Box 41
Map Room
WHILE OPERATING CHESAPEAKE AIRPLANE BUREAU NUMBER 1364 ON ANTI-SUBMARINE PATROL FROM ROYAL NAVY AIR STATION HATSTON ORKNEY ISLANDS, LT. (JG) JOHN EDWARD DUNN, USN, PILOT AND RODERICK DAVIDSON SCATTERGOOD, AVIATION RADIOMAN SECOND CLASS, SERVICE NUMBER 2623397, USN, PASSENGER FAILED TO RETURN TO BASE. PLANE'S POSITION LAST PLOTTED 1545 ZONE MINUS 2 TIME APRIL 14, 1942 AT WHICH TIME THE PILOT WAS INSTRUCTED TO FLY WEST. PLANE CONTINUED TO FLY EAST. 4 PLANES SEARCHED ON APRIL 14. EXTENSIVE SEARCH CONDUCTED APRIL 15 WITH NO RESULTS. PLANE HAD SUFFICIENT FUEL TO REACH COAST OF NORWAY. VISIBILITY HAZY. NAVIGATIONAL ERROR CONSIDERED CAUSE. LINE OF DUTY, M.T. MISCONDUCT. BOTH SERVING WASP SCOUTING SQUADRON 72. NEXT OF KIN LIEUTENANT DUNN, WIFE ANNA GENE DUNN, 1929 EVERETT STREET, PORTLAND, ORE. SHE IS ALSO BENEFICIARY. RATE OF PAY $166.67 PER MONTH.
GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,000.00
LAST PAYMENT BY ALLOTMENT IN MARCH FOR APRIL.
NEXT OF KIN, AVIATION RADIOMAN SCATTERGOOD, MOTHER,
BLANCHE SARA BEEGLE, 320 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, CHARLOTTE,
NORTH CAROLINA. NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE IN THE
AMOUNT OF $5,000.00. LAST PAYMENT BY ALLOTMENT IN
MARCH FOR APRIL. RATE OF PAY, $82.00. NEXT OF KIN NOT
NOTIFIED.

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SS2U2 AIRPLANE BUEAU NUMBER 1370 CRASHED AT ABOUT 11:00
8 MAY IN STRONSBY FIRTH ORKNEY ISLANDS ON TEST FLIGHT.
PLANE NOT LOCATED CAUSE OF CRASH UNKNOWN SEARCH HAS BEEN
CARRIED OUT. PILOT PARACHUTED RECEIVED ONLY MINOR INJURIES.
PASSENGER JAMES FRANCIS THOMPSON ARM 3RD NUMBER 337-13-13
USN MISSING. NEXT OF KIN WIFE MRS LUCILLE DORIS THOMPSON
144 CHERRY STREET OCEAN VIEW NORFOLK, VIRGINIA NOT NOTIFIED.
CARRIES $2,000 GOVERNMENT INSURANCE WIFE BENEFICIARY PREMIUM
PAYMENTS BY ALLOTMENT. RATE OF PAY $72 PER MONTH.
**KILLED IN PLANE CRASH 152, OCT APRIL 23 AT DUTCH HARBOR ALASKA:**

ALL LINE DUTY, ALL ACTIVE DUTY. NEXT OF KIN NOT NOTIFIED.

BODIES IN SEALED GASKETS AT NAS DUTCH HARBOR BEING SHIPPED TO OFFICER IN CHARGE, NDS SEATTLE WASHINGTON PERSONNEL AS FOLLOWS:

- FREDERICK ANDREW SMITH ENSIGN AVN USNR, ENSIGN GLENN R. VAN BRACKER AVN USNR, ENSIGN JOHN BENNETT CARROLL AVN USNR, HAROLD D. CUNNINGHAM AVIATION MECHANIC 2ND CLASS USN.

