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PEARSON, P.E.
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 by E. A. [redacted] Lt. Col., AC
 by F. M. MURKIN, Capt., AC
 Date **MAR 15 1946**

WAR DEPARTMENT
 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
 WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta. F-368; Command or Air Force VIII
 Group 20th Fighter; Squadron 56th F.; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Sta F-368; Course 119 degrees
 Intended Destination Liere, Belgium; Type of Mission bomber escort
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
heavy
4. GIVE: (a) Date 1 May 1944; Time 1850; and Location Hody Airdrome
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio; ()
 Forced Down; (X) Seen to Crash; or () Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check
 only one () Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances
 as follows

6. AIRCRAFT Type, Model and Series P-38-J 1010; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-57763
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1710-91; A.A.F. Serial Number
 (b) A-044102; (c) V-1710-69; (d) A-044064
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
 (a) 50 cal Frigidair; (b) LL 407171; (c) UL 376125; (d) IR 397636
 (e) UH 397470; (f) 20mm Int. Harv; (g) 118987; (h)
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty yes
 or (b) Non-Battle Casualty

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 1; Passengers 0; Total 1
 (Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons
 were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach
 original to this form).

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	<u>Pearson, Phillip Edgar, Jr.</u>	<u>371</u>	<u>2nd Lt. 42-57763</u>
2.			<u>0-750674</u>
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

11. IDENTIFY ALSO THOSE PERSONS WHOSE DUTY IT IS TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT,
 AND CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SEARCH:

Check One or Column	Name in full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw	
				by Radio	Last Sighted	Crash	Forced Landing
	1. <u>Pannell, Melvin Christopher</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-743366</u>				
	2.						

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12. IF PERSONNEL WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) unknown
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, BOMBED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE REGIMENT OF ORIGIN, IF ANY, AND TITLE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER OR CREWMAN none

Date of Report 3 May 1944

Charles F. Salter

(Signature of Reporting Officer)

CHARLES F. SALTER
Major, Air Corps
Adjutant

Reproduced at HQ VIII FC
C-D-2 26 June 1943



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55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 20TH FIGHTER GROUP MRM/S1
A.P.O. #637, U.S. ARMY

1 MAY, 1944

C E R T I F I C A T E

1. I CERTIFY THAT I, MELVIN C. PANNELL, 1ST LT., A.C.,
SAW PHILLIP E. PEARSON, 2ND LT., A.C., IN P-38-J10-LO, NO.
42-67763, OVER ENEMY TERRITORY ON 1 MAY, 1944 AT APPROXI-
MATELY 1820 HOURS.

2. I WAS FLYING YELLOW LEADER AND WAS PROVIDING TOP
COVER AT 3500 FEET WHILE THREE PLANES OF WHITE FLIGHT WERE
STRAFING THE HODY A/D. I SAW A P-38 GOING ACROSS THE A/D
FROM S/W TO N/E. HE HIT THE GROUND JUST ON THE NORTH EDGE
OF THE FIELD, BURST INTO FLAMES AND EXPLODED. I DO NOT
KNOW WHO WAS FLYING THAT PLANE, BUT FROM SUBSEQUENT CON-
VERSATIONS, I BELIEVE IT WAS LT. PEARSON.

Melvin C. Pannell

MELVIN C. PANNELL
1ST LT., AIR CORPS

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