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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON  
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

F. W. MURPHY, Capt., AG

to: WAR 3-108

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Lincoln, Nebraska; Command or Air Force: Group; Squadron       ; Detachment       ;
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure APC 845; Course 140 degrees; Intended Destination Waller Field; Type of Mission Ferrying
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED (See Back Side) Approx 1040Z to
4. GIVE: (a) Date 11/15/43 Time 1317Z; and Location 16 deg. N. 65 deg. W. of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether ( ) 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; (x) Other Circumstances as Follows Unknown
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24; A.A.F. Serial Number 7617
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series       ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a)         
(b)       ; (c)       ; (d)
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnished below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a)       ; (b)       ; (c)       ; (d)         
(e)       ; (f)       ; (g)       ; (h)
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty         
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty x
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9; Passengers 4; Total 13  
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1.	Pilot			
2.				
3.				
4.				
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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSON WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:  
Air A        Check Only One Column

	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw		
				By	Last	Saw	Forced	
				Radio	Sighted	Crash	Landing	
1.								
2.								
3.								

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used       ; (b) Person were seen walking away from scene of crash       ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify)
13. ATTACH SERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, M-F. CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION 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 Donnelly, William J., 1st Lt., 0855496

Date of Report 11-16-43

William J. Donnelly  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

The following crewmen and passengers were aboard 42-7617, a B-24H names "Sunflower Sue" that was assigned to the 703<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Squadron, 445<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group (Heavy). The aircraft was lost in transit from Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico to Waller Field, Trinidad

Name	Rank	Svc No	Sqdn	Date Lost	MACR	Action
Joesph P. Baxter	2LT	O-749827	703	11/15/1943	1091	No further pursuit - Lost at sea
Welcome L. Cunningham	TSGT	39613477	703	11/15/1943	1091	No further pursuit - Lost at sea
Martin E. Free	SSGT	34445854	703	11/15/1943	1091	No further pursuit - Lost at sea
Charles A. Kirtland	2LT	O-685330	703	11/15/1943	1091	No further pursuit - Lost at sea
Robert E. Krause	SSGT	37499513	703	11/15/1943	1091	No further pursuit - Lost at sea
Herbert L. McGuffin	TSGT	33194547	703	11/15/1943	1091	No further pursuit - Lost at sea
Freeman I. McVitty	SGT	11106564	703	11/15/1943	1091	No further pursuit - Lost at sea
Charles L. Neinfeldt	SSGT	36297440	703	11/15/1943	1091	No further pursuit - Lost at sea
Robert E. O'Hara	MSGT	33138285	703	11/15/1943	1091	No further pursuit - Lost at sea
Severn W. Peterson	SSGT	37284853	703	11/15/1943	1091	No further pursuit - Lost at sea
Albert A. Poor	2LT	O-803864	703	11/15/1943	1091	No further pursuit - Lost at sea
Richard E. Rice	2LT	O-807931	703	11/15/1943	1091	No further pursuit - Lost at sea
William E. Talley	MSGT	34257433	703	11/15/1943	1091	No further pursuit - Lost at sea
Otis M. Walker	SSGT	38247507	703	11/15/1943	1091	No further pursuit - Lost at sea

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BEARING 1950  
DISTANCE 101 MILES

120



PLANE WRECK

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~~COLUMBIAN ISLAND~~

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319.1 1st Ind.  
HEADQUARTERS ANTILLES AIR COMMAND, c/o Postmaster NYC, 20  
November 1943.

TO: Headquarters, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., At-  
tention: Statistical Control Division. (THRU: Com-  
manding General, Antilles Department, c/o Postmaster  
NYC.)

*G. M. L.*  
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2 Incls:  
Incl 1: n/c,  
Added: 1 Incl:  
Incl 2 - Cy ltr this Hq subj:  
"Missing Aircraft  
Report", dtd 20 Nov 43.

319.1 - A.C. 2nd Ind. 26/hp

HEADQUARTERS ANTILLES DEPARTMENT, c/o Postmaster, NYC, 22 Nov 1943.

TO: Headquarters, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C. Attention: Statistical  
Control Division.

For the Commanding General:

2 Incls:  
n/c

*C. O. Cathey*  
C. O. CATHEY,  
Lt. Col., A. G. D.  
Asst. Adjutant General

*msc*

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AIR BASE HEADQUARTERS  
A.P.O. 845, c/o Postmaster, N.Y.

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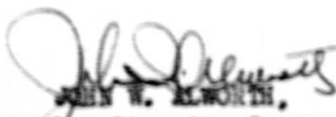
17 November 1943.

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, Antilles Air Command, c/o Postmaster, N.Y.

1. Transmitted herewith are original and first copy of Missing Air Crew Report with attachments covering missing transient B-24 aircraft, Serial No. 7617.

For the Commanding Officer:

  
JOHN W. ALWORTH,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

1 Incl.  
Missing Air Crew Report w/ 14 Attachments.

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The weather was broken clouds with bases at three thousand (3,000) feet and tops at seven thousand (7,000) to eight thousand (8,000) feet, scattered showers. Visibility fifteen (15) miles.