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Hope to hear from you and I wish you very best of luck on the New-York-Paris flight.

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AGE * 31 NATIONALITY Norwegian

PLACE OF BIRTH Borre CITY Norway STATE

DATE OF BIRTH July 14th 1897

MARRIED OR SINGLE Married

NEAREST RELATION Kjeldis H. Petersen KINSHIP wife

ADDRESS *** 2447 N. Kimball STREET Chicago CITY Ill. STATE

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

HEIGHT 6 FEET 1 INCHES

WEIGHT 190 POUNDS

COLOR OF EYES Blue COLOR OF HAIR blonde

COMPLEXION Fair

PROMINENT MARKS AND SCARS None

HAVE YOU EVER HAD MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE * Yes in Norway

BRANCH Radio

APPROXIMATE PERIOD 1920

LENGTH OF SERVICE 2 months

HIGHEST RANK OR RATING ATTAINED Private

ARE YOU NOW A MEMBER OF THE ARMY, NAVY OR MARINE CORPS yes

IF SO GIVE COMPANY, DIVISION OR REGIMENT *** Sergeant in 319th attack group air corps

TRADE OR PROFESSION Radio

IN WHAT OTHERS HAVE YOU A WORKING KNOWLEDGE

RELIGION Protestant Lutheran

EDUCATION Aviation school, 10 hour instruction and solo

GRAMMAR SCHOOL yes

HIGH SCHOOL yes

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY DEGREES

WERE YOU A MEMBER OF COMMANDER BYRD'S NORTH POLE EXPEDITION No, was to take on the radio

IN WHAT OTHER SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITIONS HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED

wireless operator
One year at King, Ritz
Spiitzbergen where I assisted in meteorological observations
for Capt. Roald Amundsen

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

No

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

No

WHAT FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS DO YOU BELONG TO

The Loyal Order of Moose.

WHAT OTHER CLUBS OR ORGANIZATIONS

DID YOU EVER SERVE WITH COMMANDER BYRD IN THE NAVY

No

WHEN AND WHERE

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