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REPORT No. 1 (One)
 (Last previous 15)
873rd Bomb Sq 498th Bomb Gr
 UNIT

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Original - Supplemental
 (Cross out one)

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1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Saipan ; ~~Component~~ or Air Force 20th
 Group 498th Squadron 873rd Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Saipan ; Course Unknown
 Target or Intended Destination Fukuoka, Kyushu ; Type of Mission POW Supplies
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Unknown
4. GIVE: (a) Day 4 Month Sept Year 1945 Time Unknown and Location of last
 known whereabouts of missing aircraft Unknown
 (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 44-61666
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any: _____
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R3350-23A'S ; AAF Serial Nos
 (a) DW-209471 (b) 42-120710 (c) DW-209368 (d) DW-209485
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
 Make: Information not available. ; Type: _____
 (a) _____ ; (b) _____ ; (c) _____ ; (d) _____ ;
 (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 X
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 5 ; Total 14
 (Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars:

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1. A/C	Alexander, George W	1st Lt	0793478	MNG <u>M</u>
2. P	Riddle, Fred R Jr	2d Lt	0832960	MNG <u>M</u>
3. N	Turk, Bertram M	2d Lt	0933602	MNG <u>M</u>
4. B	Whitfield, Elliott K ✓	1st Lt	0679340	MNG
5. FE	Geis, Aloysius A	2d Lt	0775234	MNG <u>M</u>
6. ROM	Smith, Billy E	Sgt	18082819	MNG <u>M</u>
7. LG	Loafman, Johnnie B	S/Sgt	19050632	MNG <u>M</u>
8. RG	Austen, Marlin M	Cpl	15128480	MNG <u>M</u>
9. V	Holm, Glen M	F/O	T180380	MNG <u>M</u>
10. Pass	Blurton, Melvin E	Pfc	38536725	MNG <u>M</u>
11. Pass	Estrate, Russell	M/Sgt	18044245	MNG <u>M</u>
12. Pass	Moydell, Lawrence C	M/Sgt	18004858	MNG <u>M</u>
13. Pass	Coursey, William G	Cpl	18136304	MNG <u>M</u>
14. Pass	Alderson, Penny (Ho 498th BG)	T/Sgt	39181627	MNG <u>M</u>

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	Saw			
			Contacted Last by Radio	Saw Sighted	Crash	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) _____
Unknown
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: _____

DATE OF REPORT 7 September 1945

Rodger B Cotter
RODGER B COTTER, Capt AC, Ass t Adj.
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

B-29 Aircraft AAF #44-51666 took off from base at 0300, 4 September 1945, for a mission to deliver prisoner of war supplies to Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan. No word was received from the aircraft by radio and no witnesses have been found who saw the aircraft at any time during its flight.

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.

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TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
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Leafon, Johnnie	Unidentified	1950632 or (19050632)	4/9/45	NAGASA I-ken N. I. 50 JCGI-Gun KOFUJIMA	Died in plane crash	Placed in NAGASA I OURA TRAILHEAD	Created with the assistance of the staff and released prisoners of Korean War Sub- Camp No. 2
Abalviret, A.	"						
Gais, A. A.	"						
Smith, Lily E.	"						
Strat R. E.	"						
ALFRED PENNY AUSTEN (6 persons unidentified)							K-113

11-8-45

1st Lt. Elliott K. Whitfield	Miss Marion S. Whitfield (sister) Main Street Franklin, Virginia
1st Lt. George W. Alexander	Mrs. Vera F. Alexander (mother) Route Two, Box 70 Minden, Louisiana
2nd Lt. Fred R. Riddle, Jr.,	Mrs. Montie W. Riddle (mother) North Main Street Marlan, Kentucky
2nd Lt. Bertram M. Turk	Mr. Harry M. Turk (father) 1607 East Fourth Street Brooklyn, New York
2nd Lt. Aloysius A. Geis	Mrs. Helen I. Geis (wife) 723 North 5th Avenue Tucson, Arizona
F/O. Glen M. Holm	Mrs. Ella I. Holm (mother) 1031 25th Avenue Court, Illinois
M/Sgt. Russell Estrate	Mrs. Mary Estrate (mother) 1294 West 65th Street Cleveland, Ohio
M/Sgt. Lawrence C. Moydell	Mrs. Lula K. Moydell (mother) Route One Frague, Oklahoma
T/Sgt. Penny Alderson	Mrs. Angela Alderson (wife) 166 Oak Street Mountain View, California
S/Sgt. Johnnie B. Leafman	Mrs. Ethyl Leafman (mother) Route One Chickasha, Oklahoma
Sgt. Billy E. Smith	Mrs. Ethel Smith (mother) Box 353 Mesquite, Texas
Cpl. Marlin M. Austen	Mrs. Mildred I. Austen (mother) R. F. D. Number Six Wooster, Ohio
Cpl. William C. Coursey	Mrs. Johnnie A. Coursey (wife) c/o Dr. W. M. Coursey Raleigh, Mississippi
Pfc. Melvin E. Blurton	Mrs. Grace A. Blurton (mother) R. F. D. Number One Whitesboro, Texas

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