

HEADQUARTERS  
FAR EAST AIR FORCES  
APO 925

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Report  
TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.  
ATT: AFPPA-8

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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G.W. McCLUGHAN,  
Major, AGD  
Asst Air Adj Gen

1 Incl:  
Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report w/ Attachments

(REPORTING HEADQUARTERS)  
866TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
494TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

14990

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 BC.  
Group 494<sup>th</sup> BG; Squadron 866<sup>th</sup> BS; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure APO #903; Course 360  
Target of Intended Destination BB Haruna Type of Mission Combat Mission
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Hazy Lower Com.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 28 Month 7 Year 1945; Time 0351G; and Location Kure Harbor  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (**XX**); 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:  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Serial B-24 J 175-CO; AAF Serial Number 44-40716
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any TALOA
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series (4) R-1830-65; AAF SERIAL 44-40716  
Number (a) 42-91213; (b) BP 452962; (c) 42-88461; (d) 42-42601
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);  
(a) 77094; (b) 143663; (c) 1202678; (d) 1202454  
(e) 1202383; (f) 1201994; (g) 1201741; (h) \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) (Above weapons); (j) \_\_\_\_\_; (k) \_\_\_\_\_; (l) \_\_\_\_\_  
(m) are Browning; (n) 50 cal MG; (o) \_\_\_\_\_; (p) \_\_\_\_\_
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty XX  
or (b) Nonbattle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 1; 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	Current Status
1. <u>Pilot</u>	<u>Dubinski, Joseph</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>O-693016</u>	<u>MIA</u>
2. <u>Co-Pilot</u>	<u>Flanagan, Rudolph C.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>O-821250</u>	<u>MIA</u>
3. <u>Navigator</u>	<u>Falls, Lawrence A.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>O-708804</u>	<u>MIA</u>
4. <u>Bombardier</u>	<u>Johnson, Robert C.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>O-698565</u>	<u>MIA</u>
5. <u>Engineer</u>	<u>Piskor, Walter</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>11066604</u>	<u>MIA</u>
6. <u>Radio Operator</u>	<u>Bushfield, David A.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>32142771</u>	<u>MIA</u>
7. <u>U/Turret G.</u>	<u>Allison, Charles R.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>36478544</u>	<u>MIA</u>
8. <u>B/Turret G.</u>	<u>Baumgartner, Charles O.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>35526892</u>	<u>MIA</u>

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9. <u>N/Turret G.</u>	<u>Kirkpatrick, Camillous F.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>34625126</u>	<u>MIA</u>
10. <u>Tail G.</u>	<u>Molnar, Julius</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>36453945</u>	<u>MIA</u>
11. <u>Command Pilot</u>	<u>Marvin, Donald F.</u>	<u>Capt</u>	<u>O-690169</u>	<u>MIA</u>

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 by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>Nacci, Vito A.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>O-698034</u>		<u>XX</u>		
2. <u>Reeves, Rex E.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>18120053</u>		<u>XX</u>		
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.

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

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

**Eyewitness statements attached**

**Sketch showing approximate location where aircraft was last seen attached.**

Date of Report 30 July 45

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(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
LLOYD S. SWESEY  
Captain, Air Corps  
Adj

866th Bombardment Squadron (H)  
494th Bombardment Group (H)  
APO #264  
c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

S T A T E M E N T O F  
1 S T L T V I T O A . N A C C I

First Lieutenant VITO A. NACCI O698034, states that on 28 July 1945 he flew as Bombardier in A/C #980, on mission #139 the target being the Japanese BB Haruna at its anchorage near Kure, Honshu. The A/C flew as lead for the 866th Bomb Sq. (H). A/C #716 flown by First Lieutenant JOSEPH DUBINSKI and crew #49, with Captain DONALD F. MARVIN as relief pilot, flew in the #4 position. Bombs were away at 1248l; with a very few moments thereafter A/C #716 received 3 or 4 direct hits from anti-aircraft fire and passed under A/C #980 in a slight turn to the left, went into a steep dive, and was next seen by Lt NACCI burning on the ground at 34-16N 132-33E. Two parachutes were seen to leave the damaged A/C.

S/Sgt Rex E. Reeves, ASN 18120053, has read the foregoing statement by Lt NACCI and confirms the same of his own knowledge.

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VITO A. NACCI,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,

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REX E. REEVES  
S/Sgt., 18120053

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

19 JAN 46

TO: .....

FM: CG A..NSPAC

NR: GX 26631 GSNRP

AIRCRAFT B24 J-175 NUMBER 44-40716 CONTAINING FOLLOWING PERSONNEL JOSEPH DUBINSKI O693017 UNKO, RUDOLPH FLANAGAN O8212501 LT, LAWRENCE A FALLS JR. O7088040 LT, ROBERT C. JOHNSON O698565 1ST LT, WALTER PISKOR 11066604 TECH SGT, C. R. ALLISON 36578544 STAFF SGT, C. O. BAUMGARTNER 35526892 STAFF SGT, JULIUS MOLNAR 56453945 STAFF SGT, DONALD F. MARVIN O690169 CAPT BELIEVED TO BE SAME PLANE THAT CRASHED NEAR HANJI NORTH OF KURE HONSHU. 186TH INF REPORTS THAT 7 BODIES WERE REMOVED FROM SCENE OF CRASHED AND BURIED IN THE .. CEMETARY ON ET, J.. BY THE 3064 QUARTERMASTER GRAVES REGISTRATION COMPANY. IDENTIFICATION OF THE BODIES COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. EVIDENCE ON .... HERE INDICATES 4 MEN PARACHUTED FROM AIRCRAFT. IT IS REPORTED THAT 2 WERE TAKEN ALIVE BY THE SHIKU SHIRUBU MILITARY POLICE. REQUEST THAT INVESTIGATION BE INITIATED TO DETERMINE THE DEFINITE IDENTITY OF THE BURIED BODIES AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF ANY POSSIBLE SURVIVORS. ALL THESE MEN ARE NOT LISTED AS MISSING.

TOC: 190250 Z

TOR: 191215 H

TOR: 191420/H R&C

CON: 61/19