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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 17 Jan 45

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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 Luoyang, China and or Air Force 14th AF Group 23rd Fighter; Squadron 118th T.F. Squadron
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Luoyang, China; Course ; Target or Intended Destination Yanton; Type of Mission Fighter Sweep
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR LAST REPORTED: CAVU
- GIVE: (a) Day 15 Month 1 Year 45; Time 1230; and Location 45 MI NE Yanton of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted ; 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 ; Other Circumstances as follows:
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series P-51C-10; AAF Serial Number 44-11120
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, IF ANY
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1650-7; AAF Serial Number (a) V-324587; (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 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>Palmer, Frank S.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-728020</u>	<u>Pilot</u>
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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. McGovern, James B.	2nd Lt.	0-755697		XX		
2. Kosa, Silven E.	2nd Lt.	0-697285		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) 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 17 January 1945.

FEB 24 1945

Walter P. Berska

(Signature of Commanding Officer)

17. REMARKS OR EXPLANATIONS:



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

RECEIVED

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

Eyewitness statements are not available *at present*
Reference par 9: Pilot's serial number of .45 cal.
pistol is: 874542

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By *[Signature]* of
The Commanding Officer
19th Air Group

Date *25 Jan 45* *[Signature]*
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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 647,
c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y. Attn: 24th
Statistical Control Unit.

The following supplemental information is
submitted on 1st Lt. Frank S. Palmer, O-728020 of the
118th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, missing on
18 January 1945 in a P-51C-10 plane, AAF Serial Number
44-11120.

a. Lt. Palmer returned at Sandrow, China on
24 January 1945 in good condition.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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