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Report No. 4

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Original - ~~RESTRICTED~~

62nd Bomb Sq. 39th Bomb Group
(Unit)

MISSING: ~~Original~~ changed
to **RESTRICTED**
by E. A. BRADNAS, Lt. Col., AG
By W. J. THOMAS, 1st Lt. AG
Date 1 May 1945

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Guam; Command or Air Force 20th Air Force Group 39th Squadron 62nd Bomb Detachment Not applicable
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure North Field Course 343° 349° 3274° 315°
Target or Intended Destination Shizuoka
Type of Mission Combat Bombing
3. OTHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: High thin overcast at 18000 ft with low scattered clouds at 2000. Visibility unrestricted.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 20 Month June Year 1945 Time 0600Z; and Location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft North Field, Guam
(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: Reasons unknown

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-29; AAF Serial No. 42-65373
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any: None
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-3350-23A; AAF Serial Nos
(a) W-462562 (b) DW-209268 (c) W-462827 (d) 43-150555
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
Make: General Motors; Type: Cal. 50 Browning Machine Gun-Aircraft
(a) 1745220 (b) 1745670 (c) 1745279 (d) 1745237
(e) 1745337 (f) 1745628 (g) 1745675 (h) 1745632
(i) 1745391 (j) 1745632 (k) 1745664 (l) 1745271
(m) _____ (n) _____ (o) _____ (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11; Passengers 0; Total 11
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars:

| | Crew | Position | Name in Full (Last Name First) | Rank | Serial Number | Current Status |
|------------|------|----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <u>K/A</u> | 1. | A | Hopkins, Donald O. | 1st Lt. <u>AG</u> | <u>0-793771</u> | Missing in Action |
| <u>K/A</u> | 2. | A | Joyce, William G. | P/O <u>AG</u> | <u>T-4124</u> | Missing in Action |
| <u>K/A</u> | 3. | B | Durham, Kenneth E. | P/O <u>AG</u> | <u>T-129133</u> | Missing in Action |
| <u>K/A</u> | 4. | C | Powers, Maurice J. | P/O <u>AG</u> | <u>T-132514</u> | Missing in Action |
| <u>K/A</u> | 5. | L | Long, Maurice E. | P/O <u>AG</u> | <u>T-131545</u> | Missing in Action |
| <u>K/A</u> | 6. | N | Kuebler, Gerhard J. | W/Sgt <u>AG</u> | <u>20800319</u> | Missing in Action |
| <u>K/A</u> | 7. | G | Mose, Edward J. Jr | S/Sgt <u>AG</u> | <u>36643308</u> | Missing in Action |
| <u>K/A</u> | 8. | O | Hulrich, Thomas G. | S/Sgt <u>AG</u> | <u>36833445</u> | Missing in Action |
| <u>K/A</u> | 9. | I | Coll, Kenneth | Sgt <u>AG</u> | <u>11104535</u> | Missing in Action |
| <u>K/A</u> | 10. | K | Barczak, Raymond E. | Sgt <u>AG</u> | <u>38904638</u> | Missing in Action |
| <u>K/A</u> | 11. | R | Patsey, Justin J. | Sgt <u>AG</u> | <u>42094083</u> | Missing in Action |
| | 12. | | | | | |
| | 13. | | | | | |
| | 14. | | | | | |

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 | AGN | Contacted Last by Radio | Saw Sighted | Saw Crash | Forced Landing |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1. | <u>No information available</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) _____
Not applicable
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: Search conducted in accordance with provisions of XXI Bomber Command regulations by Air Sea Rescue Unit, 314th Bomb Wing, 1st Lt. Graham S. Campbell, O-724288 in charge.

DATE OF REPORT 21 June 1945

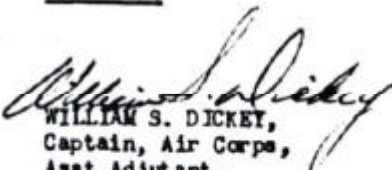
/s/ George W. Mundy
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

GEORGE W. MUNDY,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

No information available at this headquarters at this time. Missing aircraft not seen nor heard from after take-off from North Field, Guam 2049K 19 Jun 45. Aircraft considered as missing 0400Z 20 Jun 45, Authority: TWX 314th Bomb Wing, AIMCR 5739.

