

NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH <div style="text-align: center;">New Britain</div>		CASE NUMBER
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <div style="text-align: center;">DRISCOLL, Edward W.</div>	RANK <div style="text-align: center;">Sgt.</div>	SERIAL NUMBER <div style="text-align: center;">36 047 422</div>

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)

- ☐ THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED
- ☐ THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EVIDENCE DOES NOT EXIST TO CONTRADICT A FINDING OF NON-RECOVERABILITY:

	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT	
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	

REMARKS

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <div style="text-align: center;"><i>Brooks</i></div>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <div style="text-align: center;"><i>E. C. Wasson</i> E. C. WASSON CAPTAIN, OMC</div>	JAN 23 1951

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

Name (Last, First, Middle)

DRISCOLL EDWARD W

Rank

SGT

Serial Number

36047422

Arm of Service

AAF

Date of Death

21 MAY 43

Area of Death

*NEW BRITAIN

Name of Auditor

LEWIS

Date

27
NOV
50

Name of Reviewer

JARMAN

Date

29 NOV 50

Remarks

(9)
ABOVE DECEDENT AND NINE OTHERS WERE CREW
MEMBERS OF AN AIRCRAFT LAST SEEN IN THE
VICINITY OF ST. GEORGES CHANNEL 21 MAY 43
PRESUMED DEATH 21 MAY 43 FOR PURPOSE OF
MEMORIALIZATION AREA OF DEATH NEW
BRITAIN CODE 46

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME Driscoll, Edward W.	GRADE Sgt.	SERIAL NO. 3604 7422
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IDENTIFICATION BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION	FLAGGED BY (Initials) Lt De Weese
UNKNOWN X -	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. 8581
A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY	333 CARD FLAGGED BY

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NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

CASE NUMBER

8581 (10)

AREA OR ZONE(S)

PACIFIC

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

293 DRISCOLL, Edward W.

RANK

Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER

36 047 422

THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND THE FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY OF THE REMAINS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) ARE APPROVED. (Corrections in name, rank, and/or serial number have been effected when appropriate.)

Above decedent and nine (9) others.

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR ADDITIONAL CLUES. COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS BELIEVED MATERIAL TO THE CASE ARE ATTACHED FOLLOWING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW.

	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	EW	2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	EW
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	EW	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	EW
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWNNS	EW	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWNNS NOW IDENTIFIED	EW
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES Missing Air Crew Report			EW

THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

None

NEW
FILE

15 JUL 1949

Identification Branch

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

E. WELLINGTON/meh

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO

FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

DATE

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

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W.R. DEWESE, 1st Lt OMC

CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

G.V. ROGERS, Capt OMC

8 July 1949

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
(PACIFIC ZONE)
APO 958

BOARD PROCEEDINGS)

NUMBER 2245)

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF REVIEW

1. The Board of Review convened on 31 May 1949 pursuant to Par 2b, Special Orders 47, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Pacific Zone, APO 958, dated 27 May 1949. (Exhibit A)

2. Summary

a. Personnel Involved (AGRS-PAZ Case No. 7802)

WILLIAMS, Paul I.	Capt	O-416154	AAF
HELLER, Robert F.	1st Lt	O-398021	AAF
AGUIRRE, Richard U.	2d Lt	O-733398	AAF
RIPPY, John S.	2d Lt	O-730964	AAF
GILLS, Robert B. Jr	S/Sgt	33122679	AAF
REXROAT, Lawrence L.	S/Sgt	18004066	AAF
CURRY, Robert A.	Sgt	11007351	AAF
DRISCOLL, Edward W.	Sgt	36047422	AAF
MURRAY, Joseph F.	Sgt	13047717	AAF
SMITH, William R.	PFC	15098049	AAF

b. The above-named personnel were 10 of 11 crew members aboard a B-17-E airplane, Serial No. 41-9244, which took off on 21 May 1943 from Dobodura, New Guinea on a bombing mission to Vanakanau Airdrome, Rabaul, New Britain, Bismarck Archipelago. While in the vicinity of Cape Gazelle, New Britain, enroute to the target, this plane was hit by fire from a night fighter which resulted in a crash landing being made in St. Georges Channel, approximately seven (7) miles due east of Talilis Plantation. The airplane exploded upon hitting the water and sank immediately. (Exhibits B-C)

c. Prior to the crash of this plane, either two (2) or three (3) men bailed out, one of whom, Master Sergeant Manuel, the eleventh crew member, assisted by natives, managed to escape the Japanese and later reached New Guinea, being returned to duty as of 5 February 1944. According to a statement made by this survivor, only he and the co-pilot, Second Lieutenant Rippy, succeeded in bailing out of the crippled ship, but no contact was made after they had bailed out. According to information received by Sergeant Manuel from the natives, the other person, believed by Sergeant Manuel to have been Lieutenant Rippy, was captured by the Japanese soon after reaching shore, and was taken by destroyer to Rabaul where he was beheaded. It was believed at that time that these were the only two (2) persons who escaped from the plane and the remainder of the crew was listed as killed in action, 21 May 1943. (Exhibits C - D)

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d. A statement obtained from Reverend Joseph Lemarre, a Catholic Missionary who was a Prisoner of War in the Navy Prison Camp at Rabaul, indicates that a Robert Curry was also an internee at this prison camp, having been shot down around May 1943. Robert Curry was taken away from the camp on 25 November 1943, presumably to be taken to Japan. Indian Prisoners of War told Father Lemarre that Robert Curry along with 11 others, had been beheaded on the outskirts of Rabaul. After the surrender of Rabaul, Father Lemarre had been unable to find any trace of him. In view of this information, the date of death for Sergeant Curry was changed from 21 May 1943 to 9 December 1943. Lieutenant Rippy was carried as missing in action as of 21 May 1943 and was presumed dead as of 22 May 1944. The remainder of the crew was listed as killed in action, 21 May 1943. (Exhibit D)

e. In view of the above facts, it is believed that both Lieutenant Rippy and Sergeant Curry survived the plane crash, were taken prisoners and were probably beheaded. No record is available to show place of death or disposition of remains. It is possible that these men were placed on one (1) of three (3) Japanese Prisoner of War Ships in December 1943 enroute to Japan, but all of these ships were reported sunk. (Exhibit E)

f. Forms 371 for the above-listed decedents have been compared by the Identification Branch with unknowns recovered by the AGRS-PAZ Search and Recovery Expedition No. 2 with negative results. A comparison has also been made by the Philippines Command of all unknowns from the Rabaul and Bismarck Archipelago areas with Forms 371 for Lieutenant Rippy and Sergeant Curry with negative results and that Command concurs in declaring these remains non-recoverable. (Exhibit E)

g. Between 1 December 1948 and 31 January 1949 members of the 604th Quartermaster Graves Registration Service conducted extensive searches for the many aircraft missing over New Britain and in the waters surrounding New Britain. Hundreds of persons were contacted and questioned; a number of remains were recovered and a quantity of information was received, but nothing further was learned regarding this case. (Exhibit F)

3. Findings

After careful consideration of all the facts involved, the Board unanimously resolved that subject decedents be declared non-recoverable.

- 6 Exhibits
A - SO 47, AGRS-PAZ, 27 May 49
B - Forms 371 (10)
C - MACH 2459
D - Corrected Date of Death, 6 Dec 46
E - Ltr, AGRS-PAZ, 22 Nov 48, w/1 Ind
F - Rpt of Inv

FRANK M. GREEN JR
Major,
QMC

STANLEY E. MAY
Captain,
QMC

HAROLD E. FINE
Captain,
INF
Recorder

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
(PACIFIC ZONE)
APO 958

Special Orders)

Number 47)

27 May 1949

1. The Board of Review aptd per par 2 SO 34 this Hq dtd 26 Apr 49 is dissolved.

2. Pursuant to auth contained in ltr TAGO file AGAO 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M subj "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas" dtd 9 Apr 47 a Board of Review is aptd to meet at this sta at the call of the senior member thereof for the purpose of:

a. Reviewing and acting upon all cases pertaining to the identity of unknown remains referred to the Board by Zone Hq AGRS.

b. Reviewing and determining, in all cases, from evidence presented, the non-recoverability of remains referred to the Board by Zone HQ AGRS.

