

Chubu Army District

Note: Since June 1945, the Chubu Army District administered Osaka-fu, Kyoto-fu, Hyogo-ken, Shiga-ken, Nara-ken, Wakayama-ken and Fukui-ken.

- ◇ Mar. 14, 1945, B-29 (#42-24754, 73BW, 499BG) crashed in 2-chome, Minami-Kyuhoji-cho, Higashi-ku, Osaka.

Note: Mission No.42 (Target: Osaka urban area. 295 B-29s sortied from 73BW, 313BW and 314BW, and 2 were lost)

The plane crashed in Osaka urban area where it was afire by bombing.

9 crewmembers including 2/Lt. John K. ELLINGSTON (A/C) were killed. Dismembered and burned bodies were found. After the war, the US forces recovered the bodies and the engines of this plane. Although there was a report from an accompanying B-29 that one crewmember had bailed out, could not be confirmed.

- ◇ Mar. 14, 1945, B-29 (#42-24610, 73BW, 498BG) participated in the bombing of Osaka was determined as unserviceable after landing on the base in the Marianas.

Note: 1 of the 2 B-29s lost in the above mentioned Mission No.42.

Over Tanega-shima Island, the plane's left plexiglas blister was broken and Sgt. Harold L. NEWELL was ejected over the waters, and drowned. All other crewmembers returned to the base safely.

- ◇ Mar. 17, 1945, B-29 (#42-24849, 73BW, 500BG) crashed near the summit of Mt. Futatabi, Chuou-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo-ken.

Note: Mission No.43 (Target: Kobe urban area. 331 B-29s sortied from 73BW, 313BW and 314BW, and 3 were lost)

A *Hien* piloted by Capt. Junichi OGATA of 56th Army Air Reg. stationed in Itami Airfield rammed the B-29 and destroyed it.

9 crewmembers including Maj. Robert J. FITZGERALD (A/C) were killed in the crash.

2/Lt. Robert W. NELSON and Sgt. Algy S. AUGANUS bailed out and were taken prisoners in the mountain side of Mt. Futatabi, and sent to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ in Osaka City. In May, they were transferred to the Army Prison in Ishikiri (present Higashi-Osaka-shi). On July 18, they were court marshaled at Chubu A/D HQ in Osaka Castle, and sentenced to death for indiscriminate bombing against Japanese civilians, and beheaded in Yokoyama rifle range in Senan-gun (present Fukuse-cho,

Izumi-shi).

- ◇ Mar. 17, 1945, B-29 (#42-63546, nicknamed *Indiana*, 313BW, 9BG) crashed in Oshibe-mura, Akashi-gun (present Oshibetani-cho, Nishi-ku, Kobe-shi), Hyogo-ken.
Note: 1 of the 3 B-29s lost in the above mentioned Mission No.43.

All 11 crewmembers including 1/Lt. George S. CHRISTIE (A/C) were killed. 6 bodies were found near the crash site and buried there, but other bodies were unable to find. A grave stone for the deceased Americans was erected by the local people at the crash site.

- ◇ Mar. 17, 1945, B-29 (#42-65242, 313BW, 504BG) crashed in the waters between Kobe-shi and Tinian Island.

Note: 1 of the 3 B-29s lost in the above mentioned Mission No.43.

It is believed that the plane exploded over the target area.

All 10 crewmembers including George W. SHAFFER (A/C) were killed.

- ◇ Mar. 19, 1945, SB2C (#19480, *Hancock* CV-19) crashed off Kobe Harbor.
2 crewmembers Lt.(jg) Dale A. BARROWS (pilot) and ARM2/c Franklin R. GORDON were killed.

Many people witnessed that the Lt.(jg) BARROWS' body drifted ashore the beach in Nadahama, Kobe-shi on the same day. Another crewmember ARM2/c GORDON's body was washed ashore near Mitsubishi dockyard in Kobe-shi on May 22.

After the war, the US forces investigated that there had been chances of their bailing out or ditching, and they were murdered by the Japanese, but unable to prove it.

- ◇ May 5, 1945, B-29 (#44-69899, 73BW, 497BG) crashed in Tonobara, Kami-Sanji-mura (present Ryujin-mura), Hidaka-gun, Wakayama-ken.

Note: Mission No.146 (Target: Navy Hiro Air Arsenal. 170 B-29s sortied from 58BW and 73BW, and 2 were lost).

This B-29 originally scheduled to attack Navy Hiro Air Arsenal but changed its target to Nagoya or Kushimoto, due to damage, etc. She was attacked by Japanese fighters while flying from north to south over Ryujin-mura, and disintegrated into 3 sections and crashed.

