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*URBANSKI, E. J.*

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 WASHINGTON

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 to **RESTRICTED**  
 by E. A. BRADONAS, Lt. Col., AG  
 by F. H. MURKIN, Capt., AG  
 Date **MAR 15 1948**

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 reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name KINGSVILLE : Seventeenth Air Force 8th Group 20th Fighter : Squadron 55th Fighter : Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure KINGSVILLE : Course 1260  
 Target or Intended Destination LINDSEY, MISSOURI : Type of Mission PATROL
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Clear at 29,000 - 0/C at 23/24,000 feet
4. GIVE: (a) Day 16 Month Dec Year 1944 : Time 1050 : and Location 5008-0650 E East of Frankfurt of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft  
 (b) Specify whether aircraft was 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: Reason unknown
5. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series P-51-D-15-NA : AAF Serial Number 44-14870 ✓
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, IF ANY None
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-325385 : AAF Serial Number (a) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (b) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (c) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (d) \_\_\_\_\_
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Name, Type and Serial Number):  
 (a) HEISY HAYES : (b) 1150140 : (c) BROWN-LIFE-CHAPIN  
 (d) BROWN-LIFE-CHAPIN (e) 1547000 ; (f) 1547012  
 (g) " " " : (h) 1544611 ; (i) " 1544614  
 (j) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (k) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (l) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (m) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (n) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (o) \_\_\_\_\_
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Yes  
 or (b) Non Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 1 : Passengers 0 : Total 1  
 (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	Current Status
1.	Pilot	URBANSKI, HERBERT THOMAS	2nd Lt	0-227326	MIA
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
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7.					
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9.					
10.					
11.					

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12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWNEDGED OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SALE:

Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. <u>FREUCHTENICHT, RICHARD WILLIAM</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0701749</u>			<u>X</u>	
2. <u>BROWN, JOHN KEVIN</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-670345</u>			<u>X</u>	
3. _____						

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Unknown (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 OR HEARD FROM.
15. ATTACH WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT KORE

Date of Report 11 DECEMBER 1944

G. H. English  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

**G. H. ENGLISH  
MAJOR, AIR CORPS  
ADJUTANT**

17. REMARKS:

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Missing Air Crew Report

S-2 SUMMARY OF WRECK LOSS ACCOUNT

20th Fighter Group

55th Fighter Squadron

DATE 10 DECEMBER 1944 MISSION AREA PATROL  
Pilot: URBANSKI, EVERETT THOMAS 2ND LT. 0-827326  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
Aircraft P-51-C-15-NA 44-14870 K1-N  
(Type) (Serial No.) (Markings)

1. Position of missing A/C when last sighted or contacted.
  - a. Polar Coordinates: 5008-0850 E
  - b. Altitude: 24,000 FEET
  - c. Last noted heading: STRAIGHT DOWN
  - d. If out of formation, approximate distance from formation: 3,000 FEET BELOW.
2. Enemy opposition: flak, type, intensity. Enemy aircraft, type, number, method of attack etc., with particular reference to missing A/C.

FORMATION HAD GONE THROUGH A BARRAGE OF HEAVY, MODERATE, ACCURATE FLAK APPROXIMATELY TWO MINUTES BEFORE LT. URBANSKI WENT DOWN, BUT NO FLAK EXPLODED NEAR HIS FLIGHT.

3. Damage to Missing A/C: fire, explosions, where sustained, etc.

NOT APPLICABLE

4. If A/C was out of control, describe. FLIGHT WAS AT AN ELEVATION OF 29,000 FEET WHEN LT. URBANSKI'S SHIP NOSED UP, STALLED OUT, FELL BACK BETWEEN SHIPS IN HIS FLIGHT, FLIPPED OVER, AND WENT STRAIGHT DOWN THROUGH O/C WHICH WAS AT 23/24,000 FEET.

5. Not Applicable.

6. If pilot bailed out: Describe jump, including altitude of bailout, opening of chute, landing of pilot on ground.

NO CHUTE SEEN.

7. Other remarks, not covered above. If additional space is required, use back of form. A/C APPEARED TO BE AT SAME POWER AS DURING LEVEL FLIGHT. IT PICKED UP SPEED VERY QUICKLY, DRAWING CONTRAILS UNTIL IT WENT THROUGH O/C. PILOT COULD NOT BE RAISED ON R/T.

8. Date of Report.

<u>Eye Witnesses:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>
1.	R.W. FRUECHTENICHT	1ST LT.	0-701749	K1-D
2.	J.K. BROWN	1ST LT.	0-670345	K1-G
3.				
4.				
5.				

Interrogating Officer: Clifford W. Long W2AC

Intelligence Officer,  
55th Fighter Squadron.