Detail for the Board

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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 aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, Madura, New Guinea Command or Air Force 44th AF (H)
GROUP 44th AF (H); SQUADRON 44th AF (H); DETACHMENT
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Madura, New Guinea; Course
Intended Destination Manila, Philippines; Type of Mission Training
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED
4. GIVE: (a) Date 21 May 43 Time 08:00; Location of Last known whereabouts of missing aircraft St. Georges Channel, New Britain
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; () Last contacted by radio; () Forced down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not available
5. 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
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series P-40; AAF Serial No. 42-2444
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series ; AAF Serial No. (a)
(b) (c) (d)
8. INSTALL WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) (b) (c) (d)
(e) (f) (g) (h)
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty XX
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew Passengers Total
(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	Status
1. Pilot	Williams, Paul E.	Major	0810154	KIA 21 May 43
2. Co-Pilot	Holler, Robert P.	1st Lt	0800201	KIA 21 May 43
3. Nav	Aguirre, Richard G.	2nd Lt	0733800	KIA 21 May 43
4. Co-Pilot	Rippy, John B.	2nd Lt	0733804	KIA 21 May 43
5. Bomb	Hammel, Gordon R.	1st Sgt	13-25327	KIA 22 Feb 44
6. Eng	Gills, Robert B., Jr.	1st Sgt	88122070	KIA 21 May 43
7. Gun	Reynolds, Lawrence L.	2nd Sgt	10004000	KIA 21 May 43
8. Gun	Curry, Robert A.	Sgt	11007301	KIA 9 Dec 43
9. Gun	Briscoll, Edward H.	Sgt	88-47422	KIA 21 May 43
10. Gun	Murray, Joseph R.	Sgt	18047717	KIA 21 May 43
11. Gun	Smith, William R.	Pfc	15000042	KIA 21 May 43

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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	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.						
2.						
3.						

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER TO 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) _____

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVEN NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

Date of Report _____

REMARKS:

1. Airplane B-17-2 41-9244 departed from (Signature of Preparing Officer) rs 21 May 1943, for the purpose of bombing Vanakana Airdrome, Rabaul, New Britain. After crossing the Warangi River in the Cape Casselle vicinity, enroute to the target the plane was suddenly hit in the number 3 and 4 engines by fire from a night fighter. A few seconds later engines 1 and 2 were set on fire by a second burst which necessitated a crash landing being made in St. George's Channel, approximately 7 miles due east of Talilis Plantation. The entire crew list is listed on reverse side.

2. Sergeant MANUEL and Lieutenant RIPPY were the only ones to bail out of the crippled ship before it hit the water. MANUEL returned to military control 5 February 1944. He stated that the airplane exploded upon impact with the water and sank immediately. On the basis of his signed statement that he believed that no one in the plane could possibly have survived the crash the status of the remaining crew members, Lieutenant RIPPY, excepted has been changed from missing in action to killed in action.

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McG/mmh/1E471/5512

6 December 1946

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Casualty Branch, A.G.O.

SUBJECT: Corrected date of death.

1. Sergeant Robert A. Curry, 11007351, 64th Bomb Squadron, 43rd Bomb Group, was reported missing in action since 21 May 1943 near Rabaul, New Britain, by radio No. C 2680, dated 25 May 1943, from Brisbane, Casualty Branch message No. 1450052.

2. Radio message No. C 1912 from Brisbane, dated 20 February 1944, reported Sgt Robert A. Curry, 11007351, killed in action while on flying pay status 21 May 1943 on the basis of information obtained from Gordon R. Manuel, 13023327, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, reported returned to military control.

3. A copy of an E and E Report No. 37, prepared by MIS-X Section, POW Branch, dated 23 May 1944, on information furnished by Master Sergeant Gordon R. Manuel, 13023327, the bombardier on a B-17 E Type aircraft which was lost on 21 May 1943, list the crew members of subject aircraft and contains the following pertinent information:

"KNOWN INFORMATION: The plane crashed on 21 May 43 about 0348 hours in St. Georges Channel, New Britain. The right wing of the ship was hit setting fire to numbers 3 and 4 engines. Later a second burst was received in the left wing setting numbers 1 and 2 engines on fire. The incendiary bombs were on fire. I bailed out at about 200 feet above the water. I was hit by shrapnel by the second burst of fire and I noticed that the navigator, Lt. Aguirre seemed slightly dazed. None of the crew other than the co-pilot, Lt. Rippy and myself succeeded in bailing out and I believe that there is no possible chance that any other of the remaining members of the crew could have survived the explosion of the ship. As I hit the water, I could see the co-pilot's chute travelling down toward the water, and striking the water approximately 3/4 of a mile from where I had landed, but I never was able to make contact with him. The ship hit the water and exploded immediately. I could see the tail and one wing section blown into the air and settle into the water. I inflated my Mae West and swam for seven hours until I reached the shore near the reef just below Induna Island.

"HEARSAY INFORMATION: I later learned from natives who assisted me that the co-pilot being unable to hide because he was exhausted from the six hour swim to shore and was subsequently captured by two Japanese soldiers who took him to Rabaul by destroyer, sent down for that purpose (which destroyer I saw myself). The natives told me that the co-pilot was beheaded when he reached Rabaul.

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4. A letter dated 3 January 1946, from Representative Richard B. Wigglesworth, House of Representatives, AG 201 Curry, Robert A. (3 Jan 46), inclosed a copy of a letter written by the Rev. Joseph Lamarre, a Catholic missionary, dated 27 October 1945, to Mr. Simon P. Curry, 536 Willard Street, West Quincy, Massachusetts, the pertinent parts of which are as follows:

"This letter will be a surprise to you. I am a Catholic Priest from Brunswick, Maine, since 1936 missionary in the Solomons. For over three years I have lingered in various Japanese Prison Camps. While in the Rabaul Camp I met your son Bob. That is the reason of this letter: a word of comfort if you have not yet heard from him.

"Bob was shot down around May 1943 over New Britain. He was the only man saved out of his plane. He was kept in the Rabaul Prison when I arrived there at the end of August 1943. He was in good health and in good spirits. On November 25th, 1943, he and eleven others were taken away from our Camp. We heard rumors from the natives that they were beheaded. But nothing of that is certain. After the surrender of Rabaul six weeks ago we were unable to trace him.--".

5. A reply by 5th Ind., GSXRP 201 Curry, Robert A. (29 Jan 46), from the Commanding General, USAF, Western Pacific, to a request from this office, requesting a statement be secured from the Rev. Lamarre for further information and the names of other personnel who might be able to supply additional facts, elicited the following information in the form a statement from the Rev. Lamarre:

"Robert Curry - Father: Simon P. Curry, 536 Willard Street, Quincy, Mass.

Shot down around May 1943. Only survivor of the plane. Brought to Kokopo near Rabaul. Tortured by M. P.; no food for days, refused to give any information; transferred to Rabaul Navy Prison Camp; often tortured. Taken away from Navy Prison Camp 25 November 1943."

6. A copy of a signed statement by the Rev. Joseph Lamarre, S.M., concerning the alleged execution of 12 airmen, reads in pertinent part as follows:

"I, JOSEPH LAMARRE, S.M., Villa Maria, Hunters Hill, Sydney, American Citizen, Catholic Priest, was a Missionary in Buka Island when Japanese invaded Buka and Bougainville in March 1942. I was taken prisoner after the Guadalcanal episode, namely 26 August 1942 and was kept prisoner on the island of Sohana near Buka Passage. On the 28th of August 1943 I was brought to the Navy Prison Camp at Rabaul and interred with twelve civilians, mostly Australians, and there met the following

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Airmen. Their names and addresses I obtained from them and practically all my statements from them. I am the only civilian survivor from that camp. Other written information buried in the trenches was not found after the liberation in September 1945:

"ROBERT CURRY - Father: Simon P. Curry, 536 Willard Street, Quincy, Mass.