7 crewmembers were killed in the crash. Their bodies scattered here and there near the crash site and were buried by local people. A grave tower erected by the local

people after the war still exists today.

4 crewmembers were taken prisoners and treated as follows.

2/Lt. Joe S. McSPADDEN (A/C) and S/Sgt. Logan M. SPARKS were taken prisoners near the crash site. They were detained at the village hall for the night, and sent to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ in Osaka City via Gobo Kempei Tai and Wakayama Kempei Tai, and then were interned in Chubu 22 Unit. S/Sgt. SPARKS was executed at Shinodayama exercise field in Izumiotsu City on July 20. 2/Lt. McSPADDEN was executed at Sanadayama Army Cemetery in Osaka City on August 15.

2/Lt. Harry J. FOLEY and S/Sgt. Earl P. FLANAGAN continued to escape until May 9, but were captured by farmers in Komatsubara, Futagawa-mura, Nishimuro-gun (present Nakaheji-cho), and sent to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ. 2/Lt. FOLEY died of disease or was executed. S/Sgt. FLANAGAN was executed at Shinodayama exercise field on July 20.

- ◇ May 5, 1945, B-29 (#42-63416, 73BW, 498BG) crashed off Saipan Island.

1 of the 2 B-29s lost in the above mentioned Mission No.146.

The plane crashed immediately after takeoff, killing 7 crewmembers. The US forces rescued the remaining 4 crewmembers.

- ◇ May 9, 1945, B-29 (#42-63600, 315BW, 501BG) crashed in 3-chome, Takaida, Fuse-shi (present Higashi-Osaka-shi), Osaka-fu.

While reconnoitering Osaka singly, the plane was shot down by flak.

10 crewmembers including GARRETT (A/C) were killed in the crash. Dismembered bodies amounted to six to seven were gathered and cremated in Kosaka and Nagase crematories.

Capt. Richard HAMILTON was captured by Fuse policemen and civil defense guards, and sent to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ via Fuse police station and Fuse Kempei Tai. He was interned in Chub 22 Unit. On July 20, he was executed at Shinodayama exercise field.

- ◇ May 11, 1945, B-29 (#42-63571, 314BW, 29BG) crashed in the waters between Kobe-shi and Guam Island, killing all 11 crewmembers including 2/Lt. Clemens W. HALTEMAN Jr. (A/C).

Note: Mission No.172 (Target: Kawanish Aircraft Co. Kobe plant. 102 B-29s sortied from 58BW, 73BW and 314BW, and 1 was lost)

- ◇ Jun. 1, 1945, B-29 (#44-70083, 73BW, 499BG) crashed in Osaka Bay off Tsuna-gun, (Awaj-shima Island), Hyogo-ken.
- Note: Mission No.187 (Target: Osaka urban area. 509 B-29s sortied from 58BW, 73BW, 313BW and 314BW, and 10 were lost)
- All 11 crewmembers including WALKINSIN (A/C) were killed in the crash. On Jun. 14, 1/Lt. Alfred F. KNIZNICK's body drifted ashore Honjo-mura, Hyogo-ken, and was buried in the cemetery of Fukae. Between Jun. 17 and 19, bodies of 1/Lt. Richard J. POULSEN, Sgt. Thomas A. SPENCER and Sgt. Robert M. HASSIN were washed ashore Awaji-shima Island, and were buried in the cemeteries in Ura-mura and Shiota-mura, Tsuna-gun, Hyogo-ken. No information was available on the bodies of other crewmembers.
- ◇ Jun. 1, 1945, two B-29s (#42-63496, nicknamed *Naughty Money* and #42-65270, nicknamed *Big Poison Second Dosa*, 58BW, 444BG) collided in midair over Shionomisaki Point and crashed in Magoichi-dani, Izumo, Shionomisaki-mura, Nishimuro-gun (present Kushimoto-cho), Wakayama-ken and in Kushimoto Bay.
- Note: 2 of the 10 B-29s lost in the above mentioned Mission No.187.
- 20 crewmembers were killed in the crash. 1 crewmember's body was found in Shoba-dani, 5 in Gongen-dani, 2 in the cemetery of Gongen-dani, and 1 in pinewoods of Hagio. Local people buried them by order of Kempei Tai. The bodies of 11 other crewmembers were not found.
- 2 crewmembers were taken prisoners and treated as follows.
- 1/Lt. John F. McGOWAN (#42-65270) bailed out and landed on the waters approx. 1 km off Shobadani beach, Unno, Shionomisaki-mura. Five to six soldiers of Tsuchiya Unit rowed out a boat to rescue him. As he was injured in his arms and legs, the medical officer of Tsuchiya Unit gave him first aid treatment. Then he was sent to Kushimoto Kempei Tai. S/Sgt. Robert L. BARR (#42-63496) was captured by soldiers of Kurai Unit in woods owned by the village in Matsuyama, Oshima-mura, Higashimuro-gun and was taken to Kushimoto Kempei Tai.
- As both of them were wounded, a medical officer of the Navy air corps gave them medical treatments. Then they were sent to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ via Wakayama Kempei Tai in the afternoon. They were interned in Chubu 22 Unit, and was later executed or died from disease.
- ◇ Jun. 1, 1945, B-29 (#42-65348, 73W, 497BG) crashed in Mt. Sanjogadake of Omine Mountains, Tenkawa-mura, Yoshino-gun, Nara-ken.

