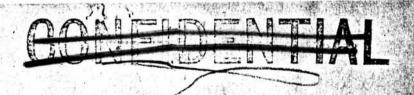
eification changed HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON RESTRICTED by E. A BHAFUNAS. Lt. 'Ol., AC.-PEASACT STATE OF STAT by F. M. MUENCH, Capt. MISSING AIR CREW REPORT TMFORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing. 1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 111 ; Command or Air Force Group 306th Bomb (H) ; Squadron 367th Bomb (H) RARRARRAR SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course as prescribed Intended Destination Noven. France ; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb 3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: GIVE: (a)Date 17 Jun/44Time 1245 ; and Location Near LeMans. France 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. 5. 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 6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-38163 ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number(a) SW-00316 ;(d) SW-004887 ;(c) 41-56798 (b) SW-005355 8. / INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) ; (b) HS-1073115 ; (c) HS-158171 ; (d) C-744589 (a) HS-1076712 (e) B-868849 ; (f) HS-1075508 ; (g) HS-1075881 ; (h) HS-752358 THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: ) Battle Casualt or (b) ARRABACKLAS CARRACK O. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers O (Statting 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). Name in Full Serial Crew Position (Last Name First ) Rank Number Pilot - Pilot 1. MA Pedersen, Joseph W. 2nd Lt 0-809865 FT 2. Pilot - Co-Pilot M/Blood, Leon J. 2nd Lt 0-818819 27 3. Navigator - Navigator RID Gustafson, Ragnar U 1st Lt 0-811635 Bombardier - Bombardier-Nose Chr. Smith, William A. 1st It 0-725095 AlArnold, Barney F. Aer. Eng-Gun - Top Turret Gun. T/Set 18061280 6. Radio Opr. - Radio Opr. MAWonning. John E. T/Sgt 35691651 KI Arm. Gun. - Ball Turret Gun. MABlackwell. Jack E. 39698014 S/Set Aer.-Gun - Waist Gunner Warren E. S/Sgt 37002808*?* Aer.-Gun - Tail Gunner S/Sgt Ehrhard. Herman P. 17081672 10. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME. Check Only One Column Contacted Saw Name in Full ВУ Forced Serial Lest Saw (Last Name First) Rank Number Radio Sighted Crash Landing Charles C. 2nd Lt 0-756829 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) 13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, ORSKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. 14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND

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

APO 557. 19 June, 1944.

SUBJECT: Incidents pertaining to Aircraft #42-38163, Pilot J.W. PEDERSEN, Missing in Action, 17 June, 1944.

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

1. According to 2nd Lt Charles C. Wegener, pilot of an aircraft in the same formation the following is an eye-witness account of what happened to Aircraft #42-38163, Pilot J.W. PEDERSEN, on 17 June, 1944:

Aircraft #163-N, Pilot Pedersen was hit by A.A. fire on entering French Coast at 1108 hours. He stayed with formation. At 1245 hours NE of Le Mans, France his engine was seen to be on fire. Aircraft peeled out of formation, went into a short spin and made a 360. Nine chutes came out and aircraft continued down in spin into clouds.

For the COMMANDING OFFICER:

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