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72D FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF
APO #86

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REPORT ~~Classification changed~~
to RESTRICTED
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By WM. L. THOMAS, 1st Lt., AO
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		<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0722199</u>	<u>MIA</u>
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	<u>XX</u>			
2.						
3.						

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