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CONFIDENTIAL
 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
 WASHINGTON
 MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location APG 926; Command or Air Force Fifth; Group 8th Fighter; Squadron _____; Detachment _____

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Biak; Course 295°; Intended Destination Waga Airbase; Type of Mission Ferrying

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Visibility: 1 - 3 miles Solid overcast, showers prevalent

4. GIVE: (a) Date 8 Nov 1944; Time 1925/I; and Location Approx 25 miles NW Morotal of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether (X) 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; (X) Other Circumstances as follows: Lost in weather and unable to establish contact with base.

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series P-38 -J15; A.A.F. Serial Number 43-28487

7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1710-91; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) V-1710-89; (b) _____; (c) 42-94878; (d) 1-049300

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
 (a) Browning; (b) Aircraft Machine gun; (c) 50 Cal (4); (d) (1) Automatic Gun 20 M.M.
 (e) _____; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____

9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty or (b) Non Battle Casualty William H Fridham

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew One; Passengers None; 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.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	FRIDHAM, William H	1st Lt	M 17

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAID KNOWLEDGE. (Check only one Column)

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	By Whom Sighted	Last Sighted	Saw Forces	Crash	Saw Landing
1. JOHNSON, Floyd G	2nd Lt	0758180	FA				
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) * (See foot-note)

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. (Attached)

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED-LANDING OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. (Inclosed)

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: Extent of search is attached.

Date of report, 16 February 1945.

James M. Duff
 (Signature of Reporting Officer)
 1st Lt, AF 1st Lt 8.1

*No indications at this time are available to confirm that pilot is alive or deceased.