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Ltr Hq, USAFHPSPAC, APO 707, dtd 21 Aug 46, sub: Casualty Information

AFFPA-8/SFB/dep 4th Ind

Hq, AAF, Washington 25, D. C. 5 Aug 46

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Forces Western Pacific,  
 APO 707

THRU: Commanding General, Pacific Air Command, United States Army,  
 APO 925

In compliance with basic communication the following is submitted:

- a. Plane Type and Number: B-26, 40-1508
- b. Plane was shot down by enemy aircraft in bay off Salamaua on 9 June 1942.
- c. Crew Members:

NAME	RANK	ASN	Position
Bench, Willis G.	1st Lt	0-420822	Pilot
Beck, Harold F.	2nd Lt	0-434966	Navigator
Singel, Samuel	S/Sgt	6905713	Radio Operator
Makuck, Alex	Cpl	13011250	Barberdier
Miles, George H.	Cpl	13001411	Aerial Engineer
Rockefeller, Robert A.	Cpl	7071440	Aerial Gunner

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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WILLIAM H. BRANDON  
 Lt. Col., Air Corps  
 Chief, Notification Section  
 Personal Affairs Branch  
 Personnel Services Division, AC/AS-1

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Crew List.

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✓ Beck, Harold P.	2d Lt.	0-434966	Navigator
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✓ Kuck, Alex	Cpl.	13011250	Bombardier
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Missing Air Crew Report.