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SUBJECT: Final Report on Missing Allied Military Personnel

TO : Commanding General
Army Forces Western Pacific
APO 707

1. a. At the time of the Japanese surrender of the Ryukyu Retto, Headquarters, Tenth Army, issued Field Order No. 72, 14 September 1945. Annex 2, to this field order created two detachments; Detachment #1, Hq Tenth Army (Northern Ryukyus Task Group); Detachment #2, Hq Tenth Army (Southern Ryukyus Task Group).

b. Beginning on or about 19 September 1945, these groups inspected islands in the Ryukyu Retto for the purpose of "(4) Searching for United Nations missing personnel."

c. The Northern Ryukyus Task Group carried out the provision in paragraph b, above, in the area bounded as follows: "Long 130° E Lat 30° N west to Long 128° E Lat 30° N south to Long 128° Lat 27° N east to Long 130° E Lat 27° N north to Long 130° E Lat 30° N."

d. The Southern Ryukyus Task Group carried out the provision in paragraph b, above, in the area bounded as follows: "Long 132° E Lat 26° N west to Long 122° E Lat 26° N south to Long 122° E Lat 24° N east to Long 132° E Lat 24° N north to Long 132° E Lat 26° N."

2. a. During the investigation of the areas as indicated in paragraphs 1c and d, no United Nations personnel were recovered.

b. A summary of Allied Military Personnel reported in hands of Japanese, Ryukyus area, with information available as to present location, as reported by both Task Groups, is attached as Incl 1.

*This was rec'd thru ODM - AFWESPAC - MAP in
in their possession*

c. A summary of the location of the graves of unidentified United Nations personnel, as reported by both Task Groups, is attached as Incl 2.

3. Searches for United Nations missing personnel, in addition to those made by the Tenth Army Task Groups, has been made by Naval Military Government and by Naval Operating Base, Okinawa. The extensive inquiries made by these units have corroborated and supplemented the reports of the Task Groups. A Naval summary of information pertaining to missing United Nations personnel is attached hereto as Incl 3.

4. The Okinawa Base Command area of responsibility in which search and rescue operations have been completed is indicated in blue on the attached overlay. (Incl 4).

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

SILAS SMITH
1st Lt, Cavalry
Actg Asst Adjutant General

4 Incls:

- 1 - Summary of Allied Military Personnel reported in hands of Japanese, Ryukyus area.
- 2 - Summary of Graves Unidentified United Nations Personnel concerning Major
- 3 - Naval Summary
- 4 - Overlay

Name: CARLOS, James E.
Date of Capture: June 1945
Location: Asakawa, Okinawa
Remarks: Lt Carlos was sent to search Naval Base, Asakawa, and from there was probably sent to the "Red" POW camp at Tokyo.

Case 7
Name: YUKIYAMA - Lt (jg) (Full name unknown)
Date of Capture: June 1945
Location: Asakawa, Okinawa
Remarks: Lt Yukiya was sent to search Naval Base, Asakawa, and from there was probably sent to the "Red" POW camp at Tokyo.

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SUMMARY OF ALLIED MILITARY PERSONNEL

Summary of Allied Military Personnel
Reported in hands of Japanese, Ryukyus Area

I. Information regarding the following personnel has been compiled from reports of the Northern and Southern Ryukyus Task Groups, Naval Military Government Expeditions, and Units of Naval Operating Base, Okinawa.

NORTHERN RYUKYUS TASK GROUP

Case I

Name: McADOO - Ensign (full name unknown)
Date of Capture: 1 April 45
Location: Tokuno Shima
Remarks: This officer was taken to Hqs 64th IMB on approximately 7 April, 1945, No further information.

Case II

Name: SURFICE, Peter, CPO
Date of Capture: 1 April 1945
Location: Tokuno Shima
Remarks: This man was captured with Ensign McAdoo. Information indicates he died on approximately 7 April 1945, as a result of ulcers Duodini. His grave is located at grid coordinates 1206.92 - 3366.68, HEDONO NE Map Ryukyu Retto Scale: 1:25,000.

Case III

Name: COLLINS - Major (full name unknown)
Date of Capture: Unknown
Location: Believed to be Tokuno Shima
Remarks: There is no information available concerning Major Collins, other than the fact he was a POW.

