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APO 926

9 November 1944

SEARCH FOR 1st LIEUTENANT WILLIAM H. PRIDHAM

I led a two-ship flight on a search mission for Lt Pridham on 9 November 1944.

We took off at 1320, flew southwest to coast of Halmahera then north along the tip of Halmahera. We circled the tip and flew southwest, investigating the small islands west of the northern tip of Halmahera.

Then we flew abreast to a point about seventy-five miles west-northwest (toward the Sangihe Islands). Then we flew back forth between this area and Serotai, our northwestern terminus farther north each time.

We saw no evidence of Lt Pridham.

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