Shot down around May 1943. Only survivor of the plane. Brought to Kokopo near Rabaul. Tortured by M.P: no food for four days; refused to give any information; transferred to Rabaul Navy Prison Camp; often tortured. Taken away from Navy Prison Camp 25 November 1943.

"Taken away from Navy Prison Camp at Rabaul 25 November 1943. We civilians were out in the bush at the time. Japanese guards told us that twelve prisoners were being taken to Japan. About two weeks later Indian prisoners of war told me that twelve American Airman had been beheaded on the outskirts of Rabaul."

7. A letter, dated 16 September 1946, from Gordon R. Manuel, now a Lieutenant in the Air Corps, in response to a request from this office for verification of information contained in the E. and E. report and the manner in which he identified the parachutist's and captured prisoner as Lt. Rippey, reads as follows:

"I did not know that Sgt Curry bailed out on the night of May 21, 1943. To my knowledge, the only other person to bail out of the airplane other than myself was Lt. Rippey. Lt. Rippey bailed out of the airplane before I did and because of it being night, it was impossible for me to know whether or not his parachute opened. However, after I hit the water I observed one parachute in the air about one half mile away from me. After that parachute hit the water I never made contact with it again.

"I do not know the number of men on the airplane wearing parachutes, however on night missions the gunners and radio operator were not accustomed to wearing them. It would have been possible that Sgt Curry could have been wearing a parachute. If Sgt Curry reached shore, then Lt. Rippey's parachute did not open or else he was not able to reach shore.

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"As for the Destroyer that came and picked up the survivor, I was too far away to observe who the prisoner of the Japanese was. The natives told me that the Japanese only captured one American, this American I presumed to be Lt. Rippey. If there had been any other Americans to arrive on the shore and were not captured immediately I would have contacted them as my natives were honest and loyal."

8. In reply to a request for the date on which the crew member was captured, taken to Rabaul, New Britain, allegedly executed and when the information was furnished to him, Lieutenant Manuel wrote that the crew member was captured and taken to Rabaul on 21 May 1943. He stated that he was allegedly beheaded about four or five days after he was taken to Rabaul, and that the news reached him about three or four weeks from that time.

9. Upon reviewing the foregoing facts, it becomes evident that the original report of death of Sgt Curry which was based on the initial report submitted by Lt Manuel on his return was erroneous. Lt Manuel knowing that Lt Rippey bailed out of the aircraft previously and seeing but one parachute in the air at the time he hit the water, presumed that Lt Rippey was the only other survivor. The letter from the Rev. Lamarre, and his statement, stating that he met Sgt Curry in the Rabaul prison camp in August 1943 and was with him until the 25 November 1943 presents conclusive evidence that Sgt Curry, in some unknown manner, also survived the destruction of the aircraft. It is also apparent from the two sources of information, Lt Manuel and the Rev. Lamarre, that their statements refer to different persons. The person reported captured by Lt Manuel was reported beheaded shortly after his arrival at Rabaul and the information relayed to him about three or four weeks later, which time was prior to the date on which the Rev. Lamarre met Sgt Curry. Although the manner of Sgt Curry's survival of the crash, his capture and imprisonment is not known, it must be an accepted fact that his death did not occur on 21 May 1943 as originally reported, but sometime after he was removed from the prison camp. Since all reports indicate that he was beheaded after being removed from the camp on 25 November 1943 and that the information was received approximately two weeks later by the Rev. Lamarre, it is recommended that 9 December 1943, two weeks subsequent to his removal from camp, be accepted as the date of death, this being the approximate date on which the information was received by the Rev. Lamarre and the last possible date subject person could have been alive.

10. It is, therefore, recommended that pursuant to the authority contained in Section 9, Missing Persons Act, the foregoing information be accepted as an official report of death and that a corrected casualty report be initiated stating

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that Sgt Robert A. Curry, 11007351, Air Corps was killed in action while a prisoner of the Japanese on 9 December 1943 near Rabaul, New Britain, while in flying pay status.

Do not send telegram. Route to S. R. & D. for notification.

JOHN J. McGUIRE
Investigator

APPROVED. Recommended action will be taken.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

WM. D. CARTWRIGHT
Lt. Colonel AGD
Chief, Casualty Branch

BASIC: Ltr fr Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service (Pacific Zone), APO 958, file RRREC 293.9 (Rippy, John S., SN O-730964), dtd Nov. 22, 1948, subj: "Letter of Transmittal."

GSGR 293.9
(Rippy, John S.,
SN O-730964)

1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES COMMAND, APO 707, 16 Dec 1948

TO: Commanding Officer, Pacific Zone, AGRS, APO 958

1. A check of all unknowns from Rabaul, New Britain, and the Bismarck Archipelago, with place and cause of death unknown, has been made against the OQMG Forms 371 for 2nd Lt. John S. Rippy and Sgt. Robert A. Curry with negative results. The OQMG Forms 371 for Lt. Rippy and Sgt. Curry cannot be associated definitely with any of the unknowns from Rabaul, New Britain, or from the Bismarck Archipelago. Accordingly, the Board of Review, PHILCOM Zone, AGRS, concur in the recommendation of non-recoverability for the two survivors of the B-17 aircraft, No. 41-9244, Lt. Rippy and Sgt. Curry, who were two of the crew of eleven, which crashed in St. George Channel, New Britain, 21 May 1943, were captured by the Japanese, and are unaccounted for since the time they were last seen at the Rabaul Navy Prison Camp, 25 November 1943.

2. In accordance with the inclosed 6 December 1946 Report of Investigation to the Chief, Casualty Branch, A.G.O., subj: "Corrected Date of Death," and approval by order of the Secretary of War, 9 December 1943 has been established as the date on which Sgt. Robert A. Curry was killed in action while a prisoner of the Japanese.

3. Attention is invited to the 27 November 1948 letter, this headquarters, subj: "B-17, AAF SN 41-9244, Crash, 21 May 1943, St. George Channel, New Britain," which contained information regarding both Lt. Rippy and Sgt. Curry. From a study of all available information regarding these two cases, it seems certain that both Lt. Rippy and Sgt. Curry survived the plane crash, were taken prisoners by the Japanese and were taken to the Navy Prison Camp at Rabaul, New Britain. The available information regarding the fate of each of these two prisoners of war indicates that they most probably were beheaded by the Japanese on/or about 25 November 1943 or shortly thereafter, after they were removed from the camp at Rabaul on 25 November 1943. There seems to be no record as to where they were beheaded or where their remains may have been buried or cremated.

BASIC: Ltr fr Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service (Pacific Zone), APO 958, file RRREC 293.9 (Rippy, John S., SN O-730964), dtd Nov. 22, 1948, subj: "Letter of Transmittal."

4. There is one other possibility according to information on file at PHILCOM Zone, AGRS headquarters, regarding the fate of some of the Rabaul prisoners. This information is from a 1947 Report of Investigation Division, Legal Section, GHQ, SCAP, which indicates that some of the Rabaul prisoners may have been put aboard one of two or three Japanese POW ships which left Rabaul for Japan in Dec. 1943 and Feb. 1944, but all of which are reported to have been sunk enroute. This information may however have been a Jap cover-up for the execution of Allied prisoners of war. In the case of Lt. Rippy and Sgt. Curry, it seems probable that both of these prisoners were beheaded and buried at some unknown place, or that they may have been cremated by the Japs.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls: n/c

NORMAN L. QUIGG
CWO, USA
Asst Adj Gen

AIRMAIL

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
(PACIFIC ZONE)
APO 958

In reply refer to:
RRREC 295.9 (Rippy, John S.
SN O-730964)

22 Nov 1948

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO: Commanding Officer
Hq American Graves Registration Service
PHILCOM Zone
APO 707

1. Forwarded herewith are OQMG Forms 371 for Second Lieutenant John S. Rippy, serial number O-730964 and Sergeant Robert A. Curry, serial number 11007351, as requested in your radio OX 21612 GSGR, dated 20 November 1948.