Note: 1 of the 10 B-29s lost in the above mentioned Mission No.187.

After bombing Osaka, the plane became a victim of flak, and while flying towards southeast trailing smoke, she crashed in deep forest at the foot of Mt. Sanjogadake. As the forest was so deep, a search party including 5 members from Nara Kempei Tai could not reach the crash site until the following morning.

7 crewmembers including 1/Lt. Franklin W. CROWN (A/C) were killed. The local people buried six bodies in the cemetery near Akodaki Fall in Mt. Omine, Yoshino-gun. One other body was under the engine left at the site.

4 crewmembers were taken prisoners and treated as follows.

On June 2, 1/Lt. Harrison K. WHITEE and Sgt. Lawrence W. BERCRAFT were captured at Omine-Gongen visitors' lodging at the summit of Sanjogadake and turned over to the Army Unit stationed in Shimoichi. They were then taken to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ via Nara Kempei Tai, and interned in Chubu 22 Unit. They were executed at Shinodayama exercise field on July 20.

On June 3, M/Sgt. Alvin K. HART was captured near Kosasa-juku, Kawakami-mura, Yoshino-gun, and taken to Tamanoi inn in Kodaku-mura at the foot of the mountain. As he burned his face with a fire, a doctor in Kodaku-mura gave him treatment. He was interned in Tamanoi inn for the night, and on the following morning, taken to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ in Osaka by cab with the members of Nara Kempei Tai escorting him. He was believed to have died of disease during the internment in Chubu Kempei Tai HQ, and buried in Sanadayama Army Cemetery.

On June 6, policemen from Dorogawa police station captured S/Sgt. Russell W. STRONG in Takase-dani, Tengawa-mura, Yoshino-gun. He was sent to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ via Nara Kempei Tai on the same day, and was executed at Sanadayama Army Cemetery on August 15.

- ◇ Jun. 1, 1945, the following 6 B-29s were lost between Osaka-shi and the bases in the Marianas.

Note: 6 of the 10 B-29s lost in the above mentioned Mission No.187.

B-29 (#42-24741, 73BW, 497BG)

Enroute to Osaka, the plane had faulty engines, and crashed in the waters. 2 crewmembers were killed and the US forces rescued the remaining 10.

B-29 (#44-69765, 73BW, 498BG)

Enroute to Osaka, the plane had faulty engines and crashed in the waters. The US forces rescued all crewmembers.

B-29 (#42-65364, nicknamed *Sky Scraper*, 314BW, 39BG)

The US forces rescued 10 crewmembers including William ORR (A/C), but 1 was killed.

B-29 (#unknown, 314BW, 330BG)

The plane was lost on Iwo Island. The US forces rescued 10 crewmembers, but the pilot was killed.

B-29 (#42-24542, nicknamed *Lady Hamilton II*, 58BW, 468BG)

All 11 crewmembers including 1/Lt. Gordon A. JOHNSON (A/C) were killed.

B-29 (#42-24524, nicknamed *Super Mouse*, 58BW, 444BG)

10 crewmembers including 1/Lt. Clifford J. AMDERSON (A/C) were killed. The US forces rescued 1.

- ◇ Jun. 1, 1945, P-51 (#44-72572) crashed in the waters between Osaka-shi and Iwo Island due to bad weather. Capt. Edmond M. CROSSMAN was killed.

148 P-51s sortied from Iwo Island to Osaka and 27 P-51s including Capt. CROSSMAN's were lost over the Pacific Ocean, and 24 pilots were killed.