Case IV

Name: CARLES, James H. Lt (jg)
Date of Capture: June 1945
Location: Kakeroma Shima
Remarks: Lt Carles was sent to Sasebo Naval Base, Kyushu, and from there was probably sent to the Naval POW camp at Tokyo.

Case V

Name: KELLER - Lt (jg) (full name unknown)
Date of Capture: June 1945
Location: Kakeroma Shima
Remarks: Lt Keller was sent to Sasebo Naval Base, Kyushu and from there was probably sent to Naval POW camp at Tokyo.

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Case VI

Name: NIXON, Lt (full name unknown)

Date of Capture: June 1945

Location: Kakeroma Shima

Remarks: Lt Nixon died on 25 July 1945. Cremated at Seso. Remains sent to Sasebo Naval Base, Kyushu. Believed to be at Kaiheidan Naval Barracks and Training Station or in a nearby Japanese temple.

Case VII

Name: BAIRD, Own K. 2nd Lt. USMC

Location: Kikaiga Shima

Remarks: Lt Baird with two other personnel, S/Sgt Johnson and Sgt Hight was killed when their plane crashed. His grave is located at grid coordinates 1313.49 - 525.51 Map of Kikaiga Shima NE Sheet 4031 - 1 NE Scale, 1:25,000.

Case VII

Name: JOHNSON, Frederick K. S/Sgt USMC

Location: Kikaiga Shima

Remarks: Information and grave located same as in Case VII.

Case IX

Name: HIGHT, Clyde B. Jr. Sgt USMC

Location: Kiakiga Shima

Remarks: Information and grave location same as in Case VII

Case X

Name: Unknown

Date of Capture: 11 May 1945

Location: Kikaiga Shima

Remarks: Although this POW remains unidentified, information indicates he was found in a burned condition, was taken to the Naval Hospital (Japanese) at Kawamine, and was then sent to Kyushu by air on 13 May 1945.

SOUTHERN RYUKYUS TASK GROUP

Case I

Name: FLYNN, Kenneth Ashton, 2nd Lt

Date of Capture: 13 October 1944

Location: Miyako Shima

Remarks: Lt Flynn was sent by plane to Okinawa 15 October 1944. No further information available.

Case II

Name: MULLIN, Robert Wallace, 1st Lt.

Date of Capture: 3 Jan 45

Location: Miyako Shima

Remarks: Lt Mullin was sent by plane to Okinawa on 20 Jan 45.
He is believed to have been turned over to the
Intelligence Officer of the Japanese 32nd Army.

Case III

Name: FLORENCE, Joseph F. 2nd Lt.

Date of Capture: 22 April 1945

Location: Miyako Shima

Remarks: Lt Florence was killed on 11 July 1945, when the
Japanese plane which was to carry him to Formosa
crashed while taking off. His body was sent to
the Formosan Army Headquarters.

Case IV

Name: DESIMON, Maxwell Franklin, 1st Lt.

Date of Capture: 28 May 1945

Location: Miyako Shima

Remarks: Lt Desimon was sent to Formosa 29 May 1945.

Case V

Name: BUETTNER, Victor, J. Lt (jg) USNR

Date of Capture: 14 April 1945

Location: Ishigaki Shima

Remarks: Lt Buettner was sent to Formosa 19 May 1945, by ship.
Japanese on Ishigaki had heard he was released to U.S.
forces.

Case VI

Name: CAMERON - Lt (jg) (full name unknown)

Date of Capture: 11 May 1945

Location: Ishigaki Shima

Remarks: Lt Cameron was member of Naval Air Corp British Pacific
Fleet, Ship "Victorious". On 19 May 1945, he was
sent to Formosa by ship.

Case VII

Location: Miyako Shima

Map References: See Case II

Remarks: Grave believed to contain remains of Marine flyer
whose plane crashed in April 1945. Grid coordinates
1314.36 - 523.83.

SUMMARY OF LOCATION OF GRAVES
UNIDENTIFIED UNITED NATIONS PERSONNEL

Case I
Location: Miyako Shima

1. The following information as to the location of the graves of unidentified United Nations personnel has been compiled from the reports of the Northern and Southern Ryukyus Task Groups, Naval Military Government Expeditions, and units of Naval Operating Base, Okinawa.

