

MISSING AIR CREW REPORTby E. W. ... UNAS. Lt. Col., AO
by F. M. MUEENCH, Capt., AODate 15 MAR 1946

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th
Group 306th Bomb (H) ; Squadron 367th Bomb (H) ~~attachment~~
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course as prescribed
Intended Destination Noyen, France ; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
8/10 clouds
- GIVE: (a) Date 17 Jun/44 Time 1113 ; and Location Southeast of Dieppe, Fr.
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (x) Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forced Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not Available.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one () Enemy Aircraft; (x) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97312 ✓
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-009777
(b) SW-012464 ; (c) SW-012198 ; (d) SW-012243
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
* (a) F-835117 ; (b) F-835008 ; (c) C-778545 ; (d) BLC-730856
(e) F-651754 ; (f) F-635295 ; (g) F-895226 ; (h) F-650976
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
or (b) ~~Non-Battle Casualty~~
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot-Pilot	Dingman, Virgil W. ✓	1st Lt	0-755892 RTD
2. Pilot - Co-Pilot	Pensinger, Wilbur C. ✓	2nd Lt	0-820816
3. Navigator - Navigator	Clements, George W. ✓	1st Lt	0-694335 RTD
4. Bombardier - Bombardier-Nose Gun	Danknich, Robert G. ✓	1st Lt	0-684140
5. Aer. Eng - Gun - Top Turret Gun	Powers, Wallace P. ✓	T/Sgt	35527435 RTD
6. Radio Opr. - Radio Opr.	*Sheridan, John A.	T/Sgt	36291654 RTD
7. Arm. Gunner - Ball Turret Gun	*Burroughs, Winston W.	S/Sgt	33559974 RTD
8. Aer. Eng. - Gunner - Waist Gunner	*Simonson, Robert A.	S/Sgt	17155057 RTD
9. Arm. Gun. - Tail Gunner	*Starzynski, Robert J.	S/Sgt	36724725 RTD

- IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME.

Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw	
					Crash	Forced Landing
1. <u>WEGENER, Charles C.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-756829</u>		<u>X</u>		
2.						
3.						

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify)
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None.

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HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Commanding Officer
United States Forces

APO 557,
19 June, 1944.

SUBJECT: Eye witness account of incidents pertaining to Aircraft
#42-97312, Pilot V.W. DINGMAN, Missing in Action, 17 June, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Hq., First Bombardment Division, APO 557.

1. The following is an account of what happened on 17 June, 1944,
to Aircraft #42-97312, Pilot V.W. DINGMAN, by 2nd Lt Charles C.
Wegegener:

Aircraft #312-T, Pilot Dingman was hit by A.A. gun fire on enter-
ing French Coast. Last seen at 1113 hours, with right wing on fire
SE of Dieppe. Aircraft was under control and headed for beach-head.
Five chutes were observed.

For the COMMANDING OFFICER:


PAUL J. BAILLIE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

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