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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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Date MAR 15 1946

MISSING AIRCRAFT 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 Morrison Field; Command or Air Force ATC asgnd to shipment
Group Unknown; Squadron Unknown; Detachment Unknown
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Waller; Course Unknown
Intended Destination Bellevue; Type of Mission Ferry
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
UNKNOWN
4. GIVE: (a) Date 11 APR '44; Time 1532Z; and location Near Zandery
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; (X) Last contacted by Radio;
() Forced down; () Soon to crash; or () Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: Check one
() Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; (X) Other circumstances as follows Departed Waller enroute to Bellevue - Never arrived.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24H; AAF Serial Number 42-95064
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series E-1830-42AF Serial Number (a) CP-307941
(b) CP-307265; (c) CP-307621; (d) CP-307332
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) UNKNOWN; (b) UNKNOWN; (c) UNKNOWN; (d) UNKNOWN
(e) UNKNOWN; (f) UNKNOWN; (g) UNKNOWN; (h) UNKNOWN
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty X
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: CREW 10; Passengers None; Total 10
(Starting with the 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	BALES, Edward J.	2nd Lt.	0-670498
2. Co-Pilot	PHILLIPS, ROBERT W.	P/O	T-2104
3. Navigator	LYKE, Floyd L. Jr.	1st Lt.	0-421208
4. Bombardier	STUBBS, Lancel C.	P/O	T-125083
5. Engineer	LEITCH, John E.	S/Sgt.	39557534
6. Radio Operator	FAKMAN, Harry W.	S/Sgt.	16110338
7. Gunner	Smith, Herman	Sgt.	35789696
8. Asst. Engineer	McMillan, William	Sgt.	39464304
9. Gunner	McMurry, John (NMI)	Sgt.	39267405
10. Gunner	Trash, Michael J.	Sgt.	31007352

(See Other Side)

11. 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	Check Only One Column			
			Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. UNKNOWN						
2.						
3.						

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) UNKNOWN

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 GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: RICHARD T. KIGHT, 1st Lt., A. G.

Date of Report 18 April 1944

Sol Holdberg
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
SOL HOLDSEBERG, 1st Lt., Air Corps

C O N F I D E N T I A L

REMARKS:

Search in progress. Negative to date.

This is a supplemental Report.

APR 28 1944



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HEADQUARTERS STATION #11
CARIBBEAN WING, ATC
MORRISON FIELD

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West Palm Beach, Fla.
18 April 1944

360.33

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington
25, D. C.
Attention: Statistical Control Division

Transmitted herewith is "Missing Air Crew Report",
in compliance with AG 360.33, dated 23 May 1943 and ATC
360.33, dated 27 August 1943.

For the Commanding Officer:

Sol Holdsberg
SOL HOLDSBERG
1st Lt., Air Corps
Station Casualty Officer

1 Incl:
Missing Air Crew Report
(Original)

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Basic ltr Hq US Army Forces South Atlantic APO 876 o/o PM
Miami, Fla dtd 27 Nov 44 w/4 Incls & 2 Incls.

201-Prasol, Michael J. (Enl) 5th Ind.
HEADQUARTERS 1106TH AAF BASE UNIT, CRBD, ATC, APO 845, o/o
PM, Miami, Fla. 27 December 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, Hq, 1107th AAF Base Unit, CRBD,
ATC, APO 895, o/o PM, Miami, Fla.

1. Operations Order #1057, Hq, Station #11, Carib-
bean Wing, ATC, Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Fla.,
dated 9 April 1944 list Sgt. Michael J. Prasol, 31007258,
(CG) as a member of a crew. The pilot of the plane was
2nd Lt. Edward J. Bares, O-67048(?) (last digit of serial
number is illegible). This aircraft did not land at this
station.

2. Request records of your headquarters be searched
in an effort to locate information requested in basic
communication.

For the Commanding Officer:

Thomas E. Newberry
THOMAS E. NEWBERRY
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr Hq US Army Forces South Atlantic APO 676 c/o PM Miami, Fla
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CDC 220.86 (27 Nov 44) 5d Ind.
HEADQUARTERS CARIBBEAN DEFENSE COMMAND, c/o Postmaster, New Orleans, La.,
14 December 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Antilles Department, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

For information whether enlisted man departed from your command and
direct reply with copies of information to this headquarters.

By command of Major General HARDING:

2 Incls.
n/c


R. C. HUFFT,
1st Lieutenant, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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AG 201-Prasol, Michael (Enl) 4th Ind. 15-P/ej
HQ ANTILLES DEPARTMENT, APO 851, % POSTMASTER, MIAMI, FLA, 22 December 1944.

