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PERRA, W.F.

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REPORT: This report will be copied in its entirety by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time it first becomes officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta F-367; Command or Air Force 5th F Comd; Group 26th Fighter; Squadron 77th Fighter; Attachment Seventh
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Fingerville; Course South; Intended Destination Angora Area; Type of Mission Escort & Strafing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY: TYPE OF SKY clear; HEIGHT Sea level at 1000 feet, visibility unlimited.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 15 June 44; Time 0655; the location St Andre La Riv of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft; (b) Specify whether ( ) Lost ditched; ( ) Lost contacted by radio; ( ) Forced Down; (x) Rown to crash; or ( ) Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOSE, 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 J1510; Serial Number 42-104067
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1710-62 & 91; Serial Number A 038924; (b) A-038237; (c) \_\_\_\_\_; (d) \_\_\_\_\_
8. INSTALLATION EQUIPMENT (Furnish below table, give serial number)  
 (a) UR 1075000; (b) UL 1075008; (c) IR 1075056; (d) IL 1075113 Hi std  
 (e) 20MM 124232 I.H.; (f) \_\_\_\_\_; (g) \_\_\_\_\_; (h) \_\_\_\_\_
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE ABOARD: (a) Male usually Yes or (b) Non-White usually \_\_\_\_\_
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD: 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 Pilot Name in full (Last Name First) PERRA, WALTER FRANCIS Rank 2nd Lt Serial Number 0750222
11. IDENTIFY ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO WERE ABOARD OR SAW A SERVICEMAN OF THIS CRAFT, AND CHECK THE CIRCLES UNDER IN IDENTIFY THIS PERSON AS:  
 Check Circle On: Seen  

| (Last Name First)           | Rank          | Serial Number  | Contacted by |          | Saw      |              |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|
|                             |               |                | Circle       | Initials | Circle   | Location     |
| 1. <u>KLINK JOHN EDWARD</u> | <u>1st Lt</u> | <u>0753682</u> |              |          | <u>X</u> | <u>Crash</u> |
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12. IF PERSONNEL WERE BELIEVED TO LIVE 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) None
13. ATTACH SERIAL NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT, OR SERIAL NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT AND LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH AIRCRAFT'S DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, WOUNDED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE HEIGHT OF CRASH, IF ANY, AND IMPACT, WIND AND SEVERITY OF OFFICIAL LOSS OF LIFE None

Date of Report 16 June 1944

*E. G. Findley*

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

**E. G. FINDLEY,**  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Assistant Adjutant.

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STATEMENT

"I was flying Red #3 position with the 55th Fighter Squadron. We were top cover, flying North in the vicinity of Dreux, at about 3500 feet. The 77th Fighter Squadron's Red flight was on the deck and were attacking flak towers in that area. I saw a P-38 from this flight with the right engine on fire. He climbed gradually to about 1500 feet. Then the plane rolled over and spun in, making about three spins before hitting the ground, exploding. I saw no chute."

/s/ JOHN E. KLINK,  
JOHN E. KLINK, O-753682  
1st Lieut., Air Corps  
55th Fighter Squadron.

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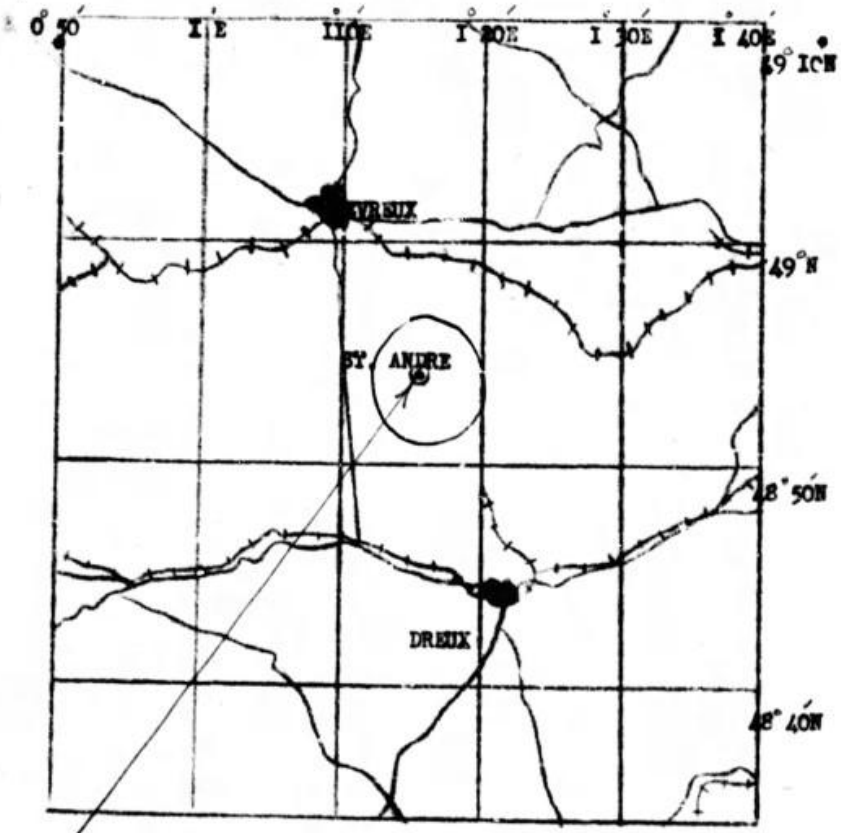
*Francis W. Barkley*  
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,  
Capt., Air Corps,  
Intelligence Officer.

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