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*CONNOR John J Jr.*  
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 by E. M. MUECH, Lt. Col., AG  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE  
 WASHINGTON  
 MISSING AIR CRAFT REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be completed in duplicate 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 Fighter Group 20th Fighter; Squadron 55th F.; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Station F-368; Course 87°  
 Intended Destination BRUNSWICK, GY; Type of Mission Bomber Escort
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF LOSS OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Broken clouds
4. GIVE: (a) Date 8 May 1944; Time 0957; and Location Eschede of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
 (b) Specify whether ( ) Last Sighted; (x) Last contacted by radio; ( ) Forced Down; ( ) 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; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; (x) Other Circumstances as follows Engine caught fire

6. AIRCRAFT Type, Model and Series P-38J-10-10; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-67901
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1710-91; A.A.F. Serial Number A-039300  
 (b) V-1710-89; (c) A-038521; (d)
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
 (a) 50 cal Sav.; (b) 11 930125; (c) UL 928755; (d) IR 937229  
 (e) UR 930127; (f) 20mm Int. Harv.; (g) 121984; (h)
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty yes  
 or (b) 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  
 Pilot CONNOR, JOHN JOSEPH JR. 1st Lieut. 0-754474

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

11. IDENTIFY AND LIST PERSONS WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE KNOWN LOCUS OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK OFF CIRCLES TO INDICATE BASIS FOR CLAIM:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw	
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Landing
1. <u>WILSON CY</u>	<u>Lt. Col.</u>	<u>0-71538</u>	<u>X</u>			
2. _____						

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12. IF PERSONNEL WERE ~~REMOVED~~ 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) Stated he was going to bail out
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYE-WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, WRECKAGE, AND/OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE METHOD OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND THE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE none

Date of Report 9 May 1944

*Charles P. Salter*

(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
CHARLES P. SALTER  
Major, Air Corps  
Adjutant

Reproduced at Hq VIII FC  
C-D-2 25 June 1943



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

MRM/S1

8 MAY, 1944

CERTIFICATE

1. I CERTIFY THAT I, CY WILSON, LT. COL., AIR CORPS, SAW JOHN J. CONNOR, JR., 1ST LT., AIR CORPS IN P-38-J10-LO, NO. 42-67901, OVER ENEMY TERRITORY ON 8 MAY, 1944 AT APPROXIMATELY 0957 HOURS.

2. WE WERE IN THE VICINITY OF ESCHEDÉ, ESCORTING OUR TASK FORCE OF BOMBERS. TIME ABOUT 0957 HOURS, ALTITUDE 20,000 FEET. I WAS LEADING WHITE FLIGHT AND LT. CONNOR WAS LEADING MY SECOND ELEMENT. HE CALLED AND SAID HE WAS HAVING ENGINE TROUBLE. HE THEN JOINED UP WITH THE 3RD BOX OF BOMBERS. I SAW HIM FLYING JUST BELOW THE B-24'S. ABOUT FOUR MINUTES LATER HE CALLED AND SAID HIS ENGINE WAS ON FIRE AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO BAIL OUT. THAT WAS THE LAST I HEARD OF HIM.

*Cy Wilson*

CY WILSON  
LT. COL., AIR CORPS

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