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 by E. A. BRADNAS, Lt. Col., AO
 by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AO
 Date MAR 15 1948



Pierson, J.A.

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MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

NOTE: This report will be complete if it is filed by a member of the Air Force or organization within 48 hours of the time the aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta F-367; Name of unit, force 8th AF
 Group 20th Fighter; Squadron 55th Fighter; Detachment
- SPECIFY: Point of departure AAF Sta F-367; Course 150 degrees
 Intended Destination Jussy, France; Type of mission Fighter-Bomber
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY: Type of weather 5/10th at 4,000 feet - Hazy on the deck.
- GIVE: () Date 22 June 1944 Time 1500 and location Jussy, France
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether () Lost sight of; () Intentionally shot down; ()
 Forced down; (x) Seen to crash; or () Information not available.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IT BELONGED TO ANOTHER LOSS, OR BOTH OF: (Check
 only one) () Single aircraft; (x) Single multi-engine; () Other circumstances
 as follows: _____

- AIRCRAFT Type, make and number P-38J1010; Serial number 42-68131
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Serial V-1710-91; Serial number A-047445
 (b) V-1710-69; (c) A-044965; (d)

- INSTALLER IDENTIFICATION (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
 (a) LL 929618 Sav; (b) UL 929816 Sav; (c) LR 929673 Sav; (d) UR 929677 Sav
 (e) 124261 20MM I.H.; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____

- THE PERSONS LISTED WERE: (a) Yes or (b) Non-usable identify _____

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

Crew Position Name in Full (Last Name First) Rank Serial Number
 1. Pilot Pierson, John Albert V 1st Lt 0804225

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

- IDENTIFY AND LIST PERSONS WHO BELONGED TO THIS AIRCRAFT OR TO THE CREW, TO CHECK FACTS AND REPORT TO REPORTING OFFICE:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw	
			by	Last	Saw	Forward
			Station	Sighted	Crash	Landing
1. <u>Low, Martin Laurence</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>0417175</u>			<u>X</u>	
2. _____						

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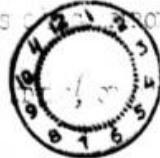
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12. IF PERSONNEL WERE BELIEVED TO LIVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OR ALL
FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used No; (b) Persons
were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) any
other reason (Specify) None
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE
LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYE WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, POINT OF IMPACT, AND
CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO INCIDENT.
15. ATTACH ADDRESS SECTION OF THE REPORT OF SURVIVOR, IF ANY, AND IDENTIFY, NAME
AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICIAL IN CHARGE. None



Date of Report 24 June 1944

E. G. Findley
(Signature of Reporting Officer)

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

Report issued at Hq VIII FC
C-5-2 24 June 1943

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55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 20TH FIGHTER GROUP [REDACTED]

A.P.O. #637, U.S. ARMY

22 JUNE 1944

C E R T I F I C A T E

1. I CERTIFY THAT I, MARTIN L. LOW, MAJOR, A.C., SAW JOHN A. PIERSON, 1ST LT., A.C. IN P-38J-10-LO, SERIAL NUMBER 42-68131 OVER ENEMY TERRITORY ON JUNE 22, 1944 AT 1500 HOURS.

2. I WAS LEADING RED FLIGHT. WHILE THE SQUADRON WAS CIRCLING THE TARGET, LT. PIERSON PULLED OFF FROM FORMATION, TRAILING A TEN FOOT FLAME FROM BELOW HIS RIGHT ENGINE. HE WAS MAKING A CLIMBING TURN TO THE RIGHT WHEN THE ENGINE BLEW UP. THIS THREW HIM INTO A SPIN. HE RECOVERED AT APPROXIMATELY 2,000 FEET, ONLY TO GO INTO ANOTHER SPIN. HE HIT THE GROUND AND EXPLODED. I DID NOT SEE A CHUTE.


MARTIN L. LOW
MAJOR, AIR CORPS

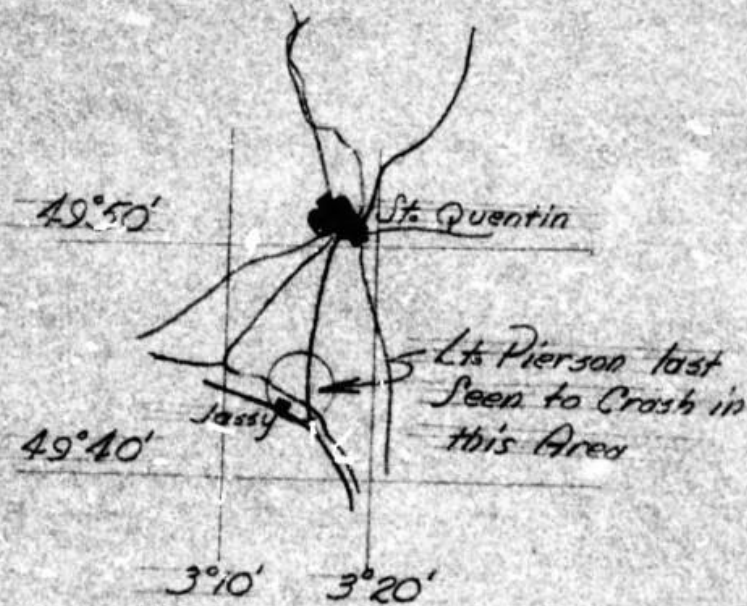
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