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WILLIAM S. DICKEY,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

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 here.

XXI BC Casualty Form #3.

REPORT NO. 4

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62ND BOMB SQ, 39TH BOMB GR MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

UNIT

Original - Supplemental
(Cross out word not applicable)

Classification changed to ~~RESTRICTED~~
by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
By W. L. THOMAS, 1st Lt. AC
Date MAR 1 1944
Command of 39th Bomb Group

1. ORGANIZATION, Location, by Name North Field, Guam
 Air Force 39th; Squadron 62nd
 Detachment Not Applicable
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure North Field; Course 343° 329° 304° 315°
 Target or Intended Destination Chisnoke; Type of Mission Bombing (Combat)

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST SIGHTED at 2000.
 REPORTED: Visibility unrestricted.

4. GIVE: (a) Day 20 Month June Year 1944; Time 0400; and Location North Field, Guam
 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 RESULT OF:
 (Check only one) Enemy Aircraft (); Enemy Anti-Aircraft ();
 Other circumstances as follows: Reasons Unknown

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-29; LAF Serial Number 42-55373

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If any None

8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series B-3350-23A
 Number (a) 42-462562; (b) 42-462563; (c) 42-462564
 (d) 42-462565

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
 (a) 1745220; (b) 1745670; (c) 1745279; (d) 1745337
 (e) 1745227; (f) 1745628; (g) 1745475; (h) 1745632
 (i) 1745291; (j) 1745632; (k) 1745664; (l) 1745278
 (m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____

10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty or (b) Non-Battle Casualty

1. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11; Passengers _____
 Total _____ (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 |
|---------------|--------------------------------|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. Pilot | Joyce, Milton C. | P/O | T-4124 | Missing in Action |
| 2. " | Dunham, Kenneth E. | P/O | T-120133 | Missing in Action |
| 3. " | Powmer, Maurice J. | P/O | T-130514 | Missing in Action |
| 4. " | Long, Maurice E. | P/O | S-1325545 | Missing in Action |
| 5. " | Kushler, Gerhard J. | M/Sgt | 20806319 | Missing in Action |
| 6. " | Moss, Edward J. Jr. | Sgt | 26643208 | Missing in Action |
| 7. " | O'Brien, Thomas | P/O | 26823446 | Missing in Action |
| 8. " | Gall, Kenneth | Sgt | 11104535 | Missing in Action |
| 9. " | Barnes, Raymond F. | Sgt | 33904638 | Missing in Action |
| 10. " | Batey, Justin J. | Sgt | 42094083 | Missing in Action |
| 11. " | | | | |

2. 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 |
|--------------------------------|------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| No information available. | | | | | | |
| 1. _____ | | | | | | |
| 2. _____ | | | | | | |
| 3. _____ | | | | | | |

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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) Not applicable.
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. Search conducted in accordance with provisions of XXI Bomber Command REGULATION by Air Sea Rescue Unit, 314th Bomb Wing, 1st Lt. Graham S. Campbell, O-724288, in charge.

DATE OF REPORT 21 June 1945

/s/ George W. Mundy

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS: GEORGE W. MUNDY
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding.

No information available at this headquarters at this time. Missing aircraft not seen or heard from after take-off from North Field, Guam 2049K 19 Jun 45. Aircraft considered as missing 0400Z 20 Jun 45, Authority: TWX 314th Bomb Wing, AMCR 5739.

A certified true copy.

Earl S. Whitney
EARL S. WHITNEY
Capt. AC

Note: On Supplemental reports it is not necessary to repeat answers to questions previously answered, except questions I and II. Additional statements may be attached hereto.

XXI Bomber Command Casualty Form #9.

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HEADQUARTERS
39TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
APO 334 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco California

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31 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Notification Branch, Personnel Affairs Division.

