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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 6080

Name of crew member: PEARSELL, Samuel II
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-682586
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~PF/FABHP/(FAGHP)~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? NO

Where? CREW DITCHED IN ADRIATIC

If not, why not? DEAD

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I LAST

HEARD PEARSELL CALL "BOMBS AWAY" ON INTER-COM; THEN
A DIRECT HIT IN NOSE + #4.

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? NOSE

Any hearsay information: THE NOSE WAS SLASHED WITH
FLAK HOLES AND #4 ENGINE WAS SHOT OUT
#4 PROP RUN AWAY + WE LOST OUR OIL PRESSURE.
PEARSELL WAS HIT IN THE CROWN AND
RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS BLEEDING PROFUSELY.

Source: CREW

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I BELIEVE

PEARSELL BLEED TO DEATH FROM FLAK
WOUNDS AND HE WENT DOWN WITH THE
SHIP IN THE ADRIATIC.

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 30

Dates and destinations if possible: WE DITCHED AT 1300 HRS
JUNE 23, 1944 ON COURSE FOR HOME BASE
301 B. GP.