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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

By Authority of
The Commanding Officer
23rd Fighter Group

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Date 27 Feb 45
Location WU

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

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Onengkung; Command or Air Force 1st AF
Group 23rd Fighter; Squadron 18th; Assignment 12C
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Guichuan, China; Target or Intended Destination Hongkong; Type of Mission Skip Bomb & Strafe
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR CREW LAST REPORTED:
CAVU
- GIVE: (a) Day 15 Month 1 Year 45; Time 1210; and Location Hongkong
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (X); last contacted by radio (); forced down (); seen to crash (); or information not available ()
- 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: _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series P-51C-10; AAF Serial Number 44-11105
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, IF ANY _____
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1650-7; AAF Serial Number (a) V-544476; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
(a) _____; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
(e) Not Available; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____
(i) (See par 17); (j) _____; (k) _____; (l) _____
(m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty XX
or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 1; Passengers _____; Total 1
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1.	Pilot <u>Houck, David L.</u>	<u>KIA</u> Major	<u>0-546117</u>	<u>Pilot</u>
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____	_____
11.	_____	_____	_____	_____

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

	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Serial Rank Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Check Only One Column	
					Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.	Tollett, Harold E.	2nd Lt.	0-697239	XX		
2.						
3.						

13. 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 reasons (Specify) ___
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT.

Date of Report 18 January 1945.

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17. REMARKS OF EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

Walter P. Wenska

(Signature of Commanding Officer)

WALTER P. WENSKA,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

Weather forecast: 6,000 feet.
Weather Encountered: CAVU

Eyewitness statement is not available *present*

Reference par 9: Pilot's serial number of .45 cal. pistol is: 597592

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SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ON DOWNED AIRCRAFT AND PERSONNEL.

(To be sent to A.G.A.S. immediately additional information received)

Plane No. 43-24972 Type P-51 Unit 68 Comp. Wing.
Date Lost 15 January 1945.

The following additional information regarding plane and/or personnel has been received:

David L. Houck Major O-346117 Pilot: pilot was hit by A/A fire over Hongkong Harbor. Plane plunged into water and pilot was not seen to bail out. Eyewitnesses report no chance of survival. Listed as Killed in Action.

SOURCE: Supplemental Battle Casualty Report.

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INDIVIDUAL REPORT OF DOWNED AIRCRAFT

(To be forwarded to A.G.A.S. immediately after incident)

Plane No. **43-25176** Type **A-51** Unit **Unknown.**
Date lost **23 November 1944.** Position, Lat. & Long. or other orientation
if known, enemy or friendly territory if known.

Place of Take-off; **Luliang.**
Last seen heading **Northwest of Tanchuk.**

Roll-out, Crash, Forced-landing, Shot down or Missing; and any other known
circumstances surrounding the incident.

Unknown.

Condition of crew when ship abandoned, if known.

Unknown.

PARTICULARS OF PERSONNEL.

<u>NAME</u> (First & last with middle initial)	<u>RANK</u>	<u>A.S.N.</u>	<u>DESIGNATION.</u>
Houck	Unknown.	Unknown.	Pilot

SOURCE: Daily Operational and Intelligence Radio from Luliang.

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