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Book Tells How Joe Kennedy Jr. Died

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The Federal Government kept secret from his family how President Kennedy's older brother was killed in World War II, according to a book published today.

Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., brother of the President and oldest son of the late Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, died because of faulty gear aboard a plane-load of explosives he was flying to a useless target, according to the author, Jack Olsen, who served in the Air Force and the Office of Strategic Services during the war.

In "Aphrodite: Desperate Mission" (G. P. Putnam's,

\$6.95), Mr. Olsen said the Kennedy family had been told that their son, a Navy flier, was a hero. But Mr. Olsen said the Kennedys had not been told:

¶That the electrical system aboard his PB4-Y plane was faulty.

¶That a Navy ground officer had tried to get the mission canceled because he knew the system was faulty.

¶That the target, a German rocket site in France, had been abandoned by Hitler's missile men three months earlier.

Mr. Olsen wrote: "The exact details of the death of the 29-year-old 'star of our family,'

as his father once described him, were kept secret from the family.

"The Kennedy family comforted itself with a letter from a naval officer who had gone to college with Joe Jr. 'As you no doubt are aware,' the young lieutenant wrote to Joseph P. Kennedy Sr., 'the mission was an extremely important one of an experimental nature and exceedingly dangerous . . . You may not have heard that he was successful and that through Joe's courage and devotion to what he thought was right, a great many lives have been saved.'"

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Edwin Fadman
Brown, \$5.95). Suspense.

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Accent on Elegance: Etiquette at Home and Abroad, by Genevieve Antoine Dariaux (Doubleday, \$6.95).

Aphrodite: Desperate Mission, by Jack Olsen (Putnam, \$6.95). Allied efforts to destroy Germany's V-1 rocket bases in World War II.

Be Not Content, by William J. Craddock (Doubleday Projections Books, \$6.95; paperbound, \$2.95). A subterranean journal.

Dance World 1969: Vol. 4, edited by John Willis (Crown, \$8.95).

For a New America: Essays in History and Politics from "Studies on the Left" 1959-1967, edited by James Weinstein and David