



THE DEENETHORPE DIARY

BY

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PART No. 16

B-17 Nickname "DOWN N' GO"
 Squadron 614th.
 Code Letters IW-C
 Serial Number 42-102394

Crew	Lt.	P.W. Finney	Pilot
	E/O	V.G. Price	Co-pilot
	Lt.	D.E. Scott	Bombardier
	S/Sgt.	B.A. Bralley	Nose Gunner
	S/Sgt.	W.H. Snyder	K.I.A. Eng/Top T.
	T/Sgt.	E.S. Smith	K.I.A. Radio
	Sgt.	G.B. Hill	K.I.A. Ball Turret
	Sgt.	B.V. Millet	Waist Gunner
	Sgt.	W.J. Dulling	Tail Gunner

Missions:

119 Munich - Lt. Finney flew this mission with another crew for experience.

120 Chartres	126 Luxembourg	129 Haguenau
121 Strasbourg	128 Elbeuf	132 Weimar
122 Anklam		

Notes:

On mission No. 132 to Weimar (24th. August, 1944), when they were about ten minutes from the I.P. they were attacked by 32 Fock-Wulfe fighters from the rear in groups of three. Sgt. Dulling shot one of them down, but "DOWN N' GO" was badly damaged amidships and the crew were forced to bail out. Lt. Scott was later told by his German interrogators that three bodies had been found in the wreckage of their plane.

Although ordered to bail out, Sgt. Millet, the Waist Gunner, continued to try to get the injured Sgt. G.B. Hill out of his ball turret. He was still trying to do this when the Fortress suddenly blew up and threw him clear of wreckage and he parachuted to safety.