

WED

DATE: 6-12-44 TO: MARIAWEILLER.
P.M.

MISSION NO:

T 109 CLEMENS

799 T
SEIPP.

T PFF

T 690 RENDER

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T 840 STEWART

T 871 MAGNISON

662 T
TUBIN

T 965 RAWLINGS (ONE ENGINE FAILED)
CRASHED JUST AFTER TAKE OFF.

710 T
CURTISS

T 707
RICHARDSON

T 993 PARRIS LANDED AWAY A78
c/c SALV.

T 630 WORLEY

164 T
FALLON

T 659 WINSOR
SHOT DOWN OVER
TARGET

631 T
BROCKETT

T 349 BLOCK

T 590 TARAPCHAK

692 T
HOGWOOD

T PFF

T 917 ALLMAN

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T 606 McCLUNG

T 844 PILE

695 T
WILLIAMS

T 686 PRITTS

092 T
LEGGET

T 224 ADKINS

T 857 VAN CLEAVE

T 119 HASKELL

811 T
MUSELMAN
N.T.O.

T 700 DE MOUCHE
N.T.O.
(FLAT TYRE)

310 T
LEDBETTER

T 684 PURVIS

(BLOCKED BY a/c 700)

WINDOW — 309 RAY

130 LEIGHTY

255 THOMPSON

SPARES: 107 AVERY N.T.O. (BLOCKED BY a/c 700)

657 BLACKWELL

NO ATTACK — PFF DID NOT DROP

31 SORTIES

Take off 14:04 ^{Var. 1} 15:30 Land 16:37

32 off plus 2 PFF

No ATTACK PFF a/c did not drop - 7/10ths clouds prevented visual bombing

1 a/c mechanical - crash landed on take off when one engine failed (965 RANZUNGS) low flight (Box 1)

27 abortive because PFF did not drop

1 a/c banded away at A 78 (a/c 993 PARRIS)

1 a/c lost, hit by flak over target. Broke in two and spun in flames. 2-3 chutes reported by several crews

→ seen over target on single engine. Jettisoned bombs in wooded area ~~at 14:23~~

3 Window

Turned back after passing over target at 15:30

Bombs returned

a/c 41-34965 KX-B. Instruments failed shortly after take off made a crash landing - no one injured

a/c 41-31659 KX-B and 41-34993 KX-M -

559th BS records state "As the formation flew over the target Lt Henry Parris was forced to go on single engine as a result of a power loss in one engine. Consequently he was forced to fly straight and level, after the rest of formation had turned. Lt Parris and his two wingmen flew straight into a four burst salvo of flak

Lt Alexander Winsor flying in a/c 659 received a direct hit which shot off the tail section. The a/c exploded in mid air shortly after. Three parachutes were reported

Lt Parris jettisoned his bombs in enemy territory and crash landed safely at FLORENNES

In the book "Return of the Marauder Men" are reported

1/LT ALEXANDER WINSOR INTERRED ARDENNES CEMETERY BELGIUM

1/LT ERSKINE L HULSEY INTERRED LORRAINE CEMETERY FRANCE

SGT LEWIS C MILLER INTERRED ARDENNES CEMETERY BELGIUM

The other 3 crew men were

SGT JOHN B PAYNE - POW; S/SGT JOHN DRIGAN ~~Interred, unknown~~ P.O.W

S/SGT LAUREN L CORNWALLIS. ?

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Classification changed to RESTRICTED by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC Date MAR 15 1945

