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Lon Rains:

**«At that moment I heard a very loud, quick whooshing sound that began behind me and stopped suddenly in front of me and to my left. In fractions of a second I heard the impact and an explosion. The next thing I saw was the fireball. I was convinced it was a missile. It came in so fast it sounded nothing like an airplane.»**

Terry Morin:

**«For those formerly in the military, it sounded like a 2000lb bomb going off»**

Don Perkal: **«A bomb had gone off. I could smell the cordite.»**

John Bowman:

**«Most people knew it was a bomb»**

Gilah Goldsmith:

**«It smelled like cordite, or gun smoke»**

Mike Slater

**«I knew it was a bomb or something»**

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### ***Inside explosion***

Lisa Burgess:

**«I heard two loud booms - one large, one smaller, and the shock wave threw me against the wall»**

Wayne T. Day

**«Dave heard two booms, which sounded like the artillery salutes»**

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### ***Some witnesses didn't hear anything.***

Mike Dobbs:

**«with the adrenaline, we didn't hear it»**

Penny Elgas:

**«my visual senses took over completely and I did not hear or feel anything»**

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Steve DeChiaro:

**«My brain could not resolve the fact that it was a plane because it only seemed like a small hole in the building. No tail. No wings. No nothing.»**

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John O'Keefe:

**«It just went 'pfff'. It wasn't what I would have expected for a plane that was not much more than a football field away from me»**

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Skarlet:

**«A huge jet. Then it was gone. Buildings don't eat planes. That plane, it just vanished. There should have been parts on the ground. It should have rained parts on my car. The airplane didn't crash. Where are the parts?»**