2. It is requested that this headquarters be notified of findings.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

2 Incls
1. Cy, Form 371 - Rippy
2. Cy, Form 371 - Curry
w/memo atchd

HORACE MANN
Captain, QMG
Chief, RR Division

Ltr, Hq AGRS (PAZ), APO 958 dtd 7 Feb 48; Subj: Summary of Pertinent Facts on Case #7802

1st Ind

Hqs, Search and Recovery Expedition #2, APO 958, 28 April 1949

TO: Chief, AGRS (PAZ), APO 958

1. The facts concerning Case #7802, involving the following personnel listed in paragraph 3 of basic letter, are as follows:

a. As indicated in the basic communication this aircraft was shot down by a night fighter and crashed in the water and exploded. Two men bailed out of the ship, M/Sgt Manuel and Lt Rippy and landed in the water. Master Manuel, the only survivor, stated that Lt. Rippy swam ashore, was captured by the Japanese and beheaded M/Sgt Manuel states that he does not believe that any of the other crew members could have survived the crash and subsequent explosion.

b. In view of the fact that a more exact geographical crash location is not available it was not feasible to attempt an underwater search, however general searches and investigations were made in the vicinity of Worangai, Talilis Plantation and the surrounding area.

2. Between 1 Dec 48 and 31 Jan 49 a detachment of search and recovery personnel of the 604th QM S&R Co. and a number of additional search teams conducted extensive searches and investigations for the several hundred aircraft missing over New Britain and in the waters surrounding New Britain and in the waters surrounding New Britain. During this period hundreds of persons, consisting of missionaries, government officials, plantation owners and managers, planters and natives were contacted, interviewed and questioned. A number of remains were recovered and a quantity of information was received, however no information could be secured concerning this case.

3. In view of the above information it is recommended that the Japanese War Crimes Commission, War Criminals Compound at Manus Is. be contacted for any information they may have received or may receive from persons interned there who were previously in the N.B. area and who might know the disposition of Lt Rippy and possibly other members of the crew.

4. In the event that no additional information can be secured from the source indicated in Paragraph 3 it is then recommended that this case be closed.

12 Incls
w/d

F. R. BRYAN
Lt Col, TC
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
(PACIFIC ZONE)
APO 988

RP08R/PA 15228

293.9

7 February 1948

SUBJECT: Summary of Pertinent Facts on Case No. 7802

TO: Commanding Officer, Search and Recovery Team, AGRS-PAZ

1. Case No. 7802
2. Organization: 64th Bombardment Squadron
43rd Bombardment Group, 5th Air Force
3. Personnel Involved:

Major	Paul I. William	0-418154
1st Lt.	Robert F. Heller	0-398021
2nd Lt.	John S. Rippy	0-730964
2nd Lt.	Richard U. Aguirre	0-733398
S/Sgt.	Lawrence L. Rexroat	18004086
S/Sgt.	Robert D. Gills, Jr.	33122679
Sgt.	Edward W. Driscoll	36047422
Sgt.	Robert A. (F) Curry	11007351
Sgt.	Joseph R. Murray	13047717
Pfc.	William R. Smith	16098049

4. Plane: B-17-E
AAF Serial No. 41-9244

5. The personnel mentioned above in Aircraft No. 41-9244 departed on 21 May 1943 from Dobodura, New Guinea on a bombing mission to Vunakanau Airdrome, Rabaul, New Britain, Solomon Islands.

At 8,000 feet while crossing the Warangoi River (New Britain) the aircraft mentioned above was attacked without warning by a twin-engined night fighter. The first knowledge of the attack came when the right wing was hit, and number 3 and 4 engines were immediately set on fire. The plane leveled off at 6,000 feet and was then hit by a second burst in the left wing, setting engines number 1 and 2 on fire. The plane began losing altitude and the Co-Pilot (Lt. Rippy) bailed out. The plane then went into a 45° dive toward the water when M/SGT - GORDON R. MANUEL, 13023327 (the only survivor of the above air crash) bailed out. The plane then hit the water and exploded.

293.9 Subj: Summary of Pertinent Facts on Case No. 7802

Master Sergeant Manuel landed in the water in St. Georges Channel, approximately seven (7) miles due East of Talilis Plantation and the Co-Pilot (Lt. Rippy) landed three-fourth (3/4) of a mile Northeast of Master Sergeant Manuel.

According to a statement by Master Sergeant Manuel, Lieutenant Rippy swam to the beach between Matala Plantation and Induna Island. He was then captured by the Japanese, taken to Rabaul by Destroyer and be-headed.

Master Sergeant Manuel, who survived the crash does not believe that any of the other crew members could have possibly survived the crash and subsequent explosion.

No further information is available at this time.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

12 Incls

1-10 Form 8's on
abv decedents

11. Cy, MACH (unnumbered)

12. Cy, Statement of M/Sgt. Manuel

W. E. DOWNING

1st Lt., QMC

P & O Division

Driscoll

Last Name

Edward W

First Name

36047422

To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

293 Driscoll, Edward W.

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
Sta Hosp Scott Field Ill	8 Oct 41	13 Oct 41	14148
Sta Hosp Morrison Field, Fla.	3 Apr. 42	14 April 41	1013

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OCT 6 1948

E. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., CMC
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

L. Epperson 16 Sept 46 DPBB
Clerk Date Branch

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE
DRISCOLL EDWARD W			36 047 422		SGT
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE	DATE OF DEATH
6 ft 1 in	212	Blue	Brown	9 1/2	21 May 43

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)

64th B. Sq (H) - 43rd B. Gp (1st)

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

11/4 B-17 explosion, on mission from Base in New Guinea

LIST ALL CAMPS IN WHICH STATIONED IN U.S. PRIOR TO SERVICE OVERSEAS, WITH INCLUSIVE DATES AT EACH.

STATION	DATES
77 Sheridan Ill	Sept 41
Jeff. Bks. Mo	Sept 41
Scott Field Ill.	Sept 41
Morrison Fld P.B. Fla	Nov. 41
FROM: WD, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH NO RECORDS ON FILE	

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

not of record

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

not of record

DENTAL CHART 4 Sept 41

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UPPER RIGHT

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UPPER LEFT

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LOWER RIGHT

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O - CARIOUS

7 - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

File
K. H. H. H.
9/30/41

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Driscoll, Edward W.		GRADE Sgt.	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 36 047 422
ORGANIZATION 64 Bomb Sq 43 " Gp	RACE White	CREED Not of record	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 21 May 43	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in Action	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA Explosion of B-17 on mission from base in New Guinea	
HEIGHT 73	WEIGHT 212	COLOR EYES Blue	COLOR HAIR Brown
		SHOE SIZE 9 EE	

DENTAL CHART **4 Sept. 41**

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X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS Not of record	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK Not of record
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

MACR 2459

Born - 28 Jun 18

FILE
SEP 28 1948
 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

AIRMAIL

QMGMS 293 *GRS Pacific* 1st Ind
Aguirre, Richard U. *Ident*
SN - 0-733398

Dept. of the Army, OCMG, Washington 25, D. C., 28 September 1948

TO: Commanding Officer, American Graves Registration Service,
Pacific Zone, APO 958, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California

1. In compliance with request made in basic communication, in-
closed herewith are OCMG Forms 371 covering all available information
on the following decedents:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Aguirre, Richard U.	2/Lt	0-733398
Driscoll, Edward W.	Sgt	36047422
<u>Gills, Robert B. Jr.</u>	S/Sgt	33122679
Curry, Robert A.	Sgt	11007351

Underlined portion of decedent's name and serial number shows a cor-
rection made by this office.

