



## *IN MEMORIAM*

### 380<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GROUP PERSONNEL Crews on Aircraft that Disappeared in WWII

*All were presumed dead*

*Listed by Squadron*

Captain Robert Tosch (35) (see Notes)		529 <sup>th</sup> Squadron		
<i>Name</i>	<i>380th Assignment</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Chandley, M.C., Jr.	Passenger	Somewhere between Port Moresby and Nadzab, Papua New Guinea	07/19/1944	Aircraft disappeared on routine flight over the Owen Stanley mountains between Port Moresby and Nadzab. Plane from V Bomber Command Replacement Center. Pilot: Tosch (35). [42-40814]
Farrar, Alfred G.	Passenger			
Harris, John E.	Passenger			
Henry, William H.	Radio Operator, Crew Unknown			
Landre, Francis D.	Co-Pilot, Crew Unknown			
LaSance, Robert S.	Passenger			
Millikin, Samuel T.	Passenger			
Sellers, Neil E.	Passenger			
Smith, William H.	Passenger			
Struck, Charles R.	Navigator, Crew Unknown			
Tosch, Robert W.	Asst Ops. Ofcr./Acft Cmdr/Pilot, Kershner (12, Tosch (35))			
Williamson, Jack T.	Flt. Engineer, Crew Unknown			

<b>CORPENING CREW (27)</b>		<b>530<sup>th</sup> Squadron</b>		
<i>Name</i>	<i>380th Assignment</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Chavez, Felipe D.	Radio Opr.	Somewhere between Hawaii and Christmas Island	05/26/1943	Aircraft disappeared while en route to Australia; it is speculated that the bomber exploded from fuel leakage problems. Pilot: Corpening (27) (530 <sup>th</sup> ). [42-40519]
Corpening, Clarence C.	Acft Cmdr/Pilot			
Jackson, Raymond, Jr.	Asst Flt Eng./Gunner			
Morckel, Howard A.	Gunner			
Powell, Francis L.	Flt. Engineer			
Powell, Richard J.	Navigator			
Schneider, Anthony J.	Gunner			
St. Denis, Richard J.	Co-Pilot			
Stoner, Everett D.	Bombardier,			
Boucher, Richard E.	Line Chief, Maintenance; Passenger (he was assigned to the 529 <sup>th</sup> Squadron)			

<b>HARRISON CREW (RAAF)</b>		<b>530<sup>th</sup> Squadron</b>		
<i>Name</i>	<i>380th Assignment</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Anstey, Frederick W.	Radio Operator	Somewhere north of Timor	10/28/1944	Aircraft disappeared soon after its crew radioed Darwin with fuel transfer problems north of Timor; plane and crew were never found. This was the only Aussie crew lost while the 380th trained and incorporated them into their operations. Pilot: Harrison (RAAF). [SLEEPY TIME GAL]
Barber, William R.	Bombardier			
Bird, Walter J.	Aerial Gunner			
Cook, James E.	Aerial Gunner			
Cropley, Alan A.	Navigator			
Davidson, Stuart H.	Co-Pilot			
Harrison, Alan L.	Acft Cmdr/Pilot			
Jamieson, Stuart H.	Flt. Engineer			
Killen, K. Leonard J.	Gunnery Leader/Aerial Gunner			
Latrielle, Roger	AIF			
O'Dea, Donald J.	Navigator			
Wilken, Charles L.	Gunner			

<b>DRIER CREW (28) with Captain Paul Smith</b>		<b>531<sup>st</sup> Squadron</b>		
<i>Name</i>	<i>380th Assignment</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Aylward, Joseph C.	Gunner	Near Gasmata, New Britain	06/11/1943	Aircraft failed to return from night bombing mission to Rabaul; possibly the victim of a night fighter. Pilot: Paul Smith (with Dreier Crew (28)). [LELIA BELLE]
Crislip, Edgar K.	Aircraft Maintenance Technician			
Delp, Gary D.	Radio Operator			
Dreier, Theron A.	Acft Cmdr/Pilot			
Falltrick, Thomas G.	Asst. Flt. Engr./Gunner			
Hartman, Clarence V.	Bombardier			
Kilduff, Earl C.	Gunner			
Larson, John H.	Navigator			
Orton, Ronald L.	Co-Pilo			
Smith, Paul G.	Sqn Ops Officer/Acft Cmdr No Regular Crew			
Wright, Bernard L.	Radio Opr.			

<b>MINCKS Crew (115) with Captain John Kay</b>		<b>531<sup>st</sup> Squadron</b>		
<i>Name</i>	<i>380th Assignment</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Kay, John W.	Acft Cmdr/Pilot, Kay (113)	Somewhere between Luzon and Okinawa	09/08/1945	Aircraft disappeared in severe weather while trying to return from a POW ferrying flight to Clark Field. Nothing was ever found from this airplane or crew. Pilot: Kay. [44-50459]
Kutch, Leo D.	Navigator, Mincks (115)			
Moeller, Warren H.	Co-Pilot, Mincks (115)			
Riley, Charles T., Jr.	Radio Operator, Mincks (115)			
Rohrbach, Charles G.	Flt. Engineer, Mincks (115)			

Source: Horton, Glenn R., Jr., *BEST IN THE SOUTHWEST*, Mosie Publications, Savage, MN, 1995, Appendix Two, pages 423-435.