

39th Bomb Group
61st Squadron
Crew 9
B-29# 44-69907

1st Lt William J. Southhall, Jr.	Airplane Commander
2nd Lt Donald H. Haynes	Pilot
F/O Irving A. Cohen	Navigator
2nd Lt Jesse H. Chaffin	Bombardier
2nd Lt James I. McLatchy	Radar
2nd Lt Harold W. Lockwood	Flight Engineer
Sgt Maurice G. McCormick	Radio Operator
Sgt Joe D. Wilson	CFC Gunner
Sgt Frederick D. Langham	Right Gunner
Sgt Walter E. Kurasowicz	Left Gunner
Sgt Carl R. Larson	Tail Gunner

8 June 2002

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Report No. 2
60TH Bomb Sq, 39th Bomb Gp
(Unit)

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name APO 246; Command or Air Force XXI Bomber Command
Group 39th Squadron 60th Bomb Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure North Fld, Course 343°, 317°, 026°, 048°, 128°
Target or Intended Destination Kawasaki, Japan
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Broken clouds; Ceiling 1800 feet; Visibility: 12 miles; Wind NE, 15 knots.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 15 Month April Year 1945 Time 1740; and Location of Last
known whereabouts of missing aircraft North Field, APO 246
(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:
Unknown
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-29; AAF Serial No. 44-69907
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any: _____
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series Wright 3350-23A AAF Serial Nos
(a) DW-207318 (b) DW-207085 (c) DW-206997 (d) DW-207294
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
Make: General Motors; Type: Browning Machine Gun Cal. 50
(a) 1961957 (b) 1962377 (c) 1962336 (d) 1961956
(e) 1962398 (f) 1962125 (g) 1962211 (h) 1962001
(i) 1962017 (j) 1961998 (k) 1962313 (l) 1962342
(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 None; Total 11
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars:

Crew	Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status	KIA APR -45
DED 1.	Airplane Cmdr	Southall, William J. Jr.	1st Lt	0-668661	Missing	
DED 2.	Pilot	Haynes, Donald H.	2d Lt	0-828087	Missing	
DED 3.	Navigator	Cohen, Irving A.	F/O	T-128433	Missing	
DED 4.	Bombardier	Chaffin, Jesse H.	2d Lt	0-785375	Missing	
DED 5.	NAV-Obs	McLatchy, James	2d Lt	0-2067961	Missing	
DED 6.	Rit Eng	Lockwood, Harold W.	2d Lt	0-868819	Missing	
DED 7.	CFC	Wilson, Joe D.	Sgt	37533450	Missing	
DED 8.	Radio Opr	McCormick, Maurice G.	Sgt	17053688	Missing	
DED 9.	Left Gunner	Kurasowicz, Walter E.	Sgt	31390014	Missing	
DED 10.	Right Gunner	Langham, Frederick D.	Sgt	6852174	Missing	
DED 11.	Tail Gunner	Larson, Carl R.	Sgt	12080301	Missing	
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	Contacted last by Radio	Saw Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Person Landing
1. Price, Thomas	Cpl. 11094294		X		
2. Diamond, John H.	S/Sgt 11106658		X		
3. (See remarks under item #17)					
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) _____

- 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: 1st Lt Graham S. Campbell, 314th Bomb Wing Air Sea Rescue Unit conducted search in accordance with provisions of XXI Bomber Command in conjunction with U S Navy, ASN of Lt Campbell, O-724268.

DATE OF REPORT 17 April 1945

Frank P. Sturdivant
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)
 FRANK P. STURDIVANT,
 Lt Col, Air Corps,
 Deputy Gp Commander.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

Persons listed under Item #12 were on duty in control tower North Field, APO 246 at time of take-off which was last time subject aircraft was seen.

Aircraft was not seen or heard from after take-off.

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.

XII BC Casualty Form #3.

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS :

(i) 1962017 (j) 1961998 (k) 1962313 (l) 1962342

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in duplicate by each Army Air Force organization within 48 hours of the date of aircraft's officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: LOCATION AFPO 246 COMMAND OR AIR FORCE XII Bomber Command
 GROUP 39th Bomb SQUADRON 60th Bomb DETACHMENT _____
 2. SPECIFY: POINT OF DEPARTURE North Fld COURSE 343°, 347°, 026°, 048°, 128°
 INTENDED DESTINATION Kawasaki, Japan TYPE OF MISSION Bombing
 3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Broken clouds; Ceiling 1800 feet; Visibility: 12 Miles; Wind NE, 15 knots.
 4. GIVE: (1) DATE 15 Apr. 45 TIME 1710 AND LOCATION OF LAST KNOWN
 WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING AIRCRAFT North Field, APO 246

- (2) SPECIFY WHETHER () LAST SIGHTED; () LAST CONTACTED BY RADIO;
 () FORCED DOWN; () SEEN TO CRASH OR (X) INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE
 5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST AS A RESULT OF (CHECK ONLY ONE): () ENEMY AIRCRAFT; () ENEMY AIR-TO-AIRCRAFT; () OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES AS FOLLOWS: Unknown

6. AIRCRAFT: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIAL B-29 AF SERIAL NO. 44-69907
 7. ENGINES: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIAL Wright 3350-23A AF SERIAL NO. (1) _____ (2) _____
DW-207318 (b) DW-207085 (c) DW-206997 (d) DW-207294 Gun Cal. 50
 9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (FURNISH BELOW MAKE, TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER) Gen. Motors, Browning Machine
 (a) 1961957 (b) 1962377 (c) 1962336 (d) 1961956 See Reverse
 (e) 1962398 (f) 1962125 (g) 1962211 (h) 1962004 Side.

10. 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 smaller particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form)

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (LAST NAME FIRST)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	STATUS
(1) Pilot / pCdr.	Southall, William J., Jr.	1/Lt.	0-668661	KIA - 15 Apr. 45
(2) PILOT	Haynes, Donald H.	2/Lt.	0-828007	KIA - "
(3) Navigator	Cohen, Irving A.	P/O	T-128433	KIA - "
(4) Bombardier	Chaffin, Jesse H.	2/Lt.	0-785375	KIA - "
(5) Radar Obs.	McLatchy, James I.	2/Lt.	0-2067961	KIA - "
(6) Flt. Eng.	Lockwood, Harold W.	2/Lt.	0-868819	KIA - "
(7) GFC	Wilson, Joe D.	Sgt.	37533450	KIA - "
(8) Radio Opr	McCormick, Maurice G.	Sgt.	17053688	KIA - "
(9) Left Gnr.	Kurasowicz, Walter E.	Sgt.	31390014	KIA - "
(10) Right Gnr.	Langman, Frederick D.	Sgt.	6852174	KIA - "
(11) Tail Gnr.	Larson, Carl R.	Sgt.	42080304	KIA - "

11. 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	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
(1) Price, Thomas	Cpl	14094284		X		
(2) Diamond, John H.	S/Sgt.	11106658		X		
(3)						

(See remarks under Item #17)

12. 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) _____

13. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
 14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
 15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND GRADE NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE. 1st Lt Graham S. Campbell, 324th Bomb Wing, Air Sea Rescue Unit conducted search in accordance with provisions of XII Bomber Command in conjunction with U.S. Navy. A-1 of Lt Campbell, O-724288.

17 April 1945

FRANK P. STURDIVANT
 Frank P. Sturdivant,
 Lt Col, Air Corps,
 Deputy Gp Commander.

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

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Asst Adjutant General

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