- ◇ Jun. 5, 1945, B-29 (#42-65336, nicknamed *Acid Test II*, 58BW, 462BG) crashed in Iseda, Ogura-mura, Kuze-gun (present Iseda-cho, Uji-shi), Kyoto-fu.

Note: Mission No.188 (Target: Kobe urban area. 530 B-29s sortied from 58BW, 73BW, 313BW and 314BW, and 11 were lost)

On her way back to the Mariamas, the plane was hit by flak over Kyoto and damaged, and was afire over Iseda, disintegrated and crashed.

6 crewmembers including Maj. Eugene F. TORVEND (A/C) were killed in the crash. Their bodies were cremated and ashes were buried in the riverbank of Nagi River near the crash site. After the war, the ashes were moved to the cemetery in Sako, Sayama-mura, Kuze-gun and the US forces recovered them in November 1945.

A male resident of Kyoto City who was a high school student during the war had kept Maj. TORVEND's flight cap and receiver. In October 1995, they were returned to his bereaved family.

6 crewmembers who bailed out were captured by the soldiers stationed at Ogura (Kyoto) Airfield. They were sent to Fushimi Kempei Tai in Kyoto City by truck around noon, and then to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ in Osaka City in the evening.

The names of 4 of the 6 six crewmembers are presumed as follows:

Capt. William A. McCARTY

2/Lt. Chares F. SCHRECK

F/O Robert F. T. BARRETT

Cpl. Clearance E. SCRITCHFIELD (He was executed at Shinodayama exercise field on July 20 and his body was disinterred by the US Occupation Army)

Other 2 crewmembers were any 2 of the following 7.

2/Lt. Daniel E. DAVIS Jr.

F/O James T. KINSELLA Jr.

M/Sgt. Clifford A. WALTER

S/Sgt. Dillard R. JACKSON

Cpl. Ralph J. BILSING

Cpl. Bernard J. McGILIAN

Cpl. Norman C. ANDERSON

The above 6 POWs were either executed or died of disease.

- ◇ Jun. 5, 1945, B-29 (#44-69776, nicknamed *Burbank City, Old Soldier's Home*, 314BW, 330BG) crashed on the east bank of Kizu River in Najima, Aodani-mura, Tsuzuki-gun (present Joyo-shi), Kyoto-fu.

Note: 1 of the 11 B-29s lost in the above mentioned Mission No.188.

This B-29 was attacked by Type-5 fighter unit commanded by Capt. Yohei HINOKI of Akeno Training Air Div., and began trailing smoke in spiral descent over Ide-cho. The pilot attempted to make a forced landing on the riverbank of Kizu River, and exploded in flames. Many Japanese villagers rushed to the crash site and found the burnt wreckages and 5 bodies. By order of Kempei Tai, their bodies were buried near the site. After the war, they were re-buried and a memorial tablet with "Holly ghost of 5 unknown B-29 warriors" written on it was niched in Shinkoji Temple in Aodani-mura, In March 1946, the US forces recovered their ashes.

6 crewmembers bailed out and were captured; 2 in Aodani-mura, Tsuzuki-gun, 3 in Taga-mura, and 1 in Kusauchi-mura. They were gathered at Ide Police station, whence sent to Fushimi Kempei Tai in Kyoto by truck around noon, then to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ in Osaka in the evening.

Their names are presumed as follows:

1/Lt. Donald J. SCHLITZ (A/C)

The postwar US forces investigation revealed that he had been executed at Sanadayama Army Cemetery on August 15.

2/Lt. Anthony A. PICCINO and 2/Lt. Robert G. SCOTT

At the time of the postwar US forces investigation, the ex-members of Fushimi Kempei Tai and interpreter remembered their names.

F/O Leonard W. HOLM

He was believed to have died in the jail of Chubu Kempei Tai HQ. The US recovery team found his body in Sanadayama Army Cemetery.

S/Sgt. George C. REED

The postwar US forces investigation revealed that he had been executed at Shinodayama exercise field on July 20.

Cpl. James H. DAVIDSON

At the time of the postwar US forces investigation, his Japanese roommate at the jail of Chubu Kempei Tai HQ remembered his name.

- ◇ Jun. 5, 1945, B-29 (#44-70008, 314BW, 29BG) crashed in Higashishimo, Yamada-mura, Muko-gun (present Yamada, Kita-ku, Kobe-shi), Hyogo-ken.

Note: 1 of the 11 B-29s lost in the above mentioned Mission No.188.