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PBY5A BUREAU NUMBER 7286 PILOT ENS FREDERICK ANDREW SMITH AVN USNR, 2ND PILOT ENS GLENNR. VAN BRAMER AVN USNR, NAVIGATOR ENS JOHN BENNETT CARROLL AVN USNR, CREW HAROLD D. CUNNINGHAM AMM2C USN, ROBERT L. SMITH AMM2C USN, ALVIN F. ZETAIL RM3C USN, RALPH MITCHELL RM3C USN, GIFFORD A. KING SEAMAN2C USN, CRASHED ON TAKE OFF AT 1520W 23 APRIL 1942 AT DUTCH HARBOR ALASKA. CAUSE OF ACCIDENT PLANE ATTEMPTING TAKE OFF DIAGONALLY DOWN WIND PLANE APPEARED TO GET OFF TWICE BUT FAILED TO STAY IN AIR STRUCK SAND SPIT WHILE WATER BORNE RICHOCHETTED INTO AIR CRASHED ON LAND AND BURNED. WIND LIGHT VARIABLE SOUTHERLY SEA SMOOTH SLIGHT SWELL CEILING 2600 FEET VISIBILITY 12 MILES. PLANE HAD SLIGHT WING ICE. CRASH BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY COMBINATION OF DIAGONAL DOWN WIND TAKE OFF AND FAILURE OF LIFT DUE TO ICE.

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NO EVIDENCE OF POWER FAILURE. INJURIES TO PERSONNEL FOLLOWING:

**KILLED:**
- ENS FREDERICK ANDREW SMITH USNR
- ENS CLIFF R. VAN BRAMER USNR
- ENS JOHN BENNETT CARROLL USNR
- HAROLD D. CUNNINGHAM AMM2C

**CAUSE OF DEATH, INJURIES MULTIPLE EXTREME.**

**FOLLOWING INJURED:**
- ALVIN F. ZETTE, RM3C USN MINOR LACERATIONS
- THIRD DEGREE BURNS SMALL AREAS HANDS AND HEAD
- GIFFORD A. KING, SEAMAN2C USN LACERATIONS RIGHT HAND
- THIRD DEGREE BURNS SMALL AREAS LEFT HAND AND FACE
- RALPH MITCHELL RM3C USN LACERATIONS NOSE POSIBLE FRACTURED RIB
- ROBERT LEWIS SMITH AVIATION MACH.
- LACERATIONS SERVICE NUMBER 2624692 USN MINOR BRUISES

ALL DEATHS AND INJURIES LINE OF DUTY.

**DAMAGE TO PLANE BURNT COMPLETE LOSS.**

NEXT OF KIN NOTIFIED.

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FROM: NAS PENSACOLA FLO 211821
ACTION: OPNAV
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N3N-3 4415 CRASHED 0935 R TODAY 3/4 MILE EAST FIELD 341°4 X PILOT
MALCOLM GORDON PAIGE AVN USNR KILLED IN CRASH PASSENGER HAROLD
LOWELL MURRAY 337 05 69 AVM2C USN STUDENT DIED 1155 R OF INJURIES
RECEIVED CAUSE DEATH BOTH PERSONS INJURIES MULTIPLE EXTREME X PLANE
SPUN IN FROM LOW ALTITUDE IN FIELD TRAFFIC CIRCLE EXACT CAUSE
UNDETERMINED X AIRCRAFT DEMOLISHED

TOR COMMFF 1638/23 001 01A 00R 05 02AER 1° 2° 39
BUAER BUNAV NAVAID COMINCH BUMED
The following information received in officer of Naval Intelligence by teleprinter circuit (TXW) 1600 15 April.

From: District Intelligence Officer 7th Naval Dist
To: Director of Naval Intelligence

Two bodies washed ashore at St. Augustine Beach, Florida, one identified as James Nelson Monroe Montgomery 6/36 23-91 USNR. Other unidentified and possibly naval officer as fragments of pass found on body believed to be officers navy pass. Attempt being made to effect identification of latter body. Both wore kapok life jackets bearing name of "Gulf America." Bodies held by St. Augustine undertaking establishment.

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Buried: Bunav Action

Sandra Navwood, NAVREL 06P 65 1B

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EDWIN SAYLE PETWAY, ENSIGN A-V(N), USNR, ON ACTIVE DUTY SCOUTING SQUADRON 71 AND THOMAS WILEY BAME, AVIATION MACHINIST MATE, 3RD CLASS, USN, SERVICE NO. 2623406, ON DUTY SAME SQUADRON, CRASHED AT SEA MARCH 27, 1942 IN SB2 UNIT 2, AIRPLANE, BUREAU NUMBER 1962. PLANE SANK IMMEDIATELY. PILOT AND PASSENGER NOT RECOVERED. BELIEVED KILLED IN CRASH AND BODIES SANK WITH PLANE.

