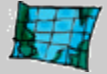


B-25G-5 Mitchell Serial Number 42-64954

USAAF **Pilot** 1st Lt. Henry M. Phillips, O-439095 (rescued)
7th AF **Co-Pilot** 2nd Lt. Warren W. Huffstutter, O-688824 (rescued)
41st BG **Bomb-Nav** 2nd Lt. Charles J. Glownia, O-743778 (rescued)
48th BS **Engineer-Gunner** SSgt George J. Ebersole, 13068094 (MIA / KIA) PA
Radio-Asst Engineer-Gunner SSgt Eugene T. Doyle, 20245292 (rescued)
Armorer-Gunner Sgt Robert A. Goewey, Jr., 31039112 (MIA / KIA) MA
Ditched [May 26, 1944](#) at 4:10pm
MACR 5472



B-25



Map



Two MIA

Aircraft History

Built by North American. Assigned to the 41st Bombardment Group, 48th Bombardment Squadron. No known nose art or nickname. When lost, engines R-2600-13 serial numbers left 43-23956 and right 43-28414. Armed with a 75mm cannon, serial number unknown. Machine gun serial numbers noted in MACR.

Mission History

Took off from [Eniwetok Airfield](#) on a low level strike against [Ponape](#). Over the target at roughly 3:50pm, this B-25 was hit by automatic weapon fire in the propeller governor of the right engine, that caused the propeller to run away, unable to be feathered. Soon afterwards, the left engine lost power and was forced to ditch into the sea roughly twenty miles to the northeast of [Ponape](#).

During the ditching, the tail of the bomber broke off. Phillips, Huffstutter, Glownia and Doyle received only minor injuries and deployed the life raft. Ebersole suffered severe internal injuries and sever lacerations to his face and neck. He was placed into the life raft, but died a few minutes later. Goewey never surfaced and was believed to have gone down in the bomber.

Rescue

The four surviving crew members spent twenty hours in their life raft, before being spotted by B-25s and were rescued by USS Downes (DD-375) at 12:40am on March 27, 1944.

Memorials

Ebersole and Goewey were officially declared dead the day of the mission. He is memorialized on the tablets of the missing at [Manila American Cemetery](#).

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