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 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
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 by E. W. ... Lt. Col., AC  
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 Date MAR 15 1946

MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location APO 713, Unit #1; Command Or Air Force V Bomber Command;  
 Group 3rd Bomb (L); Squadron 13th Bomb (L); Detachment \_\_\_\_\_.
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Nadzab, APO 713, Unit #1; Course 320 deg.;  
 Intended Destination Boram airdrome, Wewak, N.G.; Type of Mission Combat;
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
CAVU
4. GIVE: (a) date 3-12-44; Time Unknown; and Location Unknown.  
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
 (b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; ( ) 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 Aircraft was not seen after squadron began attack of target.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series A-20G-20; A.A.F. Serial No. 42-86625
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2600-23; A.A.F. Serial No. (a) 42-154416  
 (b) 42-154482.
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number); Information not available.
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X  
 or (b) Non Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 2; Passengers None; Total 2.  
 (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)

	<u>Crew Position</u>	<u>Name in Full</u> (Last Name First)	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
<u>DED</u>	<u>1. Pilot</u>	<u>Bird, Vernal J.</u>	<u>2nd Lieut.</u>	<u>0-750321</u>
<u>DED</u>	<u>2. Gunner</u>	<u>Davis, Roy F.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>31068835</u>
	<u>3. Photo.</u>			

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF  
 AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

<u>Name in Full</u> (Last name First)	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Check only one column</u>			
			<u>Contacted by Radio</u>	<u>Last Sighted</u>	<u>Saw Crash</u>	<u>Saw Forced Landing</u>
<u>1. Boiter, Ansel L.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-888798</u>		<u>X</u>		
<u>2. S/Sgt. Dufour, Irwin W.</u>		<u>16063943</u>		<u>X</u>		

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 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATELY LO-  
 CATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES  
 PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT:
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND  
 SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE. No search was made

Date of Report 15 March 1944

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