1. Transmitted herewith 62nd Bomb Squadron, 39th Bomb Group Missing Air Crew Report No. 4 as requested in letter, file AFPPA-8 (F & R), your headquarters, subject: Request for Missing Air Crew Report, dated 21 August 1945.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

William S. Dickey
WILLIAM S. DICKET,
Capt, Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

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1 Incl:
62nd Bomb Sq Missing Air Crew Report No. 4
(True Copy)

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D. H. H. [Signature]*

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IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPPA-8

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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SUBJECT: Flight Officer Maurice J. Powsner, T-132514
62nd Bomb Squadron
Missing in Action 20 June 1945

TO: Commanding General, Twenty-First Bomber Command, A.P.O. 273
c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California

Request Missing Air Crew Report, as required by AGO letter, 7 July 1944 (AG 704(5 Jul 44) OB-S-AAF-M), be forwarded with least practicable delay in the case of Flight Officer Maurice J. Powsner, T-132514, reported missing in action 20 June 1945, which report has not been received.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

N. W. Reed

N. W. REED
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Notification Branch
Personal Affairs Division
Asst Chief of Air Staff-1

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE, APO 234, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

18 AUG 1945

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

Basic communication complied with.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

William S. Cluett
WILLIAM S. CLUETT
Major, Air Corps
Actg Ass't Adjutant General

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ADDRESS REPLY TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

BM 9055

MACR 16833

CHECK STATUS ON: Date of Crash 20 June 1945

| | | | <i>Status Date</i> |
|----------------------|-------|----------------|--------------------|
| BARCHAK, RAYMOND B. | Sgt. | 33 904 638 | KIA 20 JUN 45 |
| COLLI, KENNETH | Sgt. | 11 104 535 | KIA 20 JUN 45 |
| DURHAM, KENNETH B. | P/O | 2289 T-129 135 | KIA 20 JUN 45 |
| HOPKINS, DONALD Q. | 1/Lt. | 0-783 771 | KIA 20 JUN 45 |
| JOYCE, WILLIAM G. | P/O | T-124 | KIA 20 JUN 45 |
| KUEHLER, GERHARD J. | W/Sgt | 20 800 319 | KIA 20 JUN 45 |
| LONG, MAURICE E. | P/O | T-131 548 | KIA 20 JUN 45 |
| MOSE, EDWARD J. JR. | W/Sgt | 38 643 208 | KIA 20 JUN 45 |
| PATNEY, JUSTIN J. | Sgt | 42 094 083 | KIA 20 JUN 45 |
| POWENBER, MAURICE J. | P/O | T-132 514 | KIA 20 JUN 45 |
| ULRICH, THOMAS G. | W/Sgt | 38 833 445 | KIA 20 JUN 45 |

27 April 1948

Return to L. A. Cuffman, Mem. Div. Ident. Br.
Search Information, 1555 B. Bldg.

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|------------------------------|---|
| ➤ 1st Lt. Donald Q. Hopkins | Mrs. Jeanne L. Hopkins (Wife) 249 State Avenue Alpena, Michigan |
| ➤ F/O William G. Joyce | Mr. Andrew J. Joyce (Father) 104 West Main Street Alpine, Texas |
| ➤ F/O Kenneth E. Durhan | Mr. Noble H. Durhan, Sr. (Father) 2929 Ashow Avenue Kansas City, Missouri |
| ➤ F/O Maurice J. Fowner | Mr. Ira L. Fowner (Father) 677 Eggert Road Buffalo, New York |
| ➤ F/O Maurice E. Long | Mrs. Burtin Long (Mother) 64 East Washington Street Hooserville, Indiana |
| ➤ S/Sgt. Edward J. Hese, Jr. | Mrs. Barbara E. Hese (Mother) 5718 South Campbell Avenue Chicago, Illinois |
| ➤ S/Sgt. Thomas G. Ulrich | Mrs. Margaret Ulrich (Mother) 7417 West Milwaukee Road Milwaukee, Wisconsin |
| ➤ M/Sgt. Gerhard J. Kuehler | Mrs. Valma F. Kuehler (Wife) Route Two Box 20 New Braunfels, Texas |
| ➤ Sgt. Kenneth Colli | Mr. John R. Colli, Sr. (Father) Fourteen Center Street Windsor Locks, Connecticut |
| ➤ Sgt. Raymond E. Barzak | Mrs. Estelle G. Barzak (Mother) 719 Glover Street (Dorset) Baltimore, Maryland |
| ➤ Sgt. Justin J. Patsy | Mrs. Anne Patsy (Mother) 395 Andover Street Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania |