADQUARTERS, FIFTH AIR FORCE, APO 710, 17 September, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, APO 925.

For the Commanding General:

E. C. YOUNG
2d Lt, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

1 Incl: n/c

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AG 360.33
(15 June 44)

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HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST AIR FORCES, APO 925, 29 September 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 64 Bombardment Squadron, 43 Bombardment Group, APO 920.
(THRU: Commanding General, Fifth Air Force, APO 710)

1. The attached Missing Aircraft Report is returned herewith.

2. In view of the information supplied by Captain Grimes and Lieutenant Dingee it is believed that the original casualty classification of the crew members may be incorrect. Your attention is invited to Section 6c War Department Circular 195, 1943 which provides as follows:

"Investigation of circumstances attending the case of any person reported missing or missing in action will follow when conditions indicate advisability therefor. Whenever evidence justifies a change from report of missing or missing in action to one of death, a supplementary report will be promptly submitted. If the information or evidence is not reasonably conclusive of death, a report of all facts will be submitted."

3. If circumstances are such as to justify a report of death, a corrected Casualty Report will be prepared in accordance with FEAF Regulation 35-45, 21 June 1944.

4. If it is found that a change in status is not justified, request that a report of the facts and circumstances upon which a presumption of survival may be based be accomplished and added to this Missing Aircraft Report when it is returned.

By command of Lieutenant General KENNEY:

1 Incl: n/c

F. J. PICCHI,
1st. Lt., A.G.D.
Asst. Air Adj. Gen.

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AG 360.33 (15 June 44) AG-Pers. 15th Ind. S 10-11-44

HEADQUARTERS, FIFTH AIR FORCE, APO 710. 1 October, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, V Bomber Command, APO 920.

For compliance with 14th Indorsement.

By command of Brigadier General KURTSMITH:

E. C. Young
E. C. YOUNG
2d Lt, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

1 Incl: n/c

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AG 360.33 16th Ind AG/JAW/sjb
HEADQUARTERS, V BOMBER COMMAND, APO 920, 2 Oct, 44.

TO: Commanding Officer, 43rd Bombardment Gp, APO 920.

For necessary action.

By command of Brigadier General CRABB:

J. A. Webber
J. A. WEBBER
Captain, Air Corps,
Act'g. Asst Adj Gen.

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AG 360.33 17th Ind.
HEADQUARTERS FORTY THIRD BOMB GROUP (H), APO 920, 4 Oct. 44.

TO: Commanding Officer, 64th Bomb Squadron (H), APO 920.

For necessary action.

By order of Lieut. Colonel PETTUS:

Lester H. Olson
LESTER H. OLSON
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant.

1 Incl: n/c

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AG 360.33 (15 June 44) 18th Ind.

64TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H), 43rd Bombardment Group (H), APO 920, 8 Oct 44.

TO: Commanding Officer, 43rd Bombardment Group (H), APO 920.

1. In compliance with the 14th Indorsement the casualty status of the crew members has been changed from Missing to Killed in action in view of the statements made by Captain Grimes and Lieutenant Dingee.

2. Enclosed herewith supplemental corrected casualty report.

M. L. Shaddox

M. L. SHADDOX,
Captain, Air Corps.
Act'g Squadron Commander.

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Incl 1
Added
Incl 2 - Supplemental corrected casualty report.

AG 360.33 (15 June 44) 19th Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, 43RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), APO 920, 9 October 44.

TO: Commanding General, Vth Bomber Command, APO 920.

1. Attention invited to preceeding indorsement.

2. Records of this Hq have been changed from "Missing" to "Killed in Action" on Lt Duvall and crew.

James T. Pettus Jr.

2 Incls: n/c

13 OCT 1944

JAMES T. PETTUS, JR.,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Commanding. 0223

AG 360.33 20th Ind AG/NTS/sjb
HEADQUARTERS, V BOMBER COMMAND, APO 920, 13 Oct, 1944

TO: Commanding General, Fifth Air Force, APO 710.

For the Commanding General:

N. F. Sorensen

2 Incls: n/c

N. F. SORENSEN,
Capt., A.G.D.,
Ass't. Adj. Gen.

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AG 360.33 (15 June 44) AG-Pers 21st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, FIFTH AIR FORCE, APO 710, 16 October, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, APO 925.

For the Commanding General:

E. C. Young
E. C. YOUNG,
1st Lt, AGD,

AG 360.33
(15 June 44) 22nd Ind

HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST AIR FORCES, APO 925, 21 October 1944.

TO: Commanding General, USAFFE, APO 501.

Attention invited to 18th Indorsement.

For the Commanding General:

G. W. McClughan
G. W. McCLUGHAN
Captain, A.G.D.
Asst. Air Adj. Gen.

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FEXC 360.33 (15 Jun 44) 23d Ind.

HQ UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST, A.P.O. 501, 1 November, 1944.
TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D.C.
(ATTENTION: Statistical Control Division)

1. Forwarded in compliance with War Department letter dated 23 May 43, file AG 360.33 (5-21-43) OB-S-AF-M, subject: "Missing Air Crew Report".

2. Reference Theater Casualty Card Shipment No 238, 29 Oct 44, the status of subject personnel has been changed to "Killed in Action on 13 Jun 44".