2. Supplement of SR&D Report, Subject: Corrected date of death
of Sergeant Robert A. Curry submitted herewith for your information.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

5 Incls:

1 - SR&D Rpt (in dup)
dtd 6 Dec 46 (Curry)

2-3 OCMG Forms 371
(in dup)

4-5 OCMG Forms 371
(info cys)

T. H. METZ
Lt. Col. OMC
Memorial Division

X 293 Driscoll, Edward W. (Sgt) 36047422

QMG 371

26 Nov 47

SUSPEND SLIP

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE ATTACHED FILE BE RETURNED

(Name)

DRISCOLL, EDWARD W.

36047422

LT. SULLIVAN

DIVISION AND BRANCH

MEM DIV

R&R

SECTION

IDENTIF.

BLDG. AND ROOM NUMBER

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ON (Date)

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If further suspense is necessary, please indicate below

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IF NO FURTHER SUSPENSE IS NECESSARY, PLEASE CHECK HERE ☐
AND INITIAL.

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A I R M A I L
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
~~WAR DEPARTMENT~~
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply Refer To

26 NOVEMBER 1947

QMGM 293

DRISCOLL, EDWARD W.
SN 36047422

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SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery
and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

TO: Commanding General
Philippine-Ryukyus Command
APO 707, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

1. There is attached hereto, in duplicate, QMG Form 371
(covering all available information in the Office of the Quartermaster
General and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by
this office to your headquarters) for the following deceased individual:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
DRISCOLL, EDWARD W.	SGT	36047422

2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be
furnished this office in accordance with provisions of Letter, The
Adjutant General's Office, file AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, subject
Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead
Overseas, dated 9 April 1947.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Incl
Form 371 (In Dup)

Nov 26 8 45 AM '47
Q. Q. M. G. & RECORDS BRANCH

James C. MacFarland
JAMES C. MAC FARLAND
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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Nov 25 4 26 PM '47
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MEMORIAL DIVISION

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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

DRISCOLL, EDWARD W.

GRADE

SGT

PRESENT SERIAL
NUMBER

36047422

ORGANIZATION

64TH BOMB SQ (H)
43RD BOMB GP(H)

RACE

WHITE

CREED

NO PREFERENCE

FORMER SERIAL
NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

21 MAY 43

CAUSE OF DEATH

KILLED IN ACTION

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

B-17 EXPLOSION ON MISSION
FROM BASE IN NEW GUINEA

DATE OF FOD

HEIGHT

6'1"

WEIGHT

212

COLOR EYES

BLUE

COLOR HAIR

BROWN

SHOE SIZE

9EE

DENTAL CHART

4 SEP 41

UPPER RIGHT

X

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

UPPER LEFT

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LOWER RIGHT

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X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

NOT OF RECORD

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AGE: 25

MACR #2459

KNOWN INFORMATION: The plane crashed on 21 May 43 about 0348 hours in St. Georges Channel, New Britain. The right wing of the ship was hit setting ~~fore~~ to numbers 3 and 4 engines. Later a second burst was received in the left wing setting numbers 1 and 2 engines on fire. The incendiary bombs were on fire. I bailed out at about 200 feet above the water. I was hit by shrapnel by the second burst of fire and I noticed that the navigator, Lt. Aguirre seemed slightly dazed. None of the crew other than the co-pilot, Lt. Rippy and myself succeeded in bailing out and I believe that there is no possible chance that any other of the remaining members of the crew could have survived the explosion of the ship. As I hit the water, I could see the co-pilot's chute travelling down toward the water, and striking the water approximately 3/4 of a mile from where I had landed, but I never was able to make contact with him. The ship hit the water and exploded immediately. I could see the tail and one wing section blown into the air and settle into the water. I inflated my Mae West and swam for seven hours until I reached the shore near the reef just below Induna Island.

HEARSAY INFORMATION: I later learned from natives who assisted me that the co-pilot being unable to hide because he was exhausted from the six hour swim to shore and was subsequently captured by two Japanese soldiers who took him to Rabaul by destroyer, sent down for that purpose (which destroyer I saw myself.) The natives told me that the co-pilot was beheaded when he reached Rabaul.

SPQTO 293

Driscoll, Edward W.

S.N. 36047422

3 April 1944

Address Reply To The
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

Mr. E. W. Driscoll,
579 North Cedar Street,
Galesburg, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Driscoll:

Reference is made to your letter of 18 January 1944,
relative to the personal effects of your son, Sergeant Edward
W. Driscoll.

Information has been received from the Effects Quarter-
master, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601
Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri that you were notified
that some personal effects of your son had been received at that
Bureau, and it is assumed that by now steps have been taken by
you to claim these effects.

For the Quartermaster General:

Sincerely yours,

MAYO A. DARLING,
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

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O. N. M. G.
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

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APR 4 11 25 AM '44
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IMMEDIATE ACTION

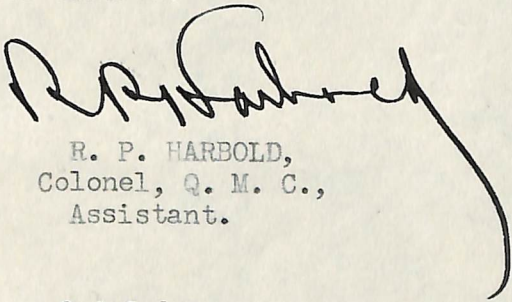
SPQYO 293 (Driscoll, Edward W. S.N. 36047422)
War Department, ASF, OQMG, Washington, D. C.

1st Ind.
14 February 1944

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City
Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri.

1. Basic communication is forwarded to your office for information upon which to base a reply.

For The Quartermaster General.


R. P. HARBOLD,
Colonel, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

SPQDK 332.33 (17642)

2nd Ind.

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Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue,
Kansas City 1, Missouri, 25 February 1944

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Mr. E. W. Driscoll was informed on 6 December 1943, that no personal effects of his son, Sergeant Edward W. Driscoll, 36047422, Air Corps, had been received at the Army Effects Bureau.

2. On 18 February 1944, the father, Mr. E. W. Driscoll, 579 North Cedar Street, Galesburg, Illinois, was notified that some personal effects of Sergeant Driscoll had been received at this Bureau and information was requested to enable proper disposal of the property. No response has been received from Mr. Driscoll to date.

For the Commanding Officer:


W. F. HEHMAN
Major Q.M.C.
Asst. Effects Quartermaster

MEMORIAL DIVISION

FEB 30 12 24 AM '44

Galesburg Mo.
Jan. 18 - 1944.

Quartermaster General,

Mr. R. P. Harbold,

Dear Sir:-

your letter of Dec, 3, 1943. Reference
D.p.O. 40, 293. Edw. W. Pinsoell 36047422
I have not received any reply as
to our sons personal effects. 293

His commanding officer advised us
that they would be sent to us after
six months. It is eight months
now and we are beginning to wonder
what has become of them. Pinsoell

I do not wish to bother you so
much, but we treasure this very
highly. I thank you sir for your attention.
I remain, Edw

Sincerely yours.

E. W. Pinsoell

579 N. Cedar

Galesburg Mo.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

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27 Feb 44
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SPQYO 293 (Driscoll, Edward W. S.N. 36047422)
War Department, ASF, OQMG, Washington, D. C.

1st Ind.
14 February 1944

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City
Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri.

1. Basic communication is forwarded to your office for information upon which to base a reply.

For The Quartermaster General.

R. P. HARBOLD,
Colonel, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

Orig. sent to this file
R. P. Harbold
2/17/44

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MEMORIAL DIVISION

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SPQVO 293

Driscoll, Edw. W.

S.N. 36047422

14 February 1944

Address Reply To The
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

Mr. E. W. Driscoll,
579 North Cedar Street,
Galesburg, Illinois. ✓

Dear Mr. Driscoll:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of recent date,
concerning the personal effects of your son, the late Sergeant
Edward W. Driscoll.

This office is making an effort to locate the personal
effects of your son, and upon receipt of such information, you
will be further advised.

For The Quartermaster General.

Sincerely yours,

R. P. HARBOLD,
Colonel, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

FEB 17 9 56 AM '44
MEMORIAL DIVISION

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SPQYO 293 (Driscoll, Edw. W. (S.N.36047422))

1st Ind.