Location: Miyako Shima
Remarks: NORTHERN RYUKYUS TASK GROUP remains of two crew members of the plane which crashed 22 April 1945. Grave is located about 300 yards North of Miyakuni

Case I
Location: Kakuoma Shima
Map Reference: Special Map, Amami O Shima Sheet #4, Scale, 1:50,000
Remarks: Grave of one (1) unknown located at grid coordinates 1240.6 - 499.7. of an F4U plane which crashed on 26 April 1945. Grave located near shrine on Hill 72.

Case II
Location: Kikaiga Shima
Map Reference: Kikaiga Shima NE
Remarks: Grave believed to contain the remains of a Marine flyer. Grid coordinates 1313.82 - 525.39. Airfield.

Case III
Location: Kikaiga Shima
Map Reference: See Case II: plane type F4U which crashed on
Remarks: Grave believed to contain the remains of a Marine Flyer. Grid Coordinates 1314.15 - 524.68.

Case IV
Location: Kikaiga Shima
Map Reference: See Case II: contain remains of 3 crew members
Remarks: Grave believed to contain remains of Marine flyer whose plane crashed in May 1945. Grid coordinates 1314.08 - 524.12.

Case V
Location: Kikaiga Shima
Map Reference: See Case II: contain remains of pilot of type
Remarks: Grave believed to contain remains of Marine flyer whose plane crashed in April 1945. Grid coordinates 1314.36 - 523.83.

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SOUTHERN RYUKYUS TASK GROUP

Case I
Location:
Remarks:

Miyako Shima
Grave believed to contain remains of crew of an F4U which crashed 1 April 1945. Grave located 2 kilometers Northwest of Kawamitsu Village.

Case II
Location:
Remarks:

Miyako Shima
Grave believed to contain the remains of two crew members of TBF plane which crashed 22 April 1945. Grave is located about 200 yards North of Miyazumi on Miyako Shima.

Case III
Location:

Miyako Shima
Grave of crew of an F6F plane which crashed on 26 April 1945. Grave located near shrine on Hill 72.

Case IV
Location:
Remarks:

Miyako Shima
Grave believed to contain the remains of 4 crew members of plane type TBF which crashed on 29 April 1945. Grave located near center of Nobaia Airfield.

Case V
Location:
Remarks:

Miyako Shima
Grave of pilot of plane type F6F which crashed on 12 May 1945. No trace of grave located near Hirara Airfield due to allied bombing.

Case VI
Location:
Remarks:

Miyako Shima
Grave believed to contain remains of 3 crew members of plane bearing Navy #68706 which crashed near Hanagriri, 12 June 1945. Grave is located 1 kilometer SE of Nobara Hill.

Case VII
Location:
Remarks:

Miyako Shima
Grave believed to contain remains of pilot of plane which crashed in May 1945. Grave located near Miyako Shima. Grave believed to contain remains of pilot of type F4U plane which crashed 29 June 1945. Grave is located in low ground east of North-South runway of Nobara Airfield.

Case VIII
Location:
Remarks:

Miyako Shima
Grave believed to contain remains of three crew members of a type TBF plane which crashed on 29 May 1945. Grave located 100 yards West of Chama Airfield.

Case VIII
Location: Ishigaki Shima

Remarks: Grave of pilot of type SBC plane which crashed, 1 March 1945. Grave is located 2 kilometers Northwest of Shiko.

Case IX

Location: Ishigaki Shima

Remarks: Grave believed to contain remains of pilot of British plane type F4U which crashed in April 1945. Grave is located 300 meters North of Hegina Airfield.

Case X

Location: Ishigaki Shima

Remarks: Grave believed to contain remains of pilot of type F6F plane which crashed 5 April 1945. Grave is located 300 yards South of Army airfield.

Case XI

Location: Ishigaki Shima

Remarks: Grave believed to contain remains of two crew members of a TBF plane which crashed 14 April 1945. Grave is located near Todoroki River about 2 kilometers from the ocean.

Case XII

Location: Ishigaki Shima

Remarks: Grave believed to contain remains of three crew members of a British Royal Navy plane JZ 424 which crashed on 25 April 1945. Grave located 200 yards Southeast of Navy Airfield.

Case XIII

Location: Ishigaki Shima

Remarks: Grave believed to contain remains of pilot of plane type F6F which crashed in May 1945. Grave located one quarter mile Southwest of Hirai Village.

Case XIV

Location: Ishigaki Shima

Remarks: Grave believed to contain remains of pilot of plane type F6F which crashed in May 1945. Grave located on Northeast edge of Ohama Airfield.