For the Commanding General:

D. F. ROSS
2d Lt, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

1 Incl:
n/c. (Duplicate withdrawn)

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Basic: Ltr fr AAF dtd 9 Nov 44, subj: Sgt Richard M. Farnsworth, 31294168, 64th Bm Sq, 43d Bm Gp, MIA 13 Jun 44

AG 201 - Farnsworth, Richard M. (Enl) 4th Ind

HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST AIR FORCES, APO 925, 14 FEB 1945

TO: Commanding General, USAFFE, APO 501.

Subject Missing Air Crew Report was forwarded to your headquarters by 22d Indorsement, this headquarters, 21 October 1944.

For the Commanding General:

D. T. HAMILTON
Major, AGD
Asst. Adj. Gen.

FEXC 201-FARNSWORTH, Richard M. 5th Ind
(9 Nov 44)

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HQ UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST, A.P.O. 501, 19 February 1945.
TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

Records, this Hq, show that Sgt Richard M. Farnsworth, 31294168, was a member of the crew of plane piloted by 1st Lt John C. Duvall, 0677685, which became missing in action 13 Jun 44. Status of entire crew was later changed to killed in action 13 Jun 44.

For the Commanding General:

M. G. SCHOFIELD
1st Lt A. G. D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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Basic: Ltr fr AAF dtd 9 Nov 44, subj: Sgt Richard M. Farnsworth, 31294168, 64th Bm Sq, 43d Bm Gp, MIA 15 Jun 44

FEHC 201-FARNSWORTH, Richard M. 5th Ind enc/1ks
(9 Nov 44)

HQ, UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST, A.P.O. 501, 19 February 1945.
TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

Records, this Hq, show that Sgt Richard M. Farnsworth, 31294168, was a member of the crew of plane piloted by 1st Lt John C. Duvall, 0677685, which became missing in action 15 Jun 44. Status of entire crew was later changed to killed in action 15 Jun 44.

For the Commanding General:

M. C. SCHOFIELD
1st Lt A. C. D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

November 9, 1944

SUBJECT: Sergeant Richard M. Farnsworth, 31294168,
64th Bomb Squadron 43rd Bomb Group,
Missing in Action 13 June 1944.

TO : Commanding General, Fifth Air Force, A.P.O. 925,
c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a request for details concerning the circumstances under which the subject named was reported missing (in action) on the date shown.

2. A search of the records of this headquarters indicates that a Missing Air Crew Report, as required by A.G.O. letter, 23 May 1943, (AG 360.33 (5-21-43)OB-S-AF-M), has not been received to date in this case. It is requested that this report be forwarded with the least practicable delay.

For the Commanding General:

E. A. Bradunas

E. A. BRADUNAS,
Major, A. G. D.,
Chief, Notification Branch,
Personal Affairs Division,
Assistant Chief Air Staff, Personnel.

AG 201 - FARNSWORTH, Richard M. (E) 1st Ind
(9 Nov 44) A-1 Pers

HEADQUARTERS, FIFTH AIR FORCE, APO 710, 22 December 1944.

TO: Commanding General, V Bomber Command, APO 72.

For compliance with basic communication.

By command of Major General WHITEHEAD:

C. A. STANFIEL
Capt., A[illegible]5-509,AF
Asst. Adj. [illegible]

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AG 360.33 2d Ind A-1/RLB/rj
HEADQUARTERS, V BOMBER COMMAND, APO 710, 23 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Fifth Air Force, APO 710.

1. Records at this headquarters indicate that a Missing Air Crew Report dated 15 June 1944, was submitted on subject crew and that 18th and 19th indorsement to report, changed the status of crew to Killed in Action. Corrected copy letter reports were attached.

2. Subject correspondence was forwarded your headquarters by our 20th indorsement dated 13 October 1944.

For the Commanding General:

W. R. PURPUS
Major, A. G. D.
Adjutant General

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AG 201 - FARNSWORTH, Richard M. (E) 3d Ind
(9 Nov 44) A-1 Pers

HEADQUARTERS, FIFTH AIR FORCE, APO 710, 27 January, 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, APO 925.

1. Inviting attention to preceding Indorsement.

2. Subject Missing Aircraft Report was forwarded to your headquarters by 21st Indorsement, this headquarters, file 360.33, dated 16 October, 1944.

For the Commanding General:

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A. G. D.
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145°

150°

155°

GAFERUT I
66

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75

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25

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FALIFI I
56

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SATAWAL I

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MAGERERIK
89

OLOL I
FULUL
12

MAGERLAP I 85
ONO I
ONARI I
WELTOT I
PIHERER
85

PULAP ISLANDS
FANADIK I
PULAP I
TAMATAM I
ALET I
PULUWAT ISLANDS
PULUWAT I
112

PULUSUK I

HALL ISLANDS
EAST FAYU I
NOMWIN I
85
IGUP I
NUKUNUS I

MURILO ISLANDS
MURIL I
RUO I

MINTO REEF

HOLAP I
FALALU I
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TORAKKU JPD
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7°22′

Sp. fl. (2) ev. 28 sec.
133 ft. vis. 17 m.

Alet
(uninhabited)

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Statute Miles

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View O-O

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Statute Miles

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Pisilemo I

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(NAMOLIPIAFAN)

Setonnolap

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North Passch

South Passch

Passage

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Fistef

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151°40′

151°45′

151°50′

5°30′

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