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STATEMENT BY Lt. J. E. CLAYTON, PILOT A/C NO. 785, ON MISSION TO CHERPFAFFHOFEN, GERMANY, 24 APRIL 1944.

We were flying No. 6 Lew Squadron, Lezd Group. At 1201 hours, 50 miles East of Paris, L/C No. 546, Lt. HARVEY, Pilot, was struck by flak. A/C 346 turned around and headed for England. The aircraft was after in the nose and smoke was coming out of the Cookpit. Four tohutes were observed emerging from the aircraft, but only three (3) were seen to open.

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Richard E RADER, Lst Lt., 0-734835
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21 August 1944 (Date)

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Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

24 April 1944; 1215 or 1230 hours; 20 mi north of Mery (near Romilly sur Seine) - RADER

Southeast of SEZANNE - HARVEY

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc? Cockpit and bomb-bay in flames.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? Approx. 20,000 feet

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? Yes

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? Pilot, co-pilot, navigator, ball turret gunner and L. waist gunner were together.

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise. French source reported 4 of crew captured.

Did scurce examine the wrackage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescured and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

See above; also BROWN and ROBERTSON were free 20 June 1944

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Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. 24 Apr 1944, near Angura (Marne), France.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc? On fire and out of control.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 20,000 feet.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Yes

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

Yes received information about those taken prisoner.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescured and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

No

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

Four captured - seen by the French. Other four believed to be evaders. STATE

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Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

24 April 1944, 1200 hrs., Angura, France.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc? Left waist window broken, fire through to radio room.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

20,000 feet.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

No

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes oper?

All - yes.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Apparently (not seen crashing)

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

Saw six on ground, all OK.

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

Four taken PW soon after landing.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If sc, what was its condition? Nothing given.

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescured and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

Nothing given.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

Nothing given.

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