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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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location A.P.O. 719 Command or Air Force Thirteenth
GROUP 307th Bomb (H) SQUADRON 372nd Bomb (H) : DETACHMENT _____
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Wakde Airdrome : Course App. 320°Mag.
Intended Destination Wakde Airdrome Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Overcast with some altostratus at 13,500' 15 60 .6 cumulus undercast building up to 9,000'
- GIVE: (a) Date 8-28-44 Time 1150K : and Location of last known
whereabouts of missing aircraft Korkor Town, Palau Is.
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted: () Last contacted by radio:
() Forced down: (X) Seen to crash: or () Information not available.
- 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 _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, model and series B-24J : A.F. Serial No. 44-40603
- ENGINES: Type, model and series R-1830-65A : A.F. Serial No. _____
BP 439729 (b) BP 439475 (c) BP 440137 (d) BP 439831
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) 10 Browning M-2 (b) .50 Cal. Mach (c) Gun Serial Number (d) Unknown
(e) 2.30 Cal Machine (f) Serial Number (g) Unknown (h) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11 Passengers 0 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	Status
1. Pilot	Dixon, William G.	Captain	0-406716	
2. Co-Pilot	Wilson, Arthur D. Jr	2nd Lt	0-687506	
3. Navigator	Duncan, Paul K.	1st Lt	0-685560	
4. Bombardier	Tenton, Max C.	Captain	0-662313	
5. Engineer	Feeney, George M.	T/Sgt	34425385	
6. Asst Engineer	Farnam, Herbert L.	S/Sgt	16161806	
7. Radio Operator	Elliott, Donald W.	S/Sgt	17042750	
8. Asst Radio Oper	Mansell, Robert J.	S/Sgt	15076710	
9. Gunner	Holt, Roger W.	S/Sgt	11057788	
10. Armorer	Biggerstaff, Clifford	S/Sgt	34386040	
11. Aerial Observer	Charles, John E.	1st Lt	0-432683	

- 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	Contacted By Radio	Check Only One Column		
				Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forces Landing
1. Zeller, James J.	1st Lt	0-889499		X		
2. May, John W., Jr	2nd Lt	0-759272		X		
3. Poggi, John J.	2nd Lt	0-765310			X	

- 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) _____
- ATTACH SERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCE PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH IF ANY, AND GIVEN NAME, RANK SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE REPRODUCED BY: 307TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
(H) S-3 JULY 1, 1943

Ref WD Ltr 350.33 (5521-43)

Date of Report 30 August 1944

OB-S-AF-M (For instructions - See FEAP Reg 35-46)

/s/t/CLEMENT B. BALDWIN, 1st Lt.,
Operations Officer

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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307TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
372ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

APO #719
30 August 1944.

Captain Dixon was leading Squadron formation in Airplane #603, and I was Bombard in airplane #567 piloted by Lt. McKenzie in B-3 position. While on the bomb run, about halfway down, a fire broke out at the root of the right wing of Airplane #603. It burned brightly and the airplane went into a normal glide, still obvious under control. They lost several hundred feet, and salvoed the bomb load. The fire died down a bit, and the airplane leveled off. Then there was a big flash and a large sheet of flame enveloped the whole plane. The right wing collapsed and the ship fell out of control. It floated to earth still burning fiercely, and bits of flaming debris fell off on the way down. One crew member was thrown clear of the airplane as it started down, but no parachute opened. The airplane crashed in the east end of Koror Town in a built up area. There was still a bright fire burning there as the formation left the target area.

/s/t/ JAMES J. ZELLER
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Bombardier.

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307TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
372ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

APO No. 719
30 August 1944

After breaking out of weather approximately ten miles right of target, ship No. 603 made two 360° turns to the right at 12,000 feet, collecting a formation. I took A-2 position, ship No. 599 A-3 and there were ship in B-1, B-2, B-3 and C-1. We made a turn to the left onto the bombing run losing approximately 500 feet. Ship No. 603 leveled out and made two fairly large AFCE corrections and had settled down to almost a motionless run. He had opened his bomb bays as we turned on the run. as the plane settled down a large sheet of flame burst up through the center part of the fuselage and wing just aft of the top turret. The top turret disintegrated immediately. The ship held a level course for about two seconds then pitched straight forward at about a 45° angle. I followed it down for about 500 feet at which time the entire plane was in flames.

/s/t/JOHN W. MAY Jr.,
2nd Lt. Air Corps,
Pilot

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307TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
372ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

AFPO No. 719
30 August 1944.

After breaking out of weather 10-15 miles from target, Auburn One Able made two 360° turns to pick up a formation. Lt. May in ship No. 455 took our assigned position (A-2), so we took the A-3 position. Upon completion of the turns the formation headed for the target. After making two evasive turns the lead ship leveled off for the run. Suddenly a long tongue of flame shot out of the Martin turret of Ship No. 603. At once the ship went into a shallow dive. After dropping for about 1500-2000 feet the bombs left the ship in salvo two or three seconds later. The right wing left the ship and the entire fuselage was enveloped in flames. The burning wreckage landed in the target area.

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/s/t/JOHN J. POGGI,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Co-Pilot

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