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REPORT NO. 2
62nd Bomb Sq, 39th Bomb Grp
(Unit)

~~MISSING AIR CREW REPORT~~

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name APC 246, Command or ~~WINGS~~ XXI Bomber Command
Group 39th Squadron 62nd Detachment Not applicable
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure North Field; Course 343°, 345°, 010°, 076°, 117°, 177°
Target or Intended Destination Tokyo 150°, 181°
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: (At takeoff)
Scattered clouds 1600 feet, visibility 12 miles, wind east at 10 knots
- DATE: (a) Day 24 Month May Year 1945 Time 0200Z; and Location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft At take-off
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); last contacted by radio (); forced down (); seen to crash (); or information not available (X).
- 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: Probably shot down by enemy action
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-29, AAF Serial No. 42-65362
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any: SKY DRAGON (Written in Chinese)
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series Radial R3350, AAF Serial Nos
(a) DW-206785 (b) DW-206885 (c) DW-206846 (d) DW-206961
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
Make: General Motors Type: M-2
(a) 1745493 (b) 1745527 (c) 1745240 (d) 1745192
(e) 1745469 (f) 1745504 (g) 1745380 (h) 1745551
(i) 1745264 (j) 1745449 (k) 1745421 (l) 1745336
(m) _____ (n) _____ (o) _____ (p) _____
- 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:

	Crew	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	ASN	Serial Number	Current Status
DEF 1.	A	Paquette, Richard E.	Capt	8	0-424416	Missing in Action ✓
DEF 2.	A	Madina, Joe B.	2d Lt	7	0-771758	Missing in Action
DEF 3.	B	Covington, Jack B.	2d Lt	2	0-880541	Missing in Action ✓
DEF 4.	C	Tomberg, Leon (M.I.)	1st Lt	1	0-1167254	Missing in Action
DEF 5.	L	Laydson, Gerald M.	2d Lt	6	0-2056427	Missing in Action
DEF 6.	N	Reith, William A.	1st Lt	4	0-864332	Missing in Action
DEF 7.	G	Sabol, Robert J.	S/Sgt	10	13112888	Missing in Action
DEF 8.	O	Haines, Milton F.	Sgt	3	36842308	Missing in Action
DEF 9.	K	Barr, David W.	Cpl	1	12239623	Missing in Action
DEF 10.	K	Hill, Lloyd R.	Sgt	5	37681262	Missing in Action
DEF 11.	R	Kiernan, Sherwood C.	Sgt	5	31381093	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	ASN	Contacted Last by Radio	Saw Sighted	Saw Forced Landing
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- None
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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 XII Bomber Command regulations by Air Sea Rescue Unit, 314th Bomb Wing, Lt Lt Graham S. Campbell, O-724288 in charge.

DATE OF REPORT 25 May 1945

George S. Mundy
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

Subject aircraft not seen or heard from after take-off. Message from 314th Bomb Wing is authority for "probably shot down due to enemy action".

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.

DAI BC Casualty Form #3.

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HEADQUARTERS, CENTRAL PACIFIC BASE COMMAND, APO 956, 7 June 1945.

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
(Attention: Statistical Control Division)



PAUL E. BAKER,
1st Lt., AGD,
Asst Adjutant General



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CHECK STATUS ON: 24 May 1946

BARR, David W.	Cpl.	12 239 623	DED 25 MAY 46
COVINGTON, Jack B.	2/Lt	0-880 541	DED 25 MAY 46
HAINES, Milton F.	Sgt.	36 842 208	DED 25 MAY 46
HILL, Lloyd R.	Sgt.	37 681 282	EU S-DATT N.S.
KIERNAN, Sherwood C.	Sgt.	31 381 093	RMC 21 AUG 45
LEVINSON, Gerald M.	2/Lt	0-2 056 427	DED 25 MAY 46
MEDINA, Joe B.	2/Lt	0-771 758	DED 25 MAY 46
PAQUETTE, Richard E.	Capt.	0-424 416	DED 25 MAY 46
REITH, William A.	1/Lt	0-864 332	DED 25 MAY 46
SABOL, Robert J.	S/Sgt	13 112 983	DFP-25 MAY 46
TOMBERG, Leon (NMI)	1/Lt	0-1 167 254	DED 25 MAY 46

22 April 1948

Return to L. A. Cauffman, Mem. Div. Ident. Br.
371 Research, 1535 B. Bldg.

HILL, LLOYD R. Sgt
37681262
EUS ad 704 (8 ep 45)
279010 - 9-0-29
date MIA 24 May 45

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Hiernan, Sherwood C. Sgt
3/381093
EUS ad 704 (6 ep 45)
248134-8-0-13. 31 Aug 45

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2nd Lt. Joe B. Medina	Mrs. Eleanor A. Medina (wife) 2811 West Travis Street San Antonio, Texas
S/Sgt. Robert J. Sabal	Mr. John A. Sabal (father) 140 - 1st Avenue Phoenixville, Pennsylvania
Sgt. Milton F. Haines	Mr. Leo J. Haines (father) Route 1, Box 64 Dodge, Wisconsin
Sgt. Sherwood C. Kiernan	Mrs. Malley F. Kiernan (wife) 402 Barnside Avenue East Hartford, Connecticut
Sgt. Lloyd R. Hill	Mrs. Blanche M. Hill (father) 654 1/2 West 2nd Street Ottumwa, Iowa
Cpl. David W. Barr	Mrs. Agnes Barr (mother) 157 University Avenue Rochester, New York