While bombing Kobe, the plane became a victim of flak, and exploded in the air. Fragments of the plane scattered in a wide area, and its main wreckage fell down in Yamada-mura.

9 crewmembers including FRANKLIN (A/C) were killed. One crewmember bailed out, but he was found dead when landed. Two others were ejected from the plane and killed. Four bodies were found in the fuselage section. Other 2 were missing. By order of Kempei Tai, local people buried 5 bodies and ashes of 1 to 2 people in the cemetery of Yamada-mura a few days later.

2 crewmembers were taken prisoners and treated as follows.

S/Sgt. George C. PEARE was captured near Okunagatani, Higashishimo, Yamada-mura and taken to Foreign affairs section of Hyogo Prefecture police, then transferred to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ in Osaka. After the war, his body was disinterred in Sanadayama Army Cemetery.

S/Sgt. John R. VINCENT was captured in the same progress and was executed at Shinodayama exercise field on July 20.

- ◇ Jun. 5, 1945, B-29 (#48-24809, nicknamed *Indian Maid*, 313BW, 505BG) crashed in the waters 400 meters SW of Mitsubishi dockyard in Kobe-shi.

Note: 1 of the 11 B-29s lost in the above mentioned Mission No.188.

The plane was shot down by flak near Kobe Harbor.

5 crewmembers including Capt. Edward FISHKIN (A/C) were killed in the crash.

6 crewmembers 1/Lt. John MEEHAN, Sgt. Joseph G. KANZLER, Sgt. Osmond J. HANNINGAN, Sgt. Henry W. SUTHERLAND Jr., Sgt. James N. FITZGERALD and Sgt. Harvey B. KENNEDY bailed out, and 3 were captured near Kobe harbor

customs office, 1 in Mitsubishi dockyard, 1 in Karimo-jima Island, and 1 in the suburbs of Kobe-shi. They were gathered in Kobe Kempei Tai and interrogated. Around at noon, they were sent to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ in Osaka by truck. On their way over, they stopped by Hyogo prefecture government and picked up 2 POWs captured in Yamada-mura.

Sgt. Henry W. SUTHERLAND Jr. may have died in Osaka Kempei Tai. His body was found in Sanadayama Army Cemetery by the US Recovery team after the war,

Sgt. James N. FITZGERALD and Sgt. Harvey B. KENNEDY were executed at Shinodayama exercise field on July 20.

- ◇ Jun. 5, 1945, B-29 (#44-69965, 58BW, 462BG) crashed in the waters east of Nushima Island, Mihara-gun (present Minami-Awaji-shi), Hyogo-ken.

Note: 1 of the 11 B-29s lost in the above mentioned Mission No.188.

After bombing Kobe, the plane was flying to the south when attacked by Japanese fighters, and crashed in the waters.

6 crewmembers including Capt. Carl T. HULL (A/C) were killed.

5 crewmembers bailed out and reached ashore Nushima Island by rubber raft, and were captured by the soldiers on lookout post in Nushima, veterans and young people. According to the postwar US forces investigation, the 5 crewmembers were presumed as 1/Lt. Benton VAN HORN Jr., M/Sgt. David F. McNALEY, S/Sgt. Arthur H. WEINBAUER, S/Sgt. John N. ZINN and S/Sgt. Hershell D. BARRETT Jr.

They were assembled in Nushima primary school at around 1 p.m., and then sent to Yura Fortress HQ. On the following day, they were sent to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ in Osaka via Kobe Kempei Tai.

They were either executed or died of disease.

- ◇ Jun. 5, 1945, B-29 (#44-69665, 58BW, 468BG) crashed in Otani-Seirenji, Nabari-cho, Naga-gun (present Nabari-shi), Mie-ken.

Note: 1 of the 11 B-29s lost in the above mentioned Mission No.188.

Capt. Robert L. ARNOLD (A/C) and another crewmember were killed in the crash.

6 crewmembers that bailed out and were captured in Mie-ken were sent to Tokai A/D HQ in Nagoya City, and on/about July 14, they were beheaded behind No. 2 barracks of Tokai A/D HQ. ⇒ See Tokai Army District.

3 crewmembers that bailed out and taken prisoners in Nara-ken were treated as follows.

1/Lt. Roy M. YOUNG was taken prisoner in the morning, and S/Sgt. Theodore F.

LADD in the evening in Ryuguchi, Sambommatsu, Uda-gun, Nara-ken. They were sent to Nara Kempei Tai via Haibara Police Station. On the following day, they were sent to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ and interned in Chubu 23 Unit.

