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72D FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF  
APO #86

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REPORT ~~Classification changed~~  
to RESTRICTED  
by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AG  
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Date MAR 1 1946

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 air crew member is officially reported missing.

TAF

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Iwe Jima ; Command or Air Force VII FC  
Group 21st Ftr ; Squadron 72d Ftr ; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Iwe Jima ; Course 18 degrees T (Strafe  
Target or Intended Destination Chichi Jima ; Type of Mission Dive Bomb and
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
8/10 cloud coverage. Tops at 8,000 feet down to the deck. Visibility good.
- GIVE: (a) Day 2 Month Jun Year 45 ; Time 0935; and Location Chichi Jima  
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 avail-  
able ( )
- 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: Unknown
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series P51-D20 ; AAF Ser No. 44-63458
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any \_\_\_\_\_
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1650-7 ; AAF Serial  
Number (a) V-327749 ; (b) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (c) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (d) \_\_\_\_\_
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnished below Make, Type and Serial Number);  
(a) RI-1331165 ; (b) RC-1330813 ; (c) RO-1331235 ; (d) LI-1764888 ;  
(e) LC-1502584 ; (f) LO-1330790 ; (g) (All weapons ; (h) \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
(i) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (j) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (k) Browning Airc ; (l) \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
(m) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (n) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (o) cal 50 M2 Basic ; (p) \_\_\_\_\_ ;
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty XX  
or (b) Nonbattle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 1 ; Passengers \_\_\_\_\_ ; Total One  
(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.)

DCW

| Crew Position | Name in Full      |       | Rank   | Serial Number | Current Status |
|---------------|-------------------|-------|--------|---------------|----------------|
|               | Last Name         | First |        |               |                |
| 1. Pilot      | Zellweger, Arthur |       | 1st Lt | 0722199       | MIA            |
| 2.            |                   |       |        |               |                |
| 3.            |                   |       |        |               |                |
| 4.            |                   |       |        |               |                |
| 5.            |                   |       |        |               |                |
| 6.            |                   |       |        |               |                |
| 7.            |                   |       |        |               |                |
| 8.            |                   |       |        |               |                |
| 9.            |                   |       |        |               |                |
| 10.           |                   |       |        |               |                |
| 11.           |                   |       |        |               |                |



- IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-  
CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

| Name in Full             | Rank   | Serial Number | Check Only One Column     |           |                    |  |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--|
|                          |        |               | Contacted by Last Sighted | Saw Crash | Saw Forced Landing |  |
| 1. Decker, Clyde Merritt | 1st Lt | 0763519       | XX                        |           |                    |  |
| 2.                       |        |               |                           |           |                    |  |
| 3.                       |        |               |                           |           |                    |  |

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