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 by E. A. BRADONAS, Lt. Col., HQ
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WAR DEPARTMENT
 UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES
 WASHINGTON

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IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled and applicable 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 Fighter Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Station F-368; Course 170°
 Intended Destination Montignes & Brussels type of Mission Escort
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF LOSS OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clear
4. GIVE: (a) Date 25 May 44; Time 1020 hrs; and Location Flushing of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether (x) Last Sighted; () 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; (x) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstance: as follows _____

6. AIRCRAFT Type, Model and Series P-38J-1510; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-104395
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1710-91; A.A.F. Serial Number A-029297
 (b) V-1710-89; (c) A-038405; (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish Below Make, Type and Serial Number)
 (a) M/G Browning; (b) UL 609165; (c) UL 611067; (d) IR 613397
 (e) UR 613556; (f) 20mm Int. Harv; (g) 118789; (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>BOELE, PETER AUGUSTINE</u>	<u>2nd Lieut.</u>	<u>0-756378</u>
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3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAID:

(Last Name First)	Name in Full	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted			
				by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.	<u>KLINK, JOHN EDWARD</u>	<u>1st Lieut</u>	<u>0-756682</u>		<u>X</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 Unknown; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash; or (c) any other reason (Specify) _____
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR OTHER SOURCE OF THE APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN _____
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CREW, TYPE OF AIRCRAFT, WEAPON, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT _____
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE ELEMENT OF SURVIVAL, IF ANY, AND TIME, NAME, GRADE, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE _____ none



Date of Report 27 May 1944

Charles F. Salter

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

CHARLES F. SALTER
MAJOR, AIR CORPS
ADJUTANT

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C-D-2 26 June 1943


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25 MAY 1944

C E R T I F I C A T E

1. I CERTIFY THAT I, JOHN E. KLINK, 1ST LT., A.C.,
SAW PETER A. BOELE, 2ND LT., A.C. IN P-38J-15-LO, SERIAL
NO. 42-104395, OVER ENEMY TERRITORY ON 25 MAY 1944 AT
APPROXIMATELY 1020 HOURS.

2. WE WERE COMING OUT RIGHT ON THE WATER BETWEEN
WALCHEREN ISLAND AND THE DUTCH MAINLAND WHEN WE RAN INTO
LIGHT AND HEAVY FLAK AND 20-MM SHELLS. I WAS FLYING TO THE
RIGHT AND BEHIND LT. BOELE'S SHIP WHEN I SAW THE RIGHT ENGINE
CATCH FIRE. HE PULLED UP TO ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED FEET AND
LEVELED OFF BEARING SLIGHTLY TO THE LEFT. I THEN LOST
SIGHT OF HIM.

John E. Klink
JOHN E. KLINK
1ST LT., AIR CORPS



