

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

- AAF Station _____
- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name 111; Command or Air Force 8th AF
 Group 306th Bomb (B) Squadron 367th Bomb (B) Detachment
 - SPECIFY: Place of Departure Thurleigh, Eng Course as prescribed
 Target or Intended Destination Belgium; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb
 - WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
5/10 to 1/10 clouds, good visibility
 - GIVE: (a) Day 12 Month Sep Year 44; Time 130; and Location Near Berlin
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (x); 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; AAF Serial Number 42-97278
 - NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any UMBRIAGO
 - ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-010471; (b) 41-56833; (c) SW-010489; (d) SW-010721
 - INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
 (a) GM-972520; (b) GM-653104; (c) GM-730899; (d) HS-1084690;
 (e) HS-653900; (f) HS-653199; (g) GM-651619; (h) GM-972548;
 (i) GM-653124; (j) GM-730907; (k) C-775696; (l) C-730824;
 (m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
 - THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
 or (b) ~~Not Reported~~
 - NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew (9); Passengers (0); Total (9)
 (Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 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	Current Status
1. Pilot	<u>POW Wegener, Charles C.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>O-756829</u>	<u>Pilot</u> MARTD
2. Co-Pilot	<u>POW Griffin, William F.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>O-1995869</u>	<u>Pilot</u> RTD
3. Navigator	<u>POW Marsh, Donald C.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>O-708518</u>	<u>Navigator</u> RTD
4. Nose Gunner-Bomb.	<u>Stewart, William C. Jr.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>O-762964</u>	<u>Bombardier</u> RTD
5. Top Turr Gnr.	<u>POW Stroyoff, Joseph M.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>36079358</u>	<u>Aer Eng Gnr.</u> RTD
6. Radio Opr	<u>MIA Krahn, Jack P.</u>	<u>MIA T/Sgt</u>	<u>36808736</u>	<u>Radio Opr.</u> ✓
7. Ball Turr Gnr.	<u>MIA Eden, John V.</u>	<u>✓ Sgt</u>	<u>32970611</u>	<u>Arm Gnr.</u> ✓
8. Waist Gun.	<u>MIA Gardiner, William V.</u>	<u>MIA Sgt</u>	<u>36465463</u>	<u>Arm Gnr.</u> KIA
9. Tail Gun.	<u>MIA Rodgers, Henry H.</u>	<u>MIA S/Sgt</u>	<u>38291895</u>	<u>Arm Gnr.</u> KIA
10.				
11.				

12. 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	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. <u>Adam, Milton M.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>O-758502</u>	<u>Radio</u>	<u>X</u>		
2.						
3.						

13. 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) _____
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT _____

Date of Report 13 September, 1944

J. A. LaMotta
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

J. A. LaMOTTA,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Adjutant.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

See S-2 Report



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GROUP 70th Bomb SQUADRON B-24 A/C No. 42-97276 MISSION DATE 12/1/44

FIRST PILOT Charles C. Wegener, 1st Lt - 0-75422 DESTINATION Malabar, Malaya
NAME RANK ASST.

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contacted:

- (a) By coordinates App. 5240N - 1340E.
- (b) Approximate altitude 27,000 feet
- (c) Last noted heading Towards left of formation
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation Dropped out of formation and not observed

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing A/C)

About 25 FW 190's attacked Low Group (the group in which Lt Wegener was flying) from 11 o'clock high firing at Group to left with one pass, then turned and came at us from 6 o'clock low, in five waves of three to four aircraft each, half rolled beneath our formation and fell away steeply.

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc):

No. 3 engine on fire. Tail shot away.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Slid off to side of formation

(over)

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