WAR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

- AF STA A-71
- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name 38th Bomb Sq; Command or Air Force Ninth Bomb Div
Group 387th Bomb Gr; Squadron 550th Bomb Sq
 - EFFECT: Place of Report AAF STA A-71; Cause on course
Target or Intended Destination Wartweiler; Type of Mission Operational
 - WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED
7/10 Cumulus at 10,000 ft. visibility three miles.
 - DATE: (a) DAY 6 Month 12 Year 1944; Time 1530; and Location Lauren, Germany
of last known whereabouts of aircraft, if report.
(b) specific weather aircraft was in at night (); last contacted by radio (); forced down (); seen to crash (); or information not available ()
 - AIRCRAFT WAS LAST, OR IS BELIEVED IT WOULD BE LAST, AS A RESULT OF: (check only one) Enemy Aircraft (); Enemy Artillery (); Other Circumstances as Follows: _____
 - AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Serial B-26 B-14; AAF Serial Number 41-31659
 - NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any none
 - ENGINES: Type, Model and Serial R-2800-13; AAF Serial Number (a) 41-38601; (b) 41-38602; (c) _____; (d) _____
 - INSTALLED WEAPONS (Listed below type and Serial Number):
(a) SEE ATTACHED; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
(e) _____; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____
(i) _____; (j) _____; (k) _____; (l) _____
(m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
 - THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty MIA
or (c) Non Battle Casualty _____
 - NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 6; Passengers 0; Total 6
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: if more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheets and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1. Pilot	Wankers Alexander	1st Lt	0-688880	MIA
2. Co Pilot	Laury Erskine L.	1st Lt	0-689237	MIA
3. Toggler	Cornelius Lauren L.	S/Sgt	31150223	MIA
4. Eng Gunner	Dragan, John	S/Sgt	13167400	MIA RTD
5. Radio Gunner	Miller, Lewis C.	Sgt	35657297	MIA
6. Tail Gunner	Payne, John B.	Sgt	34508655	MIA RTD
7.				
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9.				
10.				
11.				

JAN 27 1945



- IDENTIFY PERSONS WHOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST BEEN SEEN BY AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR LAST CONTACT.
- | Last Name First | Rank | Serial Number | Contacted by | 1st Seen | 2nd Seen | Forced Landing |
|----------------------|------|---------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------------|
| Nelson, David E. | Sgt | 343083 | Radio | X | | |
| Peddicord, Claude R. | Sgt | 15170793 | | | X | |
| Slafer, Larence E. | Sgt | 39404475 | | X | | |

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558TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON
387TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
APO 140, U.S. ARMY

8 December 1944.

EYEWITNESS STATEMENT OF SGT NELSON.

I was flying as Tail Gunner with Lt LEIGHTY when I first noticed Lt WINSOR'S ship was on fire and dropping out of formation. At that time another plane diverted my attention and when I looked back for the flaming plane, it was near the ground. I saw the explosion that followed immediately after the plane went in.

David E. Nelson

DAVID E. NELSON,
Sgt, 37343083.

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8 December 1944.

EYEWITNESS STATEMENT OF SGT PEDICORD.

I Was flying as Waist Gunner with Lt FALLON when a series of explosions attracted my attention to Lt WINSOR'S plane. It was hit by several rapid bursts of flak and flames were seen to come from the open Bomb Bay. The plane then split in two and the bombs fell from the plane almost immediately following the explosion. I then noticed two chutes about 4000 feet below that must have come from the rear of Lt WINSOR'S plane. I followed the plane down until it hit and did not notice any more chutes.

Claude R. Pedicord
CLAUDE R. PEDICORD,
Sgt, 15170793.

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568TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON
387TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
APO 140, U.S. ARMY

3 December 1944.

EYE WITNESS STATEMENT OF SGT SIEFKEN.

Flying as Tail Gunner with Lt FALLON our flight was on the Bomb Run when I saw several bursts of flak hit Lt WINSOR'S ship in the open Bomb Bay. A terrific explosion followed and the plane was seen to split in two. Pieces flew in all directions. I was forced to look at another plane and when I turned back I noticed two chutes and what might have been a third. I did not see the plane go in.

Lawrence E. Siefken

LORENCE E. SIEFKEN,
Sgt, 38404475.

Downing No: 3473

Report on shot down aircraft.

Date of downing : ~~6 Dec 1944~~ 15, 30
Site of crash : Stouheim near Duxren
Type of aircraft : Marauder
Reporting office : Air Field Headquarters Koeln-Butzenweilertorf

Crew.

Payne	John Bob	Sgt.	34508655	captured	Dulag Luft West
Dregan	John	Sgt.	13167400	wounded	Hosp. Siegburg 4. Jan. 1945, Dulag Luft

Dulag Luft 13. Jan. 1945 To

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