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 Authority: NND 735001
 By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

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98TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 (Reporting Headquarters)

REPORT NO. _____

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 air crew member is officially reported missing.

- S. Rae* *Boat*
1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name AFPO #903; Command or Air Force VII BO
 Group 11th Group (H); Squadron 98th Bomb (H); Detachment _____
 2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure AFPO #903; Course See Remarks
 Target or Intended Destination AFPO #75; Type of Mission Passenger
 3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
8 to 10 undercast with .6 to .8 up to 16,000, visibility for mountains, zero.
 4. GIVE: (a) Day 10 Month 9 Year 45; Time 0715; and Location AFPO #903
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted(); Last contacted by radio(); Forced down(); 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) Enemy Aircraft (); Enemy Anti-aircraft (); Other Circumstances as follows: See Remarks
 6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24J; AAF Serial No. #44-40491
 7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any "ginny"
 8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-65; AAF Serial Number (a) #1 BP-433586; (b) #2 42-44796; (c) #3 41-15300; (d) #4 4295033
 9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number); 50 Cal BMB (AG)
 (a) _____; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
 (e) LH 1103355; (f) RH 707129; (g) RH 1197190; (h) LH 1200760
 (i) RH 1102654; (j) LH 730403; (k) LH 1197979; (l) _____
 (m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
 10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty _____
 or (b) NonBattle Casualty XX
 11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 5; Passengers 20 Total 25
 (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	Current Status
<i>KWB1</i> Pilot	<u>Sharp, Willard Calvin Jr</u>	<u>2d Lt</u>	<u>02062062</u>	<u>OUT</u>
<i>KWB2</i> Co-Pilot	<u>Mortensen, George Roger</u>	<u>F/O</u>	<u>T-7497</u>	<u>OUT</u>
<i>KWB3</i> Navigator	<u>Daoust, Arden Darrel</u>	<u>2d Lt</u>	<u>02061553</u>	<u>OUT</u>
<i>KWB4</i> Engineer	<u>Darron, Jean</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>36670488</u>	<u>OUT</u>
<i>KWB5</i> Radio Opr	<u>Lake, Glenn Jr</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>37570473</u>	<u>OUT</u>
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.				
11.				

12. 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	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
<u>See Remarks</u>						

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Classified by S. A. MADON, Lt. Col., AG
 on 7. 8. 1982, Capt., AG
 Date 8-2-82

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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 ___; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____
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 one B-24 searched the entire course, authorized by Seventh Air Force.

Date of Report 16 September 1945

ROBERT H. BENESH, Major, AC, Commanding.
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

Last definitely seen or known of on take-off from APO #903, at 0715, 10 September 1945. Arrival report was received on #491 but a complete check disclosed that it was a #491 belonging to the 5th Air Force. No contact or information is available since take-off.

Course: North tip of Fornosa, down West coast, then to Manila.

"A TRUE COPY"

Reuben L. Rockwell
REUBEN L. ROCKWELL,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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M I S S I N G A I R C R E W R E P O R T

11. Number of Persons Aboard Aircraft: (Con't)

	Crew Position	(Last Name First)	Rank	Serial No.	Current Status
1.	Passenger	Houghton, A. C.	Left Col		CUT
2.	Passenger	Compton, Arthur	A/Sgt		CUT
3.	Passenger	Harrington, Desmond	Signalman		CUT
4.	Passenger	Bates, Sidney	Gunner		CUT
5.	Passenger	Webb, Leonard, J.	Gunner		CUT
6.	Passenger	Green, William J.	Driver		CUT
7.	Passenger	Gilhim, Sidney F.	Sgt		CUT
8.	Passenger	James, William R.	Sgt	51711	CUT
9.	Passenger	Burke, John L.	L/Cpl		CUT
10.	Passenger	Wool, Cyril	Cpl		CUT
11.	Passenger	Botting, John	Cpl		CUT
12.	Passenger	Doxford, William	Cpl		CUT
13.	Passenger	Price, Charles H.	Cpl		CUT
14.	Passenger	Solomon, Harold	Pvt		CUT
15.	Passenger	King, Thomas P.	Pvt		CUT
16.	Passenger	Peste, Harold	Pvt		CUT
17.	Passenger	Fargter, Ernesta	Pvt		CUT
18.	Passenger	Tock, Arthur J.	Pvt		CUT
19.	Passenger	Clark, Edward	Pvt		CUT
20.	Passenger	Barks, James	Pvt		CUT

The above listed personnel are Allied Prisoners of War.

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