Case XV

Location: Ishigaki Shima

Remarks: Grave believed to contain remains of three crew members of a type TBF plane which crashed on 29 May 1945. Grave located 100 yards West of Ohama Airfield.

Case XVI

Location: Ishigaki Shima

Remarks: ✓ Grave believed to contain remains of pilot of plane type F4U which crashed on 15 June 1945. Grave located three kilometers North of Ohama Airfield.

Case XVII

Location: Minami Daito

Remarks: ✓ Grave believed to contain remains of pilot of U.S. Navy plane #57952, F4U, which crashed on 28 March 1945. Grave located two kilometers from landing ramp.

Case XVIII

Location: Minami Daito

Remarks: ✓ Grave believed to contain remains of pilot of plane type F4U which crashed on 9 April 1945. Grave located 1½ kilometers East of landing ramp.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT
NAVAL OPERATING BASE
NAVY NO. 3256

2 January 1946.

From: POW Evacuation Unit.
TO : The Commandant.

Subj: Missing Allied Personnel, Ryukyus, summary of.

- Refs:
- (a) OTU 51.9.67 ltr. OF 1-24/A16-3/r1 Ser. 03-4 dtd 29 Oct 1945.
 - (b) ComDesRon TWELVE ltr F04-12/A8 Ser 154 dtd 17 Oct 1945.
 - (c) OPLAN GNOB OKINAWA NO 7-45 Ser 0294 dtd 4 Nov. 1945.
 - (d) OPERATION ORDER USN MILGOV'T OKINAWA NO 2-45 Ser A4-3 dtd 23 Nov 1945.
 - (e) OPERATION ORDER USN MILGOV'T OKINAWA NO 1-45 Ser A4-3 dtd 22 Nov 1945.
 - (f) OTU 51.6.9 dispatch 100442 Dec 1945.
 - (g) OTU 51.6.9 dispatch 150645 Dec 1945.
 - (h) OTU 51.6.9 dispatch 160625 Dec 1945.
 - (i) OTU 51.6.9 dispatch 140520 Dec 1945.
 - (j) OTU 51.6.9 dispatch 221005 Dec 1945.
 - (k) US NAVAL MILGOV'T SURVEY PARTY ltr to DepCom MilGov't Okinawa dtd 7 Dec 1945.
 - (l) Annex 10, Action Report Hq TENTH ARMY (NRTG) dtd 19 Oct 1945.
 - (m) OTU 51.6.9 dispatch 201420 Dec 1945.
 - (n) OBASCOM ltr Ser 314.6 dtd 10 Nov 1945 (enclosure in GNOB Navy 3256 letter Ser 3006 dtd 23 Nov 1945).
 - (o) OTU 51.6.9 dispatch 230940 Dec 1945.
 - (p) OTU 51.6.9 dispatch 270220 Dec 1945.
 - (q) Action Report Hdqtrs X Army dtd 19 Oct 1945.
 - (r) LST 926 dispatch 150045 Dec 1945.
 - (s) LST 926 dispatch 230950 Dec 1945.
 - (t) Naval Liaison Officer, OBASCOM ltr to MilGov't, dtd 22 Dec 1945.

1. Subject summary is submitted from information obtained from the following expectations:

- (a) Northern Ryukyus Occupation Group, 21 September - 15 October 1945.
- (b) Southern Ryukyus Occupation Group, 22 September - 15 October 1945.
- (c) TU 55.1.7 (later TU 51.1.7) Southern Japanese Shipping Control Unit, 4 November - still on station.
- (d) TU 55.1.8 (later TU 51.1.8) Northern Japanese Shipping Control Unit, 4 November - 26 December 1945.
- (e) TU 51.1.9 Northern Ryukyus US Naval Military Government Expedition, 23 November - 27 December 1945.
- (f) TU 51.1.10 Southern Ryukyus US Naval Military Government Expedition, 5 December - still on station.
- (g) Numerous low level flights.