S/Sgt. Kenneth L. KIRKLAND ran into the mountains of Nagano, Soni-mura, Uda-gun, Nara-ken, and was taken prisoner on June 6. On the following day, he was sent to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ via Haibara Police Station and Nara Kempei Tai, and interned in Chubu 23 Unit.

- ◇ Jun. 5, 1945, B-29 (#42-63451, nicknamed *Black Jack Too*, 58BW, 444BG) crashed in Kowaura, Shimazu-mura (present Nanto-cho), Watarai-gun, Mie-ken.

Note: 1 of the 11 B-29s lost in the above mentioned Mission No.188.

2 crewmembers were killed and 9 were taken prisoners. ⇒ See Tokai Army District.

- ◇ Jun. 5, 1945, B-29 (#42-24742, nicknamed *T-Square 31*, 73BW, 498BG) crashed in the waters off Kiinagashima-cho, Mie-ken.

Note: 1 of the 11 B-29s lost in the above mentioned Mission No.188.

7 crewmembers were killed and a US submarine rescued 4. ⇒ See Tokai Army District.

- ◇ Jun. 5, 1945, the following 3 B-29s made a forced landing on Iwo Island.

Note: 3 of the 11 B-29s lost in the above mentioned Mission No.188.

B-29 (#42-24703, 58BW)

After landing, the plane was determined as unserviceable. No casualties.

B-29 (#42-65248, 73BW, 498BG)

After landing, the plane was determined as unserviceable. No casualties.

B-29 (#Unknown, 313BW)

After landing, the plane was determined as unserviceable.

- ◇ Jun. 7, 1945, the following 2 B-29s were lost between Osaka and Tinian Island

Note: Mission No.189 (Target: Osaka urban area. 449 B-29s sortied from 58BW, 73BW, 313BW and 314BW, and 2 were lost)

B-29 (#42-24834, nicknamed *The Moose is Loose*, 313BW, 504BG)

Ditched 40 miles north of Saipan Island due to mechanical difficulties.

5 crewmembers were killed. The US forces rescued 6 crewmembers including Capt. James B. COLLIER (A/C).

B-29 (#42-93996, 314BW, 19BG)

Lost by Mechanical difficulties.

- ◇ Jun. 15, 1945, the following 2 B-29s were lost between Osaka and Guam Island.

Note: Mission No.203 (Target: Osaka urban area. 511 B-29s sortied from 58BW, 73BW, 313BW and 314BW, and 2 were lost)

B-29 (#42-93928, nicknamed *City of Hartford, Connecticut*, 314BW, 29BG)

Crashed in the waters 12 miles north of Guam Island, killing all 11 crewmembers including Capt. Henry A. HEYKE (A/C).

B-29 (#Unknown)

Crashed on Guam Island.

- ◇ Jun. 22, 1945, B-29 (#44-69893, nicknamed *Maximum Effort III*, 314BW, 19BG) crashed in the waters off Gobo-shi, Wakayama-ken.

Mission No.216 (Target: Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Mizushima aircraft plant. 123 B-29s sortied from 314BW and 2 were lost)

All 11 crewmembers were considered to have been killed. The wreckage of the plane and the bodies of the crewmembers were not found.

- ◇ Jun. 26, 1945, B-29 (#44-69655, 73BW, 499BG) crashed on Mt. Seirei in Miyama-mura, Hidaka-gun, Wakayama-ken.

Note: Mission No.224 (Target: Osaka Army Arsenal. 120 B-29s sortied from 73BW and 1 was lost)

While the plane was flying from north to south, she emitted fire from her right wing, and exploded in the air, and crashed on the ridge of Mt. Seirei.

2 crewmembers including James P. NEWELL (A/C) were killed. Their bodies were buried in Reizan, Hanmotokyo in Sokawa. The US forces recovered the bodies in October 1946.

9 crewmembers bailed out and were taken prisoners. The following 6 were captured on the same day; 1 in Kushimoto, Sokawa-mura, Hidaka-gun, 2 in Idani, Kawakami-mura, and 3 in Takigashira, Kawakami-mura. They were sent to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ in Osaka via Gobo and Wakayama Kempei Tai.

1/Lt. Louis W. LEHNEN and Sgt. Robert L. PELLICOT were executed at Jonan Rifle Range in Osaka on or about Aug. 5. Harold T. COBB was executed in Sanadayama Army cemetery in Osaka on Aug. 15.

1/Lt. David W. COBB, 1/Lt. Paul L. SISSON and M/Sgt. Leo G. COPULOS may have

died of disease in Chubu Kempei Tai HQ.

