

Mon Aug.

FAB #235E PERIOD MAY 15, 1942, 1245 PWT 20 MILES OFF SHORE FROM
EUREKA, CALIFORNIA. PILOT, WILLIAM FROELINGSPOET, 2ND LT. RESERVE,
EXTENDED DUTI. MISSION O-2. A-29, NO. 41-21333, ENGINE NUMBERS,
LEFT 39086, RIGHT 39115; HOME STATION, HAMMERSFIELD, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA.
CAUSE OF ACCIDENT, UNKNOWN. DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT, TOTAL LOSS. ACCIDENT
RESULTED IN DEATH OF ALL CREW MEMBERS, WILLIAM FROELINGSPOET, 2ND
LT., PILOT, WELFORD J. CALSSIE, WADE E. ANDREWS, AURENCE M. CHRISTIAN
JR., STANLEY E. SHAW. FOLLOWING NAVY PERSONNEL ABOARD ALSO KILLED,
ENSIGN ALBERT CLIFTON MAHER AV -USNR-, SEAMAN 2ND CLASS JAMES EDWARD
JONES, -382-56-11-. WEATHER UNKNOWN, PARACHUTES NOT USED. NO
DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY. MATERIAL FAILURE UNKNOWN.

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Hammer Field, Fresno, Calif.

FAB 235E. May 15, 1942 12:45 PM

20 miles off shore from Kureka, Calif. Pilot William Froehlingsdort 2nd Lt.

Res Ext Duty. Mission O-2, A-29, No. 41-23333, engine numbers left 39088,

right 39115. Home station Hammer Field, Fresno, Calif. Cause of accident

unknown. Damage to aircraft total loss. Accident resulted in death of

all crew members William Froehlingsdort 2nd Lt. pilot Wilfred J.

Chissie, Wade E. Andrews, Lawrence N. Christian Jr., Stanley E. Shaw.

Following Navy personnel aboard also killed Ensign Albert Clinton Caher

AV-USNR, Seaman Second-class James Edward Jones 382-56-31. Weather unknown

Parachute not used. No damage to private property. Material factors unknown

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at sea -

• Position: Lat. $40^{\circ} 39 \frac{1}{2}' N$
Long. $124^{\circ} 30' W$

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Plane was observed
by master of ship
to go into dive
into the sea. There
followed a large
"disturbance" where
it crashed -
probably explosion
of depth charges.
No trace of plane's
occupants found.

All personnel lost
100% undetermined

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FROEHLINGS DORF, Wm. L., 2nd Lt. Res.
MAHER, A. C., Ensign, U.S.N., Co-P.
(7 fatalities) 5/15/42

Forms 1 and 1A lost in ocean.