War Department, ASF, OQMG, Washington, D. C.

3 December 1943.

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Ave., Kansas City 1, Mo.

1. Basic communication is forwarded to your office for necessary action. Mr. Driscoll has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

R. P. HARDOLD,
Colonel, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

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4 10 30 AM '43

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Dec 4 9 50 AM '43
MEMORIAL DIVISION

Galesburg, Ill.,
Oct 30, 1943

Adj. Gen., J. A. Ulio
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Subject, Sgt Edward W. Driscoll, 36047422. Over five months have passed since our Son was reported missing. We have not bothered you but of course we are very anxious to receive any information in regard to him. Could you at this time give us anything further? Or would you be so kind to answer a few questions in regard to him? When will they return his personal belongings? So long as he is missing what becomes of his pay?

It seems as though we cannot get any direct information about him is the reason I am asking these questions for his mother and I.

I thank you so kindly Sir,

Yours truly,

/s/ E. W. Driscoll

579 N. Cedar, Galesburg Ill.

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293 Driscoll, Edward W

SPQYO 293

Driscoll, Edw. W.

S.N. 36047422

3 December 1943.

Address Reply To THE
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

Mr. E. W. Driscoll,

Galesburg, Ill.

Dear Mr. Driscoll:

Your letter to The Adjutant General requesting information about your son has been referred to this office for reply regarding his personal effects.

I sincerely wish I could furnish the information you desire; however, as the ~~Adjutant General's~~ Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Ave., Kansas City 1, Mo. has jurisdiction over the final disposition of personal effects of missing in action Military personnel, your letter has been referred to that office for appropriate action. You should receive a reply in the very near future from that office, however, if you do not, this office should be contacted regarding this matter.

May I offer you my heartfelt sympathy during these anxious days that you and your wife are going through.

For The Quartermaster General.

Sincerely yours,

R. P. HARBOLD,
Colonel, C. M. C.,
Assistant.

4 10 30 AM '44
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WAR DEPARTMENT
ARMY SERVICE FORCES

TRANSMITTAL SHEET

els
10 November 1943

TO	The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.		
	(Service, division, or organization)		(Location)
DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED COMMUNICATION	(Branch or unit)	579 North Cedar Street	(Attention)
	Mr. E. W. Driscoll	Galesburg, Illinois	30 Oct 43
	(Originator)	(Addressee)	(Date)
	Personal effects	AG 201 Driscoll, Edward W.	
FROM	(Subject)	(File No.)	
	Casualty Branch, Corres. Sec. 3705 Munitions	79040	
	(Service, division, or organization)	(Location)	(Telephone)

Sergeant Edward W. Driscoll, 36,047,422, has been missing in action in the Southwest Pacific Area since 21 May 1943.

2 Incls. *you*
Cpy of basic communication
Cpy of ltr dtd 8 Nov 43.

Lewis A. Hasty
Captain, A.G.D.



293 Driscoll, Edward W.

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 22 April 1944
BSP / 4627.

FULL NAME Driscoll, Edward W.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 36 047 422	GRADE Sgt.						
HOME ADDRESS Galesburg, Illinois		ARM OR SERVICE Air Corps	DATE OF BIRTH 28 Jun 18						
PLACE OF DEATH Southwest Pacific Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in Action		DATE OF DEATH 21 May 43						
STATION OF DECEASED Southwest Pacific Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 4 Sept 41	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th>YEARS</th> <th>MONTHS</th> <th>DAYS</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">18</td> </tr> </table>	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	1	8	18
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EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)

Mrs. Ethel Driscoll, mother, 579 North Cedar St., Galesburg, Ill.

BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)

**Ethel Driscoll, mother, address shown above.
Edward Driscoll, father, same address.**

INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
	X	X			X	X				X			

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

The individual named in this report is shown by the records of the War Department to have been absent in a missing in action status on and subsequent to 21 May 43 and until such absence was terminated by the receipt in the War Department of evidence of death transmitted by the Commanding General, Southwest Pacific Area, date of said termination being 1 Apr 44

RECORDS DIVISION
MAY 24 4 41 PM '44

18 MAY 1944 FILE

COPIES FURNISHED:

1. F. B. I.	1. F. O., U. S. A., WASH., D. C.
2. VET. ADMIN.	1. ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
3. OFF. FIS. DIR.	

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Battle

J. W. Reinhart.

ADJUTANT GENERAL

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO STATE 332.3

JRM:NT:WK
18 March 1944

SUBJECT: Disposal of personal effects

TO : The Quartermaster General, Memorial Branch, Washington 25, D. C.

There are inclosed herewith certified copies of receipts executed by bailees for personal property of the following-named personnel, reported missing in action.

<u>CASE NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>BAILEE</u>
17642	Driscoll, Edward W.	Sgt.	36047422	Edward W. Driscoll (Father)
26609	Smith, Albert	Sgt.	13028645	William M. Smith (Sister)
28043	Long, J. B.	1st Lt.	O-478007	Ben F. Long (Father)
37973	Holliday, Alexander S.	S/Sgt.	16009075	Jack Becker (Mother)
43067	Wood, Alden H.	1st Lt.	O-659085	Thomas F. Wood (Father)

For the Commanding Officer:

W. F. NEUMAN
Major U.S.A.
Asst. Effects Quartermaster

5 Inclos--Receipts

SCREENED
RM5-11-48

Talbot Lee: 16742.
March 18-44

Kansas Quartermaster Depot.

Kansas City Mo.

Mr. E. A. Cunniff.

Reply 16742, M.

Dear Sir:-

Having received the property of
my son Sgt Edward N. Simall I
am returning the papers to you as
requested.

I wish to thank you for your
prompt attention to this matter.
They will be taken good care of until
we have concrete information that
Edward wants them.

Your hopes are appreciated by me and
my wife, but it has been almost
10 months and our hopes are
not very high, when we have heard
nothing more about our boy.

We sincerely thank you and remain
yours truly.

Edward N. Simall Sr.

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO 17642-M

sub
(S-4-7-44)
JRM:NW:vm
March 7, 1944

Mr. Edward W. Driscoll
579 North Cedar Street
Galesburg, Illinois

Dear Mr. Driscoll:

Thank you for the information furnished in connection with the disposition of personal effects of your son, Sergeant Edward W. Driscoll, whose property has been received at the Army Effects Bureau and forwarded to you by parcel post.

This Bureau has received information indicating that money belonging to your son has been deposited with the Finance Department. There is inclosed a copy of "Receipt for Funds", representing money in the amount of \$64.79, deposited by the Summary Court Officer overseas who handled your son's property. This receipt may be of assistance to you in securing funds which have been deposited with the Finance Department. For additional information, please write the General Accounting Office, Washington, D. C.

My action in forwarding this property does not, of itself, vest legal title in you. I transmit these items only in order that you may act as gratuitous bailee in caring for them, pending the return of the owner. In the event he is later reported as a casualty, and I sincerely hope he never is, it will then be necessary that you turn the property over to the person or persons legally entitled to receive the same.

I will appreciate your signing and returning to this Bureau one copy of the inclosed receipt, indicating that you will act in the capacity stated.

Your prompt return of the executed receipt form will be most appreciated. For your convenience in replying, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which requires no postage.

Yours very truly,

3 Incls--
Form 39
Receipt
Envelope

E. A. CUNNINGHAM
1st Lt. Q.M.C.
Assistant

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

MAR 3 1944

Suspense 3-16-44 ✓

Case No. 17642 M kd ✓

Date March 2, 1944 ✓

MEMORANDUM TO Warehouse Branch:

Please see that the personal effects on the above mentioned case are packed, weighed and ready for shipment promptly so that they may be readily picked up. Bills of Lading and all other papers will be marked with the case number and can be identified thereby. The original of this form should be returned to the Administrative Branch after completion.

