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Office of the Air Force Commander  
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SUBJECT: Air Force Personnel Captured by the Japs.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

1. It has been ascertained from a captured document that the following Air Force personnel of this command are captives of the Japs:

- Lt. Colonel Edward J. Walker
- 1st Lieutenant Fred F. Garrett
- 1st Lieutenant Frank A. Tinker
- 1st Lieutenant Russel Allen Phillips
- 1st Lieutenant Louis S. Zamperini
- 2nd Lieutenant James J. Palladino
- 2nd Lieutenant Donald E. Wright
- 2nd Lieutenant Charles Holland
- Tech. Sgt. Virgil Abbott
- Staff Sgt. George S. Lunsford

2. The above list is forwarded for further action on the part of the War Department as it is not known in my headquarters what notification has been sent to the nearest of kin of the above-listed personnel.

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WILLIS H. HALE,  
Major General, U. S. A.,  
Commanding.

*Mackie, Edward J.*

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AGO, War Department, Washington 25, D. C., 10 April 1944

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.

Information was recently received from the Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, which indicates that the military personnel listed in basic communication were at one time prisoners of war of the Japanese Government at Kwajalein Atoll, from documents captured at that place and these personnel were at Kwajalein Atoll at the time of their interrogation. After weighing and considering all possibilities in connection with this report, it was felt that action changing the status of the individuals from "missing in action" (their present status as shown in the War Department casualty files) to "prisoners of war", should be withheld. This information was furnished the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, and pending the receipt of additional information or further instructions from higher authority, no action will be taken to change their status or to notify their emergency addressees of the information submitted by the Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Adjutant General