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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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: _____ Command or Air Force 41st AF
GROUP 22d Bomb; SQUADRON 33d Bomb; DETACHMENT _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure _____; Course _____
Intended Destination Lae, New Guinea; Type of Mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
4. GIVE: (a) Date Jul 43 Time _____; And Location of Last known whereabouts of missing aircraft New Guinea
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; () last contacted by radio; () Forced down; (x) 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 Collided with enemy fighter.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series P-26; AAF Serial No. _____
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; AAF Serial No. (a) _____
(b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish 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 _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 7; Passengers _____; Total 7
(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).

Status

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
<i>DEP</i>	1. Pilot:	Johnson, Milton O.	1st Lt.	0-420833
"	2. CP	Werner, Lawrence I.	2nd Lt.	0-431913
"	3. Nav.	Dalay, John E., Jr.	2nd Lt.	0-434870
"	4. Bom.	Jander, Philip L.	2nd Lt.	0-432981
"	5. R. Opr.	Morgan, Thomas A.	Sgt.	17013479
"	6. Engr.	Smith, William C.	Sgt.	17000354
"	7. Gun.	Huddleston, Vernon D.	Cpl.	6988332
	8.			
	9.			
	10.			
	11.			

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

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Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.						
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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 PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, 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 GIVEN NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

Date of Report _____

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AG
by F. M. WUENCH, Capt., AG
Date OCT 15 1945

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AG 201-HUDDLESTON, Vernon D. (O) 1st Ind.
(21 Dec. 43)

HEADQUARTERS, FIFTH AIR FORCE, A.P.O. 925, 28 February, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
(THRU: Commanding General, USAFFE, A.P.O. 501.)

Corporal VERNON D. HUDDLESTON, 6988332, was a crew member on a B26 type aircraft engaged in bombing Lae, New Guinea on 4 July 1942. After hitting the target, the plane collided with an enemy fighter 25 miles southeast. Information was received a few days later that four of the personnel involved in the crash were picked up by a Japanese launch. The entire crew is listed below:

- JOHNSON, Milton O. ✓	1st Lt.	0-420833	Pilot
- DALEY, John F. Jr. ✓	2nd Lt.	0-434870	Nav.
- JANDER, Philip L. ✓	2nd Lt.	0-432981	Bomb.
- WERMER, Lawrence I. ✓	2nd Lt.	0-431913	Co-Pilot.
- MORGAN, Thomas A. ✓	Sgt.	17013479	R. Opr.
- SMITH, William C. ✓	Sgt.	17000354	Engr.
- HUDDLESTON, Vernon D. ✓	Corp.	6988332	Gnr.

For the Commanding General:

D. C. Van Hoesen
D. C. VAN HOESEN
Lt. Col. AGD
Adj. Gen.

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FEIC 201-HUDDLESTON, Vernon D. (Enl) 2d Ind.
(21 Dec 43)

HQ UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST, A.P.O. 501, 2 March, 1944.
TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

Personnel listed above are carried in records of this headquarters as "Missing in Action as of 4 July, 1942".

For the Commanding General:

C. J. Eggle
C. J. EGGLE,
Major, A. G. D.,
Ass't Adjutant General.

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ATTENTION:

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

AAF 201 - Huddleston, Vernon D.
6 998 332

21 December 1943.

Subject: Missing Air Crew Personnel.

To : Commanding General, Fifth Air Force, A.P.O. 925,
c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a request for details concerning the circumstances under which Corporal Vernon D. Huddleston, 6 998 332, 33d Bomb Squadron, 22d Bomb Group, was reported missing in action since 4 July 1942.

2. Request that, if available, this headquarters be furnished information, similar to that called for in the Missing Air Crew Reports, upon which to base a reply to the next of kin of the above named man.

For the Commanding General:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. H. Hewitt".

H. H. HEWITT,
Lt. Col., A. G. D.,
Acting Air Adjutant General.

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1st. Lt. Milton O. Johnson

Mr. John C. Johnson, (father)
Route #1,
Bradshaw, Nebraska.

✓ 2nd. Lt. John F. Daley, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. John F. Daley, (Parents)
42 Flynt Street,
North Quincy, Massachusetts.

2nd. Lt. Philip L. Jander

Mr. Clarence W. Jander, (father)
2805 Sunset Blvd.,
Houston, Texas.

2nd. Lt. Lawrence I. Werner

Mr. Tobias Coskey, (Step-father)
1033-35 Grange Avenue,
Coronado, California.

Sgt. Thomas A. Morgan

Mrs. Ethel H. Morgan, (mother)
Rison, Arkansas.

Sgt. William C. Smith

Mrs. William W. Smith, (mother)
118 West Hauser Street,
Marceline, Missouri.

Corp. Vernon D. Huddleston

Mrs. Vernon D. Huddleston, (wife)
Dare, Virginia.