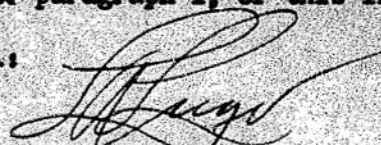
TO: Commanding Officer, 1106th AAF Base Unit, APO 845, U. S. Army.

1. Request records of your headquarters be searched in an effort to
locate information requested in basic communication.

2. In the event your headquarters has no records of this enlisted man,
it is requested this correspondence be forwarded to the Commanding Officer,
155th AACB, APO 845, drawing attention to paragraph 1, of this indorsement.

For the Commanding General:

2 Incls:
n/c


L. A. LUGO,
Major, A. G. D.,
Asst. Adjutant General

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**HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES SOUTH ATLANTIC
RECIFE, PERNAMBUCO, BRAZIL**

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27 November 1944

APO 676, c/o Postmaster,

MIAMI, FLORIDA

**201-Prasel, Michael (Mal)
(Pa)**

SUBJECT: Status of Mal Missing in Flight.

**TO : Commanding General, Caribbean Defense Command,
APO 654, U. S. Army.**

1. No record this command of this Maltese Man. Since plane took off from an Air Base in your command, it is believed that proper records are in your files.

2. Mrs Prasel has been informed that her letter was forwarded to you for reply (copy inclosed.)

For the Commanding General:


**D. R. PATRICK
COLONEL, A. G. D.
ADJUTANT GENERAL**

Incls:

**Ltr fr Mrs Prasel
Ltr fr Gen Westen to Mrs Prasel**

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Subject: Mrs. Dr. Mrs. Farnell, dtd 26 Oct 44 Subj: Status of HM Missing in Flight.

AGC 137.86

1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS CARIBBEAN DEFENSE COMMAND, c/o Postmaster, New Orleans, La.
18 December 1944.

To: Commanding General, Panama Canal Department, Quarry Heights, C.Z.

For necessary action and direct reply.

By command of Major General HARDING:

R. E. Dean

R. E. DEAN,
Lt. Col., A. G. D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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AG-220.45-1 (27 Nov 44)

2nd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS PANAMA CANAL DEPARTMENT, APO 834, 14 December 1944.

To: Commanding General, Caribbean Defense Command.

There is no record of subject enlisted man ever having served in this department.

For the Commanding General:

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Maj. AGD
Asst. AG

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201-FRASOL, Michael J. (Enl) 6th Ind. FAR/lov
HQ, 1107TH AAF BASE UNIT, Caribbean Division, ATC, A.P.O. #695, c/o Post-
master, Miami, Florida, 3 January, 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, Caribbean Division, Air Transport Command, Comeau
Building, West Palm Beach, Florida.

1. Reference is made to Radiogram 5389, 20 July as amended by
Radiogram 5410, 21 July 1944.

2. There being circumstances that lead to no other conclusion, on 20
July 1944 personnel aboard B-24, 42-95064 were determined "dead" as of 11
April, 1944, having been continued on a missing status since 11 April 1944.

3. The plane took off from Trinidad at 0609G. All reports indicate
plane was normal and in flying condition. Last definite contact was made
with this plane by radio at 0952G at which time weather was requested.
Weather was given but no evidence of receipt given. Another station con-
tacted a ship that might have been the plane mentioned, but the station re-
ceived no receipt for the message. Nothing further was heard from this
aircraft.

4. Extensive search was conducted by Army and Navy agencies, includ-
ing a blimp. Search was officially abandoned 25 May 1944.

Frederick A. Roll

FREDERICK A. ROLL,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

2 Incls:
n/c

201 - Frasol, Michael J. (Enl) (27 Nov 44) 7th Ind GRED/FERS/FHB/ak
HQ CARIBBEAN DIVISION, ATC, 1100th AAF Base Unit, Comeau Building, West
Palm Beach, Florida, 12 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
Attention: AG/AS, Personnel, Personal Affairs Division, Notification
Branch.

THRU: Commanding General, Air Transport Command, Washington 25, D.C.

Request that Mrs. Josephine Frasol, 257 King St., Northampton, Mass.,
be furnished with all available information within the limits of military
security, as set forth in AAF Ltr 39-23, dated 13 December 1944.

For the Commanding Officer

2 Incls
n/c

Frederick C. Geier

FREDERICK C. GEIER
Major, G.S.C.
Deputy Chief of Staff

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*Per
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201 Ensign, Michael J.

8th Ind.

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U. S. Air Transport Command, Washington 25, D. C., 17 January 1945

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C. (Attn:
Major E. A. Bradunas, Notification Branch, Personal Affairs Division)

Attention is invited to basic communication and preceding indorsements.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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R. O. HEREFORD
Major, Air Corps
Executive Officer
Office, Asst Chief of Staff
Personnel

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