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By Authority of
The Commanding General
20th Lighter Group

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by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AO
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AO
Date MAR 15 1945

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

17/Jan/45
Date Initials

REPORT: 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 Chengkung, Sinsan or Air Force 14th AF Group Word Fighter; Squadron 18th T.F. Squadron
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Suichuan, China; Target or Intended Destination Canton; Type of Mission Fighter Sweep
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR LAST REPORTED:
SAVV
- GIVE: (a) Day 15 Month 1 Year 45; Time 1230 and Location 45 mi NE Tien Ho of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. No A/D.
(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-51D-7; AAF Serial Number 45-6761
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, IF ANY
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1650-7; AAF Serial Number (a) V-301057; (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) ; (p)
- 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.)

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1.	Pilot	Mitchell, Daniel J.	2nd Lt.	O-710150	Pilot
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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)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Check Only One Column	
					Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Trudeau, Raymond A.	1st Lt	0-674907		XX		
2. Scheer, Melvin G.	2nd Lt.	0-759087		XX		
3.						

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) 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 17 January 1945

Walter P. Benschka
(Signature of Commanding Officer)

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

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

Weather Forecast: 6,000 feet broken at target.
Weather Encountered: ~~UNKNOWN~~ CAVU

Eyewitness statements are not available present

Reference par 9: Pilot's serial number of .45 cal. pistol is: 1436509

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By *[Signature]*
The Commanding Officer
28th [Group]

Date *25 Jan 45*
[Signature]
Initials

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HEADQUARTERS
TWENTY THIRD FIGHTER GROUP
Office of the Commanding Officer

A.P.O. 480,
New York, N.Y.,
25 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Supplemental Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, 14th Air Force, APO 627,
c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y. ATTN: 14th
Statistical Control Unit.

The following supplemental information is
submitted on (2nd Lt. Daniel J. Mitchell, O-710150) of
the 123th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, missing on
15 January 1945 in a P-51B-7, AAF Serial Number 45-8751.

1. Lt. Mitchell returned at Lanchow, China on
24 January 1945 in good condition.

For the Commanding Officer:

[Signature]
WALTER F. GIBSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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By Authority of
C. G., 14th A. F.

18 Jan '45
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INDIVIDUAL REPORT
SUBJECT INFORMATION ON DOWNED AIRCRAFT AND PERSONNEL.

(To be sent to A. G. O. immediately upon receipt of information received)

Plane No. 43-6751 Type P-51 Unit. 118 Tact Ren Sq.
Date lost, 15 January 1945.

The following ~~additional~~ information regarding this and/or its personnel has been received:

Plane hit by ground fire. Last seen to issue black smoke. Pilot bailed out safely and landed 45 Miles North East of Tien Ho A/D.

Daniel J. Mitchell

2nd Lt. O-710150 Pilot

SOURCE: Radio from Suichwan.

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