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REPORT NO. Fourteen (14)

873rd Bomb Squadron

498th Bomb Group

UNIT

CONFIDENTIAL**MISSING AIR CREW REPORT**Original - Supplementary
(Place out one)

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Saipan ; Command on 14-03-21 PG
Group 498th Squadron 873rd Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Saipan ; Course 330° M
Target or Intended Destination Miyakonojo Airfield, Kyushu, Japan ; Type of Mission Bombing Mission
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Visibility good
4. GIVE: (a) Day 29 Month 4 Year 45 Time 0745K ; and Location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft Kyushu, Japan
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted () ; Last contacted by radio () ; Forced down () ; Seen to crash (X) ; or Information not available () .
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) Enemy Aircraft (X) ; Enemy Anti-Aircraft () ; Other circumstances as follows:

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-29 ; AAF Serial No. 42-65295
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any: None
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series ; AAF Serial Nos.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
Make: ; Type:
(a) (b) (c) (d)
(e) (f) (g) (h)
(i) (j) (k) (l)
(m) (n) (o) (p)
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Yes
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
DED 1.	AC	Capt. Maxwell L.	1st Lt	0725714	MIA
DED 2.	Pilot	Widows, Harry J	2d Lt	0771857	MIA
DED 3.	Navigator	Sullivan, Edward J	2d Lt	02058039	MIA
DED 4.	Bombardier	Ferber, Charles E	2d Lt	02086639	MIA
DED 5.	Flt Engineer	Block, William B	4th Sgt	16021544	MIA
DED 6.	Radio Gnr	Allein, Joseph V	1st Sgt	36577460	MIA
DED 7.	Aerial Gnr	Hix, Carmie B	4th Sgt	12061877	MIA
DED 8.	Aerial Gnr	Middleton, Robert C	2d Sgt	42101398	MIA
DED 9.	Aerial Gnr	Morriacoe, Robert G	3rd Sgt	12100372	MIA
DED 10.	Aerial Gnr	Flanagan, Edward J	4th Sgt	31110518	MIA
DED 11.	Radar Gnr	Mueller, Emil W	2d Sgt	42042376	MIA
DED 12.					

12. BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR KNOW:

Check only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	ASN	Contacted Last by Radio	Saw Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Criss, George W Jr	Capt	025672		X		
2. Bonner, Alexander C	1st Lt	0779046		X		
3. Chesser, Russell E	Maj	0417190				X
4.						

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