CAUSE OF CRASH WAS SPIN FOLLOWING LOSS OF FLYING SPEED AT LOW ALTITUDE ON DOWN WIND APPROACH PREPARATORY TO LANDING. ACCIDENT OCCURRED IN LINE OF DUTY AND NOT DUE TO MISCONDUCT.

NEXT OF KIN OF ENSIGN PETWAY, FATHER, EDWIN FAYLE PETWAY, WINDSOR DRIVE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. RATE OF PAY PER MONTH, $137.00. BENEFICIARY, MOTHER, MRS. EDWIN SAYLE PETWAY, WINDSOR DRIVE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE IN AMOUNT OF $10,000. LAST PAYMENT BY ALLOTMENT IN FEBRUARY FOR MARCH.

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NEXT OF KIN OF AVIATION MACHINIST MATE, BAME, FATHER,
THOMAS LEE BAME, BARBER, NORTH CAROLINA. RATE OF PAY
PER MONTH $82.00. BENEFICIARY MOTHER, MRS. ELIZABETH BAME,
BARBER, NORTH CAROLINA. NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE
IN AMOUNT OF $5,000. LAST PREMIUM PAID BY FEBRUARY ALLOTMENT
FOR MARCH. NEXT OF KIN NOTIFIED.

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FOllOWING IS A LIST OF OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN REPORTED AS CASUALTIES IN ACTION WITH THE ENEMY FORCES:

RESTRICTED REPORT NO. 57:

Missing:
3-1-42

Ension Vernon F. Loomer, U. S. Naval Reserve,
Attached to Submarine Squadron Twenty,
Patrol Wing Ten.

B. B. Biggs
Commander, U.S. Navy.
AT ABOUT 1910T APRIL 1ST 1942 OS2U-3 AIRPLANE BUREAU NUMBER 5545 SPUN AND CRASHED INTO THE SEA FROM AN ALTITUDE OF ABOUT 75 FEET. PLANE ON SCHEDULED PATROL AND INVESTIGATING A SURFACE VESSEL AT TIME ATTACHED DEPTH BOMBS EXPLODED ON SINKING.

ENSIGN WELDON A. BAIRD AVN OS2R PILOT AND MORGAN M. ATWOOD 274-65-48 RADIOMAN 3RD CLASS USN PASSENGER KILLED.

BOOTH BODIES AND PLANE SANK WITHOUT RECOVERY. CASUALTY OCCURRED IN SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL BEARING ABOUT 242° TRUE DISTANCE 2 MILES FROM SANTA BARBARA POINT LIGHT.

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MY 15335M FURTHER INTERVIEW WITH KELLY DISCLOSES THAT JIG NEGAT
PEW HAD BEEN ONE OF A CONVOY OF SIX OR SEVEN VESSELS ESCORTED
BY ONE US DESTROYER FROM APUBA. J N PEW HAD LEFT THE CONVOY AT
ABOUT FIFTEEN THIRTY FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE AND WAS ZIG ZAGGING
ON A WESTERLY COURSE. NEGAT NEGAT BUT ONE FORTY TWO WILL BE
FORWARDED SOON. FOLLOWING CREW MEMBERS WERE NAMED BY KELLY
AS HAVING DIED IN HIS LIFE BOAT. WILLIAM AFIRN BENZEL WEISSMAN
AGE TWENTY THREE ADDRESS SIX ZERO FIFTY THREE HAZEL AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA. PETER JIG MORRIFE SEAMAN AGE TWENTY ADDRESS SIXTY
ONE SIXTY TWO PELANCY AVENUE PHILADELPHIA. GEORGE JIG PAPIS
COOK AGE THIRTY EIGHT. LEWIS EASY BRUYE FIREMAN AGE EIGHTEEN.
RAME PAPIS FIREMAN AGE TWENTY. WILLIAM VICTOR DAFKAS SEAMAN AGE
NINETEEN. WILLIAM NIVE WOODY WEISSMAN AGE THIRTY THREE. OTHERS
IN LIFE BOAT NOT YET DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED. FIRST NAMES OF
BENZEL PAPIS DAFKAS AND WOODY SAME AS NAMES OF RESPECTIVE INITIAL