Effects of: Sgt. Edward W. Driscoll ✓ Serial No. 36047422 ✓

Ship to: Mr. Edward W. Driscoll ✓

Street and Number 579 North Cedar Street ✓

City and State Galesburg, Illinois ✓

Ship Via: Paul Jones Gov't B/L No. _____

LB Hurst

For the Effects Quartermaster

LIST OF PACKAGES SHIPPED

1 Carton

NOTE: Found in
Locked Storage
Returned to Effects
F. Shipped

Franked Mail -- 47 or less

Parcel Post Charges 1.9 ✓

Estimated Express Charges 3.5

Estimated Freight Charges _____

Total Number of Pieces: 1

Weight of Shipment: 6 #

Shipping Clerk LB Hurst
Date MAR 3 1944

ML:mp

Effects QM Form 14 (Rev. 10/15/43)

17642
SPQYO 293 (Driscoll, Edward W. S.N. 36047422)
War Department, ASF, OQMG, Washington, D. C.

1st Ind.
14 February 1944

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City
Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri.

1. Basic communication is forwarded to your office for information upon which to base a reply.

For The Quartermaster General.

R. P. HARBOLD,
Colonel, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

SPQDK 332.33 (17642)

2nd Ind.

JRM:NW:kd

Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue,
Kansas City 1, Missouri, 25 February 1944

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Mr. E. W. Driscoll was informed on 6 December 1943, that no personal effects of his son, Sergeant Edward W. Driscoll, 36047422, Air Corps, had been received at the Army Effects Bureau.

2. On 18 February 1944, the father, Mr. E. W. Driscoll, 579 North Cedar Street, Galesburg, Illinois, was notified that some personal effects of Sergeant Driscoll had been received at this Bureau and information was requested to enable proper disposal of the property. No response has been received from Mr. Driscoll to date.

For the Commanding Officer:

W. F. HEHMAN
Major Q.M.C.
Asst. Effects Quartermaster

C-O-P-Y
KCQMD
AEB ked

Galesburg, Ill
Jan 18, 44

Quartermaster General

Mr. R. P. Harbold.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Dec 3, 1943, Reference SPOYO 293, Edw. W. Driscoll,
36047422.

I have not received any reply as to our son's personal effects. His
commanding officer advised us that they would be sent to us after six
months. It is eight months now and we are beginning to wonder what
has become of them.

I do not wish to bother you so much, but we treasure this very highly.
I thank you sir for your attention. I remain

Sincerely yours

/s/ E. W. Driscoll
579 N. Cedar
Galesburg, Ill.

Galveston, Tex. 17642
IMMEDIATE
Feb. 21, 1944.

Army Effects Bureau,
Kansas City Quartermaster Depot
601 Hardesty Ave.
Kansas City Mo.

Mr E. A. Cunningham.
1st Lt. Q.M.C.

Dear Sir,

Reference to 17642 in regard to
the personal belongings of Sgt
Edward H. Driscoll.

Edward was not married, His
mother's name is Ethel Driscoll
We live together in our home
and will be responsible for his
belongings and will return them
to the Army Effects Bureau upon
request if it be necessary.
We are his blood father and mother.
I am having my signature notarized
to prove these statements.

Thank you much.
Yours truly,

E. H. Driscoll,
514 N. Cedar, Galveston, Tex.

2/21/44
Subscribed & sworn to
before me this 22nd day
Feb-1944 E. M. Cuelley
Notary Public
my commission expires Feb 8-1946 -

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17642

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

(S-3 Apr 44)

JRM:NW:wr

3 February 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO SPQDK 201 (17642)

SUBJECT: Request for Report of Status of Sergeant Edward W. Driscoll
TO : The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.

It is requested that the Army Effects Bureau be informed as to whether Edward W. Driscoll, 36047422, Sergeant, Air Corps, is carried on your records as missing in action or deceased.

For the Commanding Officer:

W. F. Hehman

W. F. HEHMAN

Major Q.M.C.

Asst. Effects Quartermaster

AG 201 Driscoll, Edward W.
(3 Feb 44) PC-G

1st Ind.

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Hq., ASF, AGO, Washington 25, D. C., 8 February 1944.

To: Effects Quartermaster, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, Kansas City 1, Missouri.

The records of this office show that Sergeant Edward W. Driscoll, 36,047,422, has been missing in action in the Southwest Pacific Area since 21 May 1943.

By command of Lieutenant General SOMERVELL:

Harry H. Neigh
Adjutant General

17642

JRM:HC:ad
December 6, 1943

Mr. E.W. Driscoll
579 N. Cedar
Galesburg, Illinois

Dear Mr. Driscoll:

October 30, 1943
son, Sergeant Edward W. Driscoll,

M.S. POOL
2nd Lt. Q. M. C.
Asst. Chief, Adm. Control Branch

SPQYO 293 (Driscoll, Edw. W. S.N.36047422)

1st Ind.

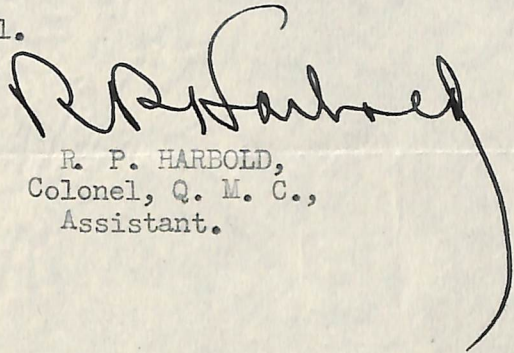
War Department, ASF, OQMG, Washington, D. C.

3 December 1943.

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Ave., Kansas City 1, Mo.

1. Basic communication is forwarded to your office for necessary action. Mr. Driscoll has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.


R. P. HARBOLD,
Colonel, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

COPY

Galesburg, Ill.
October 30, 1943

Adjutant General, J. A. Ulio
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Subject, Sgt. Edward W. Driscoll, 36047422. Over five months have passed since our son was reported missing. We have not bothered you but of course we are very anxious to receive any information in regard to him. Could you at this time give us anything further? Or would you be so kind to answer a few questions in regard to him? When will they return his personal belongings? So long as he is missing what becomes of his pay?


It seems as though we cannot get any direct information about him is the reason I am asking these questions for his mother and I.

I thank you so kindly sir:

Yours truly,

E. W. Driscoll

579 N. Cedar, Galesburg, Ill.



QM 832.33

1st Ind.

CWL:sbh

Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue,
Kansas City 1, Missouri, 14 July 1943

TO: The General Accounting Office, Washington, D. C.

Forwarded for disposition.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE W. LEE
Lt. Col. Q.M.C.
Actg. Effects Quartermaster

1 Inclosure.
Form 39

AG 201 Driscoll, Edward W.
(11 June 43) PC-G

2 July 1943.

W. D., F. D., Form No. 39

Effects Quartermaster,
Kansas City Quartermaster Depot,
Kansas City, Missouri.

1. Attention is invited to the inclosed W. D., F. D.,
Form 39 pertaining to Sergeant Edward W. Driscoll, 36,047,422.
who has been missing in action since 21 May 1943, in the
Southwest Pacific Area.

2. It is requested that this form be forwarded to the
General Accounting Office, Washington, D. C., for disposition
after the necessary action has been taken by your office.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Lester Smith
2nd Lt., A.G.D.
Adjutant General.

1 Incl.
W. D., F. D., Form No. 39

WAR DEPARTMENT
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
Form No. 39
Approved Feb. 16, 1940

WAR DEPARTMENT
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

C-O-P-Y
KCQMD
AEB-sbh

AP0 #929 June 11, 1943
(Station) MISSING IN ACTION

Receipt for Funds—Proceeds of Sale of Property—~~Deceased~~ Soldiers

RECEIVED of RICHARD E. ZAHM, Capt., AC.....

the sum of Sixty Four..... Dollars and Seventy Nine..... cents.

These funds pertain to the property of Edward W. Driscoll..... (H) missing in action

Rank Sgt., AC....., Co. 64th Bomb Sq. (H)..... Regt 43rd Bomb Grp, ~~Deceased~~ as follows:

CREDIT: MR 218920 P. E. D. S. F. Y. Cash in soldier's possession..... \$ 64.79

Edward W. Driscoll..... May 21, 1943 Cash from sale of effects
(Name) (Date of death) M.I.A.

