

14972

AG 319.1 - GA

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Report.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, 25, D.C.
(Attention: AFPPA-8)

Transmitted Missing Air Crew Report pertaining to 1st Lt Charles
C. Scruggs Jr., O-715399, crew, missing 10 September 1945.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

//s//
D. T. HAMILTON,
Lieutenant Colonel, AGD,
Asst Air Adjutant General

1 Incl:
Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report (Lt Scruggs & Crew)

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by name APO 903; Command or Air Force VII B.C.
Group 494th BG; Squadron 866th BS; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure APO 903; Course 262 degrees to 25N 120E
Target of Intended Destination Nielsen Fld, P.I. Type of Mission Ferrying
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Instrument conditions on first leg. Partial instrument conditions on second
4. GIVE: (a) Day 10 Month 09 Year 1945; Time 0822; and Location APO 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 (XX)
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:
Weather Conditions
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Serial B-24 M; AAF Serial Number 44-42052
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any LIQUIDATOR
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series (4) R-1830-65; AAF SERIAL _____
Number (a) BP-456783; (b) BP-456702; (c) BP-456734; (d) BP-428360
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) 1221273; (b) 415190; (c) _____; (d) _____
(e) 1221024; (f) 415262; (g) _____; (h) _____
(i) 1220833; (j) 415235; (k) _____; (l) _____
(m) 414875; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
50 cal aircraft machine guns
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
1. Pilot	<u>Scruggs, Charles C.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>O-715399</u>	<u>Missing</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>Balcom, Charles A.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>O-925827</u>	<u>"</u>
3. Navigator	<u>Jones, William D.</u>	<u>F/O</u>	<u>T131846</u>	<u>"</u>
4. Engineer	<u>Denham, John D.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>34799372</u>	<u>"</u>
5. Radio Operator	<u>McFarlane, George E.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>37565964</u>	<u>"</u>
6. Passenger	<u>Watson, W.J.</u>	<u>Pfc</u>	<u>19054413</u>	<u>"</u>
7. Passenger	<u>Thomas, William J.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>14042312</u>	<u>"</u>
8. Passenger	<u>Davis, Ben F.</u>	<u>Pfc</u>	<u>18050020</u>	<u>"</u>
9. Passenger	<u>Wilson, Robert J.</u>	<u>Pvt</u>	<u>17010090</u>	<u>"</u>
10. Passenger	<u>Wade, Elbert E.</u>	<u>Cpl</u>	<u>18045741</u>	<u>"</u>

Electronic Transcription of MACR 14972, Page 3

11. Passenger	Brill, Arthur	Pvt	12007085	“
12. Passenger	Gabski, Hobert J.	Pfc	16003943	“
13. Passenger	Wyatt, James R.	Pvt	14056710	“
14. Passenger	Cramer, Thomas L.	Sgt	6557283	“
15. Passenger	Thornsbery, Jim M.	Sgt	19010290	“
16. Passenger	Hollon, Dexter J.	Pvt	15047583	“
17. Passenger *	Wingerdew, P.H.	Sailor-V	13644	“
18. Passenger **	Belzen, J.	Cpl-V	96498	“
19. Passenger **	Ouwens, A.R.	Sgt	90334	“
20. Passenger **	Dekker, D.C.	Soldier	93362	“
21. Passenger ***	Cooper, R.S.	----	VX58597	“
22. Passenger ***	James, A.A.	Sgt	NX60056	“
23. Passenger ***	Noble, R.J.	WO/2	NX35741	“
24. Passenger ***	Rogerson, H.	WO	VX35009	“
25. Passenger ***	Gilding, J.L.	Cpl	SX10013	“

- * **Foreign Government – Dutch Navy**
- ** **Foreign Government – Dutch Army**
- *** **Foreign Government – Australian Army**

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

(Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw	Saw	Forced
			by	Last			
			Radio	Sighted	Crash	Landing	
1. NONE							
2. _____							
3. _____							

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; (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. **None**

16. GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT Unknown

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

Date of Report 14 September 1945

//s//
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)
 LLOYD S. WESEY,
 Captain, Air Corps
 Adjutant, 866th Bomb Sq (H)