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A. KUCHINO SHIMA
"No evidence allied flyers or typhoon victims this island".
(Ref. (f))

B. GAJA
"Proceeded North investigated Nakano Shima, Gaja, and Kogaja.
No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims". (Ref. (g))

C. SHOGAJA SHIMA
"Proceeded North investigated Nakano Shima, Gaja, and Kogaja.
No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims". (Ref. (g))

D. NAKANO SHIMA
"Proceeded North investigated Nakano Shima, Gaja, and Kogaja.
No evidence-allied fliers or typhoon victims". (Ref. (g))

E. TAIRA SHIMA
"No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims". (Ref. (h))

F. AKASEKI SHIMA
"No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims". (Ref. (h))

G. KODAKARA SHIMA
"No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims". (Ref. (h))

H. SUWANOSE SHIMA
"No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims".

I. TAKARA JIMA
No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims". (Ref. (i))

J. YOROATE SHIMA
"No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims. Island uninhabited".
(Ref. (i))

K. KANTONAMCHO
"No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims. Island uninhabited".
(Ref. (i))

L. YAGI
"Uninhabited. No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims".
(Ref. (j))

M. YOKOATO
"Uninhabited. No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims".
(Ref. (j))

N. TOKURO
"Uninhabited. No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims".
(Ref. (j))

- O. ENTYA
"Uninhabited. No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims". (Ref(j)).
- F. BANARE
"Uninhabited. No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims". (Ref(j)).
- Q. YUBANARE
"Uninhabited. No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims". (Ref(j)).
- R. SUKOMOBANARE
"Uninhabited. No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims". (Ref(j)).
- S. HANTYA
"Uninhabited. No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims". (Ref(j)).
- T. KOTANDE
"Uninhabited. No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims". (Ref(j)).
- U. TANDE
"Uninhabited. No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims". (Ref(j)).
- V. KIYAMA
"Uninhabited. No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims". (Ref(j)).
- W. JANARE
"Uninhabited. No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims". (Ref(j)).
- X. YUIGO
"Uninhabited. No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims". (Ref(j)).
- Y. SARAN BANARE
"Uninhabited. No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victims". (Ref(j)).

Z. AMAMI O SHIMA

Reference (k) states that two Grumman F6F-5N had crashed into YAMATOHAMA mountain 1500 ft above sea level due to poor visibility between 1 and 15 March 1945. Both planes burned. Partial remains of pilots, pistol, fuselage plates and 8 part plates were forwarded to CNOB Okinawa for identification which to date has not been effected.

AA. KIKAIKA SHIMA

- 1.a. According to Reference (l) there are five known and marked graves of allied military personnel on Kikaiga, all of whom were American fliers killed in plane crashes. The information concerning the death and burial of these men was obtained by questioning Japanese naval personnel. No records are available, since the Japanese Air Unit which investigated all crashes is no longer on Kikaiga. No personal effects were recovered inasmuch as each crash resulted in

AA. KIKAIGA SHIMA(CGN'T)

The burning and breaking up of the bodies. For the sake of regularity, the graves are designated by numbers and the accounts presented below in numerical order. All grave locations are taken from the map of Kikaiga Shima, NE, Sheet 4031-INE, 1:25000.

b. Grave No. 1.

- (1) This grave located at TA 1325-M(coordinates 1313.49 - 525.51) contains the remains of the three crewmen killed in the crash of a TBM-3 at Wan Airfield 11 July 1945. The grave, adequate in size and depth, is marked by a small mound on top of which is placed a wooden cross, and a yard-high bamboo fence.
- (2) The Japanese did not know the identity of the men, but after discovery that the plance number was Navy 69277, the squadron insignia a red devil in a white diamond, and the squadron number 277, it was verified by a representative of the 2nd Marine Air Wing that the crew were US Marines.

- (3) The names of the deceased are:
2nd Lt. Owen K. BAIRD
S. Sgt. Frederick K. JOHNSON
Sgt. Clyde B. HIGHT Jr.

c. Grave No. 2.

- (1) This grave contains the remains of an unknown Marine Flyer, whose F4U Corsair, Navy Number 57855, plane number 172, caught fire in the air and crashed sometime in the beginning of April, South of Wan Airfield.
- (2) The grave, marked by a wooden cross, is located at the Southern end of a civilian cemetery at coordinates 1313.82-525.39 in TA 1325 - T.

d. Grave No. 3.

- (1) The remains of an unknown American pilot, possibly a Marine flying a F4U Corsair is buried in a grave about thirty paces from one of the four 12 cm. guns just south of Wan. The plane was shot down about the middle of April while strafing the gun position. One part name plate indicates "Part MS 64070 Center Section Assembly EUC MGR 519 MOR 565519".
- (2) The grave marked by a wooden cross and bamboo fence is located in TA 1424 - F at coordinates 1314.15 - 524.68.

