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CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL	RANK	ASN
DED Pilot	POMPLUN, Albert E.	1st Lt	0804226
DED Copilot	LOH, Raymond W.	1st Lt	0810390
DED Aerial Engineer	COTTON, Charles W.	T/ Sgt	18063297
DED Aerial Engineer	WHITE, Francis E.	T/ Sgt	16043419
DED Radio Operator	BEHRENS, Robert A.	T/ Sgt	16009120
Passengers:			
DED	CREMEANS, Walter E.	S/ Sgt	15066517
DED	HADEIMA, Steve J.	Sgt	16144879
DED	REYNOLDS, John W.	T/ Sgt	12011647
DED	TRIPNER, Charles F.	Cpl	36263403

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TO : QUEEN ADLE TWO PASS TO FOR ACTION CHARLIE OBOE EIGHTH
FIGHTER GP APO THREE TWO ONE

FROM: HOOER EASY EIGHTH FIGHTER GP APO SEVEN NOUGHT FOUR
CITE: FOX TARE NOUGHT ONE ONE

CREW ON CHARLIE FOUR SEVEN DASH SIX ONE ONE FOUR POMPLUM LCH
PILOTS TECH SGT BEHRMS COTTON WHITE PASSENGERS CREMEANS TRIPNER
REYNOLDS HADZIMA STOP TAVN STILL MISSING STOP TRYING TO GET
TRANSPORTATION HERE SIGNED JROFT ANY FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

"A TRUE COPT"

Robert L. Edmonds
ROBERT L. EDMONDS
1st Lt, Air Corps

TOO: 281215/1

TOR: 281608/1

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STATEMENT

35th Fighter Squadron

APO 321

5 January 1945

Lt Perke Groff, in charge of the Rear Echelon, 8th Fighter Group stationed at Noemfoor Island, on 29 December 1944 informed Lt David M. Macaulay, 36th Fighter Squadron and myself that the Group's C-47 type airplane was reported to him as missing after taking off from Finschaffan at 0645 hours 24 December 1944, enroute to Noemfoor.

After getting required information I took off from Noemfoor in a P-38 for Hollandia. (Lt Macaulay flew in another P-38 to aid in the search) Between point of take-off and Hollandia, I searched around area of Japan, along the coast and round the coastal islands of New Guinea, past Wadke and Tadjia, thence to Hollandia, with nil sightings.

Upon reaching Hollandia, I learned that no information had been received concerning missing aircraft but had a report that a B-25 "Fatcat" was sighted five miles off the coast from Tadjia. Clearance was immediately obtained for that place, but upon my arrival at Tadjia, I could find no information about the reported downed "Fatcat".

My unsuccessful search ended at that point because of mechanical difficulties which developed in the airplane I was flying.

Lt Macaulay told me that he had carefully covered the area between Hollandia and Finschaffan, and also to Lae and Nadmat, but he did not find or see any trace of the missing C-47.

Raymond F. Meyer Jr.
RAYMOND F. MEYER, JR.
1st Lieut, Air Corps

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HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST AIR FORCES, APO 925, 27 JAN 45
TO: Commanding General, USAFFE, APO 501.
For the Commanding General:

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FROM 360.33 (8 Jan 45) 5th Ind
HQ, UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST, A.F.O. 501, 23 February 1945.
TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
(ATTENTION: Statistical Control Division).

Forwarded in compliance with War Department letter dated 29 May 1943, file AG 360.33 (5-21-43) OS-S-AF-M, subject: "Missing Air Crew Report".

For the Commanding General:

M. G. SCHFIELD
1st Lt A. G. O.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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