

APPENDIX 1

Allied Aircraft Losses & Fatalities

Confirmed South Pacific Allied Military Aircraft Losses 1 March to 28 June 1943

Note:

- other fatalities occurred in aircraft not classified as lost
- Buer = Bureau of Aeronautics Number

	DATE	TYPE	SERIAL	UNIT	COMMENTS	FATALITIES
1	3 Mar 43	F4F			Sergeant Gordon Hodde crashed into water after take-off from <i>Nassau</i> . Rescued.	
2	5 Mar 43	PB4Y	Buer 31947	VB-101	Lieutenant (jg) Donald H Lehman failed to return from night mission over the Shortlands. Possible mid-air collision with 31948 below.	12 killed
3	5 Mar 43	PB4Y	Buer 31948	VB-101	Lieutenant Frank M Fisler failed to return from night mission over the Shortlands. Possible mid-air collision with 31947 above.	12 killed
4	12 Mar 43	TBF		VC-28	Lieutenant (jg) Clarence F Wunder failed to return from night Munda attack mission.	3 killed
5	14 Mar 43	F4F	Buer 12068	VMF-214	Lieutenant James GG Taylor force landed Guadalcanal due to bad weather on ferry flight.	
6	14 Mar 43	F4F		VMF-214	Missing during Espiritu Santo to Guadalcanal ferry flight.	?
7	14 Mar 43	TBF	Buer 06022	VMSB-143	Second Lieutenant Glen I Anderson missing during Espiritu Santo to Guadalcanal ferry flight.	1 killed
8	14 Mar 43	TBF	Buer 06019	VMSB-143	Second Lieutenant John H Martindale missing during Espiritu Santo to Guadalcanal ferry flight.	1 killed
9	14 Mar 43	TBF	Buer 06092	VMSB-143	Second Lieutenant Joseph H Kurz missing during Espiritu Santo to Guadalcanal ferry flight.	1 killed
10	14 Mar 43	TBF	Buer 05899	VMSB-143	Second Lieutenant Raymond E Eastcott missing during Espiritu Santo to Guadalcanal ferry flight.	1 killed
11	14 Mar 43	TBF	Buer 05966	VMSB-143	Captain Wilfred L Park missing during Espiritu Santo to Guadalcanal ferry flight.	1 killed
	14 Mar 43			VMSB-143	Four turret gunners were aboard four of the above five TBFs lost on 14 March, although it is not known on which particular aircraft.	4 killed
12	14 Mar 43	Hudson	NZ2037	No. 3 Sqn	Written off landing accident Henderson Field.	
13	16 Mar 43	SBD		<i>Saratoga</i>	Lieutenant (jg) BE Hackett while flying from <i>Saratoga</i> . Crew rescued.	
14	17 Mar 43	F4F		VMF-214	March Technical Sergeant Harrell Steed crashed into ocean while escorting PBY to New Georgia.	1 killed
15	18 Mar 43	SBD		VB-20	Lieutenant (jg) JH Finrow ditched off Espiritu Santo in bad weather. Crew rescued.	
16	18 Mar 43	SBD		<i>Enterprise</i>	Ditched south of Espiritu Santo in bad weather. Crew rescued.	
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18	18 Mar 43	SBD		<i>Enterprise</i>	Ditched south of Espiritu Santo in bad weather. Crew rescued.	
19	18 Mar 43	SBD		<i>Enterprise</i>	Ditched south of Espiritu Santo in bad weather. Crew rescued.	
20	19 Mar 43	F4F		VMF-221	Second Lieutenant Paul T Coe crashed off Guadalcanal following engine failure after take-off.	1 killed
21	20 Mar 43	B-17E	41-2523 <i>Busy Beavers / Goonie</i>	72 nd BS	Lieutenant Colonel Marion D Unruh hit by anti-aircraft fire over Buin and ditched near Russell Islands. Crew rescued.	
22	21 Mar 43	TBF	Buer 06091	VMSB-143	First Lieutenant Ellis E Matheson missing after Shortlands minelaying mission. Likely weather related.	3 killed
23	23 Mar 43	B-17E	41-9124 <i>Buzz King</i>	98 th BS	Destroyed at Henderson Field by Japanese night raid.	
24	23 Mar 43	B-17E	41-9060 <i>Zero Six Zero</i>	72 nd BS	Destroyed at Henderson Field by Japanese night raid.	
25	23 Mar 43	B-24D	41-24151	307 th BG	Destroyed at Henderson Field by Japanese night raid.	
26	23 Mar 43	B-24D	<i>Shamrock</i>	307 th BG	Written off after damaged at Henderson Field by Japanese night raid.	
27	23 Mar 43	B-24D	<i>Lone Wolf</i>	307 th BG	Written off after damaged at Henderson Field by Japanese night raid.	
28	24 Mar 43	P-39K	42-4285		Colonel Harvey "Weir" Cook crashed in bad weather New Caledonia.	1 killed
29	24 Mar 43	PBY	Buer 08136	VP-44	Lieutenant Jarlath J Lyons crashed near Tulagi. Crew OK.	
30	24 Mar 43	P-40E	ET424	No. 15 Sqn	Squadron Leader Allan Crighton crashed after mid-air collision with SBD over Fiji.	1 killed
31	24 Mar 43	SBD-3	Buer 06589	CAG-11	Crashed after mid-air collision with No. 15 Squadron P-40 over Fiji.	2 killed
32	26 Mar 43	P-40K	NZ3054	No. 14 Sqn	Written off after emergency landing in New Caledonia.	