AA. KIKAKA SHIMA (CON'T)

e. Grave No. 4.

- (1) This grave is located in TA 1424 - U at coordinates 1314.09 - 524.12, on the side of a small knoll about 50 yards from the road to Araki and about 25 yards from the revetment into which the plane crashed. A wooden cross and small bamboo fence marked the burial spot.
- (2) The plane, an F4U (FG-1) probably piloted by a U.S. Marine flyer, caught fire and crashed about the middle of May. No plane numbers could be uncovered in the wreckage.

f. Grave No. 5.

- (1) The wreckage of an F4U, Navy Number 76571, which crashed sometime in the middle of April, is spread over an area of 150 yards to the south of the grave.
 - (2) It is believed the pilot was a U.S. Marine, whose remains are now buried at the following location: TA 1423 - B, at coordinates 1314.36 - 523.83.
 - (3) Name of girl on fuselage "Pauline Ludwig, 1094 Neptune Avenue, Akron 17, Ohio".
2. On 11 May 1945 a U.S. POW was found in burned condition. It was stated he was taken to the Naval Hospital at Kawamine and thence to Kyushu by air 13 May. Name or other identification was unknown. (Ref. (a))
3. According to Reference (m), no additional crashes were found on KIKAI, but, however, Japanese authorities reported that approximately 20 unidentified planes had crashed into sea between KIKAI and AMAMI during operations in Okinawa area. No debris or bodies were washed up on shores.

BB. KAKEROMA SHIMA

- a. According to Ref(n), and Ref(1), and Ref(a), Lt. (jg) James H. CARLES, an F6F pilot was found on ENIYA BANARE in good condition. He was detained at Saseo for three months and then transported to Sasebo for internment.

BB. KAKENOMA SHIMA (CON'T)

- b. Lieut. KELLER, fnu, and his passenger Lieut S. NIXON (MG) USN were rescued from their crashed OS2U off SESO by Japanese PT boat sometime in June 1945. KELLER was evacuated to SASEBO Naval Base, Kyushu. NIXON died of Bacillary Dysentery 25 July 1945, at SESE Naval Base Hospital, was cremated in Japanese Military Funeral. It is believed his remains were forwarded to KAIKIDAN (Naval Barracks and Training Station) SASEBO.
- c. P-47N Serial #487906 was shot down near SESO Naval Base. The Squadron, or side number, of the plane was No. 27. Wing, Rudder and Stabilizer tips were painted orange. Three .50 caliber guns were recovered, #sl43229, 17454 and 222637. The grave of the unidentified pilot is located near the wreckage, grid 1240.6 - 499.7 on AFMIDPAC Special Map Sheet #4.

CC. TOKUNO SHIMA

According to Ref(a) and Ref(1) and Ref(o), on 1 April 1945 Ens. MCADOO(fnu) and COP Peter J. SURFICE USN were captured. SURFICE died 4 April 1945 of perforated stomach ulcers and was given a Japanese military funeral in Ens. MCADOO's presence. Ens MCADOO was later removed to Brigade Headquarters and nothing more was heard of his fate or whereabouts. SURFICE's grave is located in grid square 0666 - 3 at grid coordinates 1206.92 - 3366.80 HEDDNO NE map, RYUKYU RETTO, 1:25000.

DD. OKINORABU SHIMA

"No evidence foregoing of Allied fliers or typhoon victims".
(Ref(j)).

EE. TORI SHIMA

"No evidence allied fliers or typhoon victim". (Ref(j)).

FF. YORON JIMA

No crashes or personnel discovered. (Ref(a)).

GG. MIYAKO JIMA

- a. No plane crash or typhoon survivors have recovered to date. CTF 51.6.7 and CTF 51.6.10 are continuing investigations.
- b. The following crashes are reported: (Ref(g)).
(1) An F4U sea-crashed 13 October 1944 off MIYAKO. The pilot 2nd Lt. Kenneth Ashton FLYNN was recovered uninjured and sent to Okinawa. No further information available.