TOTAL \$ 64.79

Certified a True Copy

\$64.79 H20-1-5

George W. Lee
10-12824
/s/ J. C. Grissom, Deputy
T. C. GRISSOM 1st Lt. F.D.
J. E. HICKS, Major, Finance Dept.

STUB.—To be retained by Disbursing Officer receiving the deposit (AR 600-550)

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

(See AR 600-550)

17642

DRISCOLL, EDWARD W. 36047422
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number)

late a SERGEANT 64TH BOMB SQ. (H)
 (Grade) (Organization or arm or service)

MISSING IN ACTION
 who died on the 21 day of MAY, 1943
 XXXXXXXXX

CLASS I—Saber, insignia, decorations, medals, campaign badges, watches, manuscripts, and other articles valuable chiefly as keepsakes.

NUMBER	ARTICLES	*PACKAGE NUMBER
1	SILVER STAR	
1	PURPLE HEART	

SEP 2 1943

*To be filled out only in case of shipment to The Adjutant General.

CLASS II—Other effects

NUMBER	ARTICLES
1	CAMERA
2	IDENTIFICATION DISC
1	BOX OF PAPERS
1	BILL FOLD

(Date)

19-

(Station)

APD 4929

SUMMARY COURT OFFICER

~~1ST LT. AIR CORPS~~

JOSEPH D. HOWARD, JR.,

*The effects of class I have been forwarded to The Adjutant General and those of class II have been sold.

or beneficiary named by the deceased, so state)

(Give name and degree of relationship; if legal representative

I CERTIFY that the foregoing inventory comprises all the effects of the deceased whose name appears on the first page hereof, and that the effects were delivered to 1155TH QUARTERMASTER, APO #929

Notes --- \$

Money

Species---

ARTICLES

NUMBER

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

MACR NO. 2459

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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: Dobadura, New Guinea COMMAND OR AIR FORCE: _____
GROUP: 43 Bm (H) SQUADRON: 64 Bm. (H) DETACHMENT: _____
 2. SPECIFY: POINT OF DEPARTURE: Dobadura, New Guinea COURSE: _____
INTENDED DESTINATION: Vunakenau Airfield, Rabaul, NB TYPE OF MISSION: Bombing
 3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
 4. GIVE: (A) DATE: 21 May 43 TIME: 0348 Hrs AND LOCATION OF LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING AIRCRAFT: St. Georges Channel, New Britain
(B) SPECIFY WHETHER () LAST SIGHTED; () LAST CONTACTED BY RADIO:
() FORCED DOWN; () SEEN TO CRASH; OR () INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE.
 5. 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: _____
 6. AIRCRAFT: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES: B-17-E AAF SERIAL NO. 41-9244
 7. ENGINES: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES: _____ AAF SERIAL NO. (A) _____
(B) _____ (C) _____ (D) _____
 8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (FURNISH BELOW MAKE, TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER)
(A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____ (D) _____
(E) _____ (F) _____ (G) _____ (H) _____
 9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (A) BATTLE CASUALTY: XX
OR (B) NON-BATTLE CASUALTY: _____
 10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: CREW: _____ PASSENGERS: _____ TOTAL: _____
(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 | STATUS |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------|------------------|--------|
| (1) PILOT | Williams, Paul I. | Major | 0418154 | KIA |
| (2) CO-PILOT | Rippy, John S. | 2nd Lt. | 0730964 | DED |
| (3) Obsr. | Heller, Robert F. | 1st Lt. | 0398021 | KIA |
| (4) Nav. | Aguirre, Richard U. | 2nd Lt. | 0733398 | KIA |
| (5) Bomb | Manuel, Gordon R. | M/Sgt. | 13023327 | RTD |
| (6) Engr. | Gills, Robert B. Jr. | S/Sgt | 33122679 | KIA |
| (7) Gnr. | Rexroat, Lawrence L. | S/Sgt | 18004066 | KIA |
| (8) Gnr. | Curry, Robert A. | Sgt | 11007351 | KIA |
| (9) R. Opr. | Driscoll, Edward W. | Sgt. | 36047422 | KIA |
| (10) Gnr. | Murray, Joseph R. | Sgt. | 13047717 | KIA |
| (11) Gnr. | Smith, William R. | Pfc. | 15098049 | KIA |
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 | CONTACTED
BY
RADIO | LAST
SIGHTED | SAW
CRASH | SAW FORCED
LANDING |
|-----------------------------------|------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| (1) | | | | | | |
| (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) _____
 13. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
 14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
 15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE _____

(Information on back.)

(Date of Report)

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

REMARKS: (Use additional sheet if necessary)

Remarks:

1. Airplane Bl7E 41-9244 departed from Dobadura, New Guinea at 0100 hours 21 May 1943, for the purpose of bombing Vanakanau Airdrome, Rabaul, New Britain. After crossing the Warangoi River in the Cape Gazelle vicinity, enroute to the target, the plane was suddenly hit in the number 3 and 4 engines by fire from a night fighter. A few seconds later, engines 1 and 2 were set on fire by a second burst which necessitated a crash landing being made in St. George's Channel, approximately 7 miles due east of Talilis Plantation. The entire crew list is listed on reverse side.

2. Sergeant Manuel and Lieutenant Rippy ~~were~~ were the only ones to bail out of the crippled ship before it hit the water. MANUEL returned to military control 5 Feb. 1944. He stated that the airplane exploded upon impact with the water and sank immediately. On the basis of his signed statement that he believed that no one in the plane could possibly have survived the crash the status of the remaining crew members, Lieutenant Rippy excepted, has been changed from missing in action to killed in action.

O.C. Van Hoesen

Lt Col AGD

Adj Gen

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPT
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

In the matter of the disposition)
of the personal property of:)

Case No. 17642 M VM

293 Edward W. Driscoll (Jr.)

(Sgt. Edward W. Driscoll))
(Name of missing soldier))
36047422)
(Serial Number))

RECEIPT FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY
DELIVERED TO BAILEE BY ARMY EFFECTS
BUREAU

(8-4-7-44)

I hereby acknowledge that I have received from the Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri, for safe-keeping, the following personal property of the above-named officer or soldier:

No.	Articles	No.	Articles
	<u>Letters</u>		
	<u>Photographs</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>Wallet</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>New Testament</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>Fountain Pen</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>Pocket Knife</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>Camera</u>		
	<u>Insignia, cloth</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>Purple Heart</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>Silver Star</u>		

I agree to safely keep and store the above-listed personal property pending the return of said officer or soldier, and to deliver the same to him or to the Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri, upon demand. I further agree, in the event the above-named officer or soldier subsequently becomes a casualty, to turn said property over to the person or persons legally entitled by law to receive the same.

Subscribed at Galesburg, Illinois on this 8 day of
(City, town or village and state)

March, 19 44.

Witnessed by:

/s/ Charles E. Burke
(Signature of witness)

/s/ Edward W. Driscoll Sr.
(Signature of bailee in ink)

369 Jefferson St.
(Address)

579 N. Cedar

(Address)

Certified a True Copy

RET:ml
Eff QM Form

W. F. FEEHAN
Major Q.M.C.

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPT
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

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(S-4-7-44)

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Subscribed at Galveston, Texas on this 8 day of
(City, town or village and state)

March, 1944.

Witnessed by:

Charles E. Burke
(Signature of witness)

Edward W. Driscoll Jr.
(Signature of bailee in ink)

369 Jefferson St.
(Address)

519 N. Cedar
(Address)

MRS ETHEL DRISCOLL

579 N. CEDAR STREET

GALESBURG, ILL.

U.S.A.

MRS ETHEL DRISCOLL

579 N. CEDAR STREET

GALESBURG, ILL.

U.S.A.

Held
Aug. 21, 1943

Rec'd
June 5, 1943