S/Sgt. John N. WALL, S/Sgt. Howard R. WOLESINGLE and Sgt. Raymond F. SHIBER wandered about in the mountains until July 2, and was captured in woods in Kawamata, Mazuma-mura, Hidaka-gun (present Inami-cho), and turned over to the police. They were sent to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ via Gobo and Wakayama Kempei Tai. They were either executed or died of disease.

◇ At the beginning of July 1945, a body considered to be a US soldier drifted ashore the beach in Sumiyoshi-mura, Hyogo-ken.

◇ Jul. 10, 1945, P-51 crashed in a rice paddy in Guminoki, Sayama-mura, Kawachi-gun, Osaka-fu.

One of the four P-51s supposedly returning to the base after attacking Taisho (Yao) Airfield suddenly emitted fire at a low altitude and crashed, then exploded.

1/Lt. Frederick R. ERNEST was thrown out of the plane for 20 meters, and was killed. His body was buried near the crash site.

◇ Jul. 24, 1945, B-29 (#44-70132, 58BW, 444BG) crashed in Osaka Bay off Osaka-fu. Note: Mission No.284 (Target: Osaka Sumitomo Metal works. 90 B-29s sortied from 58 BW and 1 was lost)

According to the report from an accompanying B-29, the plane became a victim of flak, broke into two sections, and 3 crewmembers bailed out, but only 2 chutes were seen to open.

10 crewmembers including SEYMOUR (A/C) were killed in the crash. In early August, one of their bodies was washed ashore the beach about 300 yards from Kotobuki ironworks in Izumiotsu-shi and was buried in the cemetery of Komatsucho, Izumiotsu-shi. Other bodies were not found.

2/Lt. James R. PRICE was taken prisoner and sent to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ. As he was seriously wounded, the Kempei Tai member regarded that there was no chance of recovery and poisoned him.

◇ Jul. 25, 1945, F6F (#77489, *Belleau Wood CV*) made a forced landing in Haneda, Hirata-mura, Gamo-gun (present Higashiomi-shi), Shiga-ken. The plane came to attack Yokaichi Airfield and engaged in dogfight with Japanese fighters.

Ens. Herbert L. LAW got out of the plane after making a forced landing in a rice paddy, and was captured. He was sent to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ via Yokaich and

Otsu Kempei Tai, whence sent to Tokyo Kempei Tai HQ for interrogation. He returned to the US after the war.

- ◇ Jul. 25, 1945, F6F (#77489, *Belleau Wood CV*) crashed in Oshitate-mura, Echi-gun (present Higashiomi-shi), Shiga-ken.

This plane was rammed by a Type-5 fighter piloted by Capt. Den OHARA of Army 244 Air Reg. while attacking Yokaichi Airfield. A house was burned down by this crash.

Capt. OHARA bailed out but was heavily wounded and died 1 hour later.

F6F pilot C. R. WHITE was instantly killed when crashed in a rice paddy. His body was buried in Hiramatsu Cemetery in Higashi-Oshitate, Echi-gun.

- ◇ Jul. 30, 1945, TBM was hit by AA fire, while attacking Itami Airfield, Itami-shi, Hyogo-ken, and crashed at the north end of the runway.

Ens. Norman B. BITZEAIGO bailed out, but seriously wounded and captured. He was sent to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ via Toyonaka branch of Umeda Kempei Tai. No treatment was given to his burns all over his body, and he died at night. There is a doubt that he was poisoned. His body was buried in Shinodayama Army Cemetery in Osaka.

AMM 1/c John S. STREETAR and AMM 2/c John R. ZEHAUN Jr. were killed in the crash, and were buried in Toneyama Cemetery in Toyonaka-shi. After the war their bodies were cremated and reburied by the Japanese soldiers.

- ◇ Jul. 30, 1945, P-51 (21FG, 72SQ) crashed on a private house in Kita-2-chome, Oka-machi, Toyonaka-shi, Osaka-fu. While attacking Itami Airfield, the plane was hit by AA fire and crashed.

2/Lt. Harry W. NORTON bailed out and was taken prisoner. He was sent to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ via Toyonaka branch of Umeda Kempei Tai. No sufficient treatment was given to bleeding from his right thighbone fracture and bullet wound, he died on that night, and was buried in Sanadayama Army Cemetery in Osaka.

A part of the wreckage of this P-51 was disinterred in 1984, and held by Toyonaka-shi Education Committee.