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- (2) An F4U seacashed 3 January 1945 off Miyako. The pilot 1st Lt. Robert Wallace Mullin was recovered uninjured and sent on 20 January 1945 to Okinawa and turned over to an Intelligence Officer of the Japanese 32nd Army. No further information available.
- (3) An F4U crashed 1 April 1945 at KAWAMITSU VILLAGE, MIYAKO. Plane and pilot destroyed by explosion and crash. No identification possible from remains.
- (4) A TEF number 68688 crashed 22 April 1945 at MIYAZUMI, MIYAKO. 2 crew members killed in crash and buried there in grave so marked, 2nd Lt. Joseph F. FLORENCE was recovered uninjured but was subsequently killed 11 July 1945 in Japanese plane scheduled for Formosa.
- (5) An F6F crashed into Hill 72, MIYAKO on 26 April 1945. Plane and pilot destroyed beyond identification. One piece of fuselage revealed number 24090-LH scratched thereon.
- (6) A TEF was shot down over NOBARA Airfield, MIYAKO, on 29 April 1945. 4 crew members were buried in marked graves but not identified. Fuselage of plane revealed numbers, Serial No. Al-1752 and Number EA (EA)27521.
- (7) An F6F was shot down over HIRARA Airfield, MIYAKO. Pilot, name unknown, was buried 12 May 1945 but subsequent bombing destroyed grave, identifications and plane wreckage.
- (8) An F6F was shot down over MATSUIBARA village, MIYAKO. Pilot, 1st Lt MAXWELL FRANKLIN DESIMON was recovered uninjured and was sent to Formosa on 29 May 1945. No further information available.
- (9) A TEF was shot down near HANAGIRI, MIYAKO on 12 June 1945. The three crew members were buried 12 June but not identified. Examination of the wreckage reveals the plane carried Navy Number 68706.
- (10) An F4U was shot down 29 June 1945 east of NOBARA Airfield, MIYAKO. The plane was demolished and only identification noted was on .50 caliber mgs #1150222 and 1190529. Pilot was not identified.

HI. ERABU JIMA

"No survivors or records of same on any island visited".
(Ref. (r))

II. SHIMOJI JIMA

"No survivors or records of same on any island visited".
(Ref. (R))

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JJ. IKEMA JIMA

"No survivors or record of same on any island visited."
(Ref. (r))

KK. KURUMA JIMA

"No survivors or record of same on any island visited".

LL. TARAMA JIMA

Atoll, uninhabited.

MM. ISHIGAKI JIMA

- a. "No additional airplane or typhoon survivors known here".
(Ref. (s)).
- b. A TBF was shot down 14 April 1945 at ISHIGAKI. Lt. (jg) Victor J. BUETTNER USNR of a Naval Fighter Escort Group was recovered without injury, although other two crew members were killed. BUETTNER's address was 4th Avenue, Hapton City, Iowa. He was transferred to Formosa 19 May 1945. Japanese informant states it was heard he had been released to US Forces on 6 September 1945. (Ref. (1))
- c. A British F4U from HMS VICTORIOUS was shot down on 11 May 1945. Pilot Lt. (jg) GAMERON (Fnu) Naval Air Corps was recovered uninjured and transferred to Formosa on 11 May 1945. (Ref. (1)).

NN. KORAMA JIMA

Japanese Army area commander reports no survivors or crashes.

- OO. IRTOMOTE SHIMA report. (Ref. (a))
"negative report. (Ref. (a))

PP. KURO SHIMA

To be inspected by CTU 51.6.10. Japanese area commander reported negative. (Ref. (a))

QQ. ARAGUSUKU JIMA

To be inspected by CTU 51.6.10. Japanese area commander reported negative. (Ref. (a))

RR. HADERUMA JIMA

To be inspected by CTU 51.6.10. Japanese area commander reported negative. (Ref. (a))

SS. NAKANOKAMI JIMA

To be inspected by CTU 51.6.10. Japanese area commander reported negative. (Ref. (a))

TT. YONAKUNI JIMA

To be inspected by OTU 51.6.10. Negative Report 7 October 1945.
(Ref. (a))

UU. KITA DAITO

- (1) None reported 12 Oct. 1945. (Ref. (a))
- (2) To be inspected by OTU 51.6.10.

VV. MINAMI DAITO

- (1) Two graves were discovered, but lacked identification.
One unidentified crash found. (Ref. (a))
- (2) ⁴¹Negative report as to survivors or typhoon victims. (Ref. (t))
- (3) To be inspected by OTU 51.6.10.

WW. OKINO DAITO

Negative Report. (Ref. (a))
To be inspected by OTU 51.6.10.

3. Daily flights by various scheduled planes as well as missions have revealed no signals, additional wrecks, or evidence.

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