

8TH AIR FORCE



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MACR No.	13964	Service No.	Rank	Name	Duty	
Date Time: 16:45 h	3rd Apr. 1945	0-755450	1st Lt.	Stein, John (NMI) Jr.	Pilot	KIA
Type of Aircraft	P-51K-10NA	<u>Statement:</u>				
Serial No.	44-12152	While on a Weather Scouting mission in the vicinity of Kiel, my flight was bounced by a flight of friendly fighters.				
Group/Squadron	493rd BG/ 862nd BS	While diving away from an attacking plane, I noticed Lt. Steins airplane in a flat spin at 14,000 feet. The right				
Code Letters/Markings		wing came off and the plane continued to spin on down and went into a cloud at 11,000 feet. At this point I lost				
Mission/No.	Weather Scouting	contact with the plane. It appeared not to be on fire and the canopy was intact, indicating that Lt. Stein was still				
Target Intended destination	Kiel area	in the plane. I did not see the plane crash.				
AF Station 159	Wormingford, Essex			William T. Searby 1st Lt., Air Corps		
Location of Crash:				0-762416		
x) Gamborg Indso, Denmark.						
Statement: Possibility of being mistaken		In 1948 remains of 1st Lt. John Stein Jr. were carried to Belgium and buried at the U.S. Military Cemetery,				
for German A/c and shot down by friendly				Neuville-en-Condroz.		
escorting fighter A/c.						
7/10's low cloud with large breaks.		Special Remarks: Crash site being between Schleswig and				
Air to air visibility good.		Rendsburg presumed by William T. Searby.				
x) Apr. 4 miles SE of Middelfart, FunenIs.						

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