- ◇ Jul. 30, 1945, TBM (#69326, *Independence CVL-22*) was hit by AA fire while attacking Maizuru Navy Port, and crashed in Maizuru Bay in Kyoto-fu.

Ens. Daniel R. BERARDINELLI (pilot), ARM Harold E. GIBSON and AMM

Michael H. MAGY were killed. The wreckage of the plane and the bodies of the crewmembers were not found.

- ◇ Jul. 30, 1945, F4U (#81279. *Lexington* CV-16) was hit by AA fire while attacking the targets in Miyazu Bay, and crashed on the road connecting Miyazu and Amanohashidate in Monju, Yoshizu-mura, Yosa-gun (present Miyazu-shi), Kyoto-fu.
Ens. E. W. GARRISON was killed. The plane was broken to pieces, a big hole was dug in the road, and the pilot's body was so dismembered that it was difficult to identify him. Totaro OTSUKI, the village master of Yoshizu-mura and the villagers moved away the wreckages of the plane, and repaired the road. He erected a cross with a writing of "The grave of US flyer" on it at the cemetery in Monju. According to the local people, this cross stood there for many years after the war.
- ◇ Aug. 1, 1945, P-51 (#44-63935, 21FG, 531SQ) crashed in the waters between Itami Airfield, Itami-shi, Hyogo-ken and Iwo Island. 1/Lt. Richard D. DAVIS was killed.
- ◇ Aug. 1, 1945, P-51 (21FG, 72SQ) crashed on the mountainside near Koma, Asakura-mura, Shiki-gun (present Sakurai-shi), Nara-ken while flying to southeast from the direction of Osaka.
F/O Philip INGALLS was killed. His body was buried in the cemetery of Koma, Asakura-mura. The US forces recovered the body after the war.
- ◇ Aug. 1, 1945, P-51 (#44-63935, 21FG, 72SQ) crashed in Nomidani, Takami-mura, Yoshino-gun, Nara-ken.
A formation of P-51s, which were thought to have attacked Osaka, flew over from the direction of Osaka, and one of them ejected fire and crashed.
1/Lt. Thomas W. DENMAN bailed out and was taken prisoner in Monju, Takami-mura. He was sent to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ via Ouda Police Station and then Nara Kempei Tai, and executed. He was either executed or died of disease.
- ◇ Aug. 1, 1945, a body of unknown US soldier drifted ashore the beach in Toya-cho, Hyogo-ku, Kobe-shi.
- ◇ Aug. 6, 1945, a body of a US soldier drifted ashore the beach in Oi, Kamaguchi-mura, Tsuna-gun (present Awaji-shi), Hyogo-ken. According to the testimony of Hideyoshi TSUJIKAWA, the village master of Kamaguchi-mura, the body was

rigged in dark color clothes, and the back of his head was putrefied, it must have been in the water for a long time. The body was buried in Hamada Cemetery in Kamaguchi-ura, but carried away by waves in the storm on August 16.

- ◇ Aug. 8, 1945, P-51 (#unknown, 21FG, 46SQ) crashed in Osaka Bay.
2/Lt. Marcus E. McDILDA was captured by a Navy unit off Sakai-shi, and sent to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ via Chikko Kempei Tai. As he was suspected to have some information on the A-bomb, he was sent by air to Tokyo Kempei Tai HQ on August 9. He returned to the US after the war.

- ◇ Aug. 8, 1945, P-51 (#44-46389, 21FG, 46SQ) crashed in a rice paddy near Tani, Inari-mura, Nishimuro-gun (present Tanabe-shi), Wakayama-ken.
Capt. Jack K. ORT was taken prisoner in the following night by civil defense guards, and turned over to the village police. He was sent to Chubu Kempei Tai HQ on August 11 via Tanabe and Gobo Kempei Tai. He was executed at Sanadayama Army Cemetery in Osaka in the afternoon on August 15.

- ◇ Aug. 8, 1945, P-51 (#44-72879, 21FG, 72SQ), while strafing fishing vessels, crashed in the waters off Yuasa-cho, Arita-gun, Wakayama-ken, due to the pilot's error.
The fishermen picked up the pilot from the sea, but Capt. William E. MERRITT had already been dead. His body was cremated at Yuasa crematory, and a grave tower was elected, which still stands there today, and the wreckagees of the plane still remain on the bottom of the sea.

- ◇ Aug. 9, 1945, a body of unknown US soldier drifted ashore, and was buried in a cemetery near Tonohama, Muronotsu, Ibo-gun, Hyogo-ken.