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STATE

FOLLOWING RECQ FROM PORT AU PRINCE DATED MAR 9
136, MARCH 9 5PM. MY 132, MARCH 8, 6 10 PM.
LEARN THAT FifTEEN MORE OF CREW LANDED AT GUANTANAMO. IMPRESSION
AMONG SURVIVORS HERE IS THAT MISSING MAN IS ALFRED L BAXLEY WHO
WAS SEEN TO FALL INTO WATER WHILE DESCENDING SIDE WHEN ROUNDED AND
WHO EXCLAIMED "I AM GONE".
NAVY PLANS REPATRIATION OF CREW HERE BY PLANE WITH 24 HOURS.
(SGD) WHITE

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FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO DPHAV
THE FOLLOWING RECEIVED 12:55 A.M., 14TH FROM BERN
DATED MARCH 13, 1942
SECRETARY OF STATE,
WASHINGTON,

1932, THIRTEENTH.

AMERICAN INTERESTS, OCCUPIED CHINA, PRESIDENT HARRISON.

DEPARTMENT'S 514, FEBRUARY 21.

SWISS FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE MARCH 9, COMMUNICATES FOLLOWING
TELEGRAM FROM SWISS CONSUL, SHANGHAI "VESSEL REACHED TO
ESCAPE CAPTURE, CAPTAIN GAVE ORDERS TO ABANDON VESSEL, LIFEBOAT
CAUGHT BY PROPELLER AND SHATTERED, THREE MEN KILLED."

(OCR) HURDLE

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MAJIAL MESSAGE

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DATE: 2 MARCH 42
FOR CODEROOM: 0148/2249
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URDIS 214155. SWAN RETURNED 1900 GCT 26TH, THREE SURVIVORS

TP 6P6 FROM ENTERPRISE; DIXON, HAROLD FREDERICK ACMM.
PASTULA, ANTHONY JULIUS AOM 2ND, ALDRICH, GENE TABUS

RM 3RD.

PLANE CRASHED 16 JANUARY LAT 44 S LONG 168-30W.

CREW SAILED 34 DAYS RUBBER BOAT, ONLY FOOD THREE FISH AND

TWO BIRDS, WATER OBTAINED BY SOAKING RAIN WATER IN CLOTHES.

MEN RECEIVED ON BOARD WEAKENED CONDITION FROM MAL-

NUTRITION AND SUFFERING SEVERE CASE SUNBURN. CONDITION

OTHERWISE GOOD.

REPORTS INDICATE SURVIVAL OF THESE MEN DURING PERIOD

AT SEA DUE LARGE EXTENT RESOURCEFULNESS OF ACMM DIXON.

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LT. WEINSTOCK. 23/02/42 HCR 3123

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(ORIGINATOR WSP)

THE FOLLOWING IS BY AIRMILEGRAM 24642T TO SEGNAV,OPNAV INFO CINCLANT
COMAIRLANT, BUNAV, BUAR, CMTASKGRU 7.1:

QUOTE - F9F-4 SERIAL NUMBER 4477 CRASHED 1853 GCT 23RD. LT(JG) FRANK
DAVID CASE JUNIOR USN PILOT MISSING. AREA SEARCHED THOROUGHLY, PILOTS
BODY NOT RECOVERED. BELIEVED SANK WITH PLANE. CRASH IN LINE OF DUTY
NOT MISCONDUCT. NEXT OF KIN WIFE HELEN F. CASE 1022 FOREST PLACE
EVANSTON ILL. NEXT OF KIN NOT REPEAT NOTIFIED. PAY PER MONTH $175.
$10,000 GOVERNMENT INSURANCE. BENEFICIARY BELIEVED TO BE WIFE. LAST
PAYMENT FEBRUARY BY ALLOTMENT. UNQUOTE.

REFERENCE YOUR 272132.

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
WASHINGTON

FOR THE PRESIDENT

28 February 1942.

No further details re Java Sea Battle. Four hundred eighty five survivors from LANGLEY sixteen missing. Tokyo broadcast reports our raid on Wake but no word from Halsey.

MC OREA