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Statement concerning missing aircraft B17G 43-38853, Pilot, 2nd Lt James W. Mc Afee, G-779952, 600th Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Group (Hv) one combat mission to Oranienburg, Germany, 10 April 1945.

During bomb run while on combat mission to Cranienburg, Germany 10 April 1945, I looked around to see where Lt Mc Afee was and saw what I thought was a flak burst between his No. 3 & 4 engines. While looking at his ship this time, just after the hit, I saw him pull up slowly while dropping back and dropping his bombs at the same time. His ship appeared to be under control all this time, while dropping back, and I saon lost sight of him. Then I looked around for flak but saw none. Then my crew members were firing and I saw a jet M.E. 262, Ithink come on in and peel off just off our left wing.

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Arthur C. Watson, Jr. 0-779027 lat Lt 600th Bomb Sc. Pilot Bl7G 42-102487 TIMPFIDENTIAL

Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 43-38853, Pilot, 2nd Lt James W. Mc Afee, 0-779952, 600th Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Group (Hv) on combat mission to Oranienburg, Germany, 10 April 1945.

on 10 April 1945, I was on an Operational Mission to Oranienburg, Germany. Simultaneously with bombs away over the target, three (5) Jet propelled aircraft (it is my opinion they were M.E. 262's) attacked our Squadron which was leading. Lt Mc Afee's aircraft, was flying off of our left wing in the formation. At that time his plane was hit in the wing between the No. 3 & 4 engines. I was flying left waist gumner on aircraft No. 487 and saw the plane drop back and loose altitude. A few minutes later I saw Lt Mc Afee's plane at 7 o'clock low. He was under control and two (2) fighters appeared to be attacking his plane. I was unable to determine if they were friendly or enemy aircraft. A split second later another enemy fighter attacked our formation and I took my eyes off of Lt Mc Afee's plane. When I looked back again, a few seconds later, his ship was no longer in sight. Directly below us F-47's were dog fighting with enemy planes. I called our tail gunner but he had been unable to pick up Lt Mc Afee's plane, I did not observe any parachutes at any t ime.

George G. Hafer, 43194082 Sgt 600th Bunb Squadrom LWG, B17G 42-102487

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No fires, explosions or any damage was noted.

4. If wireraft was out of control asserted apparence:

Aircraft was under control when last seen.

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- 5. If distressed sircraft was out of formation as it last say as escort? None seem. If so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter was if noted (Group number, color unt/or fighter aircraft numbers, converse, etc.). None
- 5. Number of parachutes seem and exemption of jumps (approximate altitude, till between jumps, etc.):

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Aircraft was not seen after second pass was made by the fighters but some crews were of the opinion that the aircraft could have gone to Russia.

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- TO: Do manling General, Army Air Forees, additions as, D.D. ATTI: AFFA-0 (Ljor al. D. Gunders)
- 1. In compliance with letter received from your office, duted 11 Cotober 1945, the Collowing information is submitted. This information was received by interview with Sgt. Bayes:
- a. Ser each Toyse simplane left it's base in Tagland on 10 moril 1925, on a tombing side lone. The tampes we as an air-crass morth of Berlin, Person. The plane had approvaled to alphin eighteen giles of the target, when it was expect by light on la probléd by German Tighter planés, and as a recals who billy shot up and but affire.
- b. D. D. Lathur 7. Roit, 3351:344, whose position was unjinger on was in the front of the plane, Set. Ecoes states what due to throme and smoke he wid unable to see what was transmining in the front of the plane, from his recr position.
- c. The blight of the Climat and the blame become so tud that they were ordered to buil out.
- d. 3/t. Noyes states that of the ten members of his plane, and five ever bailed out, including himself, and the following four ores members:

 - (1) 3 3 pt Paul Krup Former PO, now in the U.S. (2) 3/10t. Letis (first name unknown) Former Pow how in the U.J.
 - (3) 5/5;t. Ingrad (first name unknown) Former PO. now in the U.S.
 - (4) 3/Sgt. Pexton (first name unknown) who Sgt. Boyes thinks was killed upon descent from the blane.

e. Then 5jt. Boyes and the four others left the plane, they had fallen only a few hundred feet when the plane exploded, at 15000 feet and prior to the time the bombs were to have been released. In the plane at the time of the explosin, as far as Sgt Royes knows were T/Est. Roit, 2nd It. James W. Wolfse, 2nd Lt. Burton Roth, 2nd Lt. Jones (first name unknown) and 3st. Welix Cichenor. Lot. Boyes states this is all of the definate information that he is able to give

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ATTENTION: APPPA-8

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON



11 October 1945

SUBJECT: Sgt Haskell Royes, 15041483

TO: Commanding Officer

AAF Personnel Distribution Command
Bushnell General Hospital
Brigham City, Utah

- 1. It is requested that Sgt Boyes be interrogated for any information he may have concerning S Sgt Arthur J. Roit, 33588344, and other orew members MIA 10 April 1945.
- 2. Sgt Boyes was the ball turret gunner of the aircraft on which Sgt Boit was flying when he was reported MIA.

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ATTENTION: AFPPA-8

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON



11 October 1945

SUBJECT: S Sgt Robert W. Engard, 13201033

TO 2 Commanding Officer 1045 RPS Detachment San Antonio, Teres

- 1. It is requested that S Sgt Engard be interrogated for any information he may have concerning the whereabouts of S Sgt Arthur J. Roit, 33588344, and other crew members MIA 10 April 1945.
- 2. Sgt Engard was a crew member of the aircraft on which Sgt Roit served as engineer when he was reported MIA.

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This was my direct dission with this crew and consequently I am unable to remember than by near. I sid not know of the poil and I have no idea as to what happened to him, though from my observation it is my epinion that all the elew except but fall lurget Junier, the Maio Sperator, she Rombardier and myself, went down with the chip.".

P TOR P. PELLY

Capt., Air Corps

Fost Intelligence officer.

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2nd Lt. Burton H. Roth (Missing in action)

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Hrs. Hargaret A. Engard, (Mother) 304 M. Hills Ave Glenside, Pennsylvania Name of crew member:

PARTON, Max W.

Rank:
Serial number: Position: Crew (Bomber) Trigger (Figure 2)
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Did he bail out?
Where? South WEST OF ORANIENBURG
If not, why not?
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
Was he injured?
Where was he when last seen? IN THE WAIST AFTER WE WERE FIRST HIT HE WAS JUST OR AWLING BACK FROM THE TAKE
HE WAS JUST OR AWLING BACK EROM THE TAIL Any hearsay information:
Source: LERIS, KRUP BOYES ENGARD
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I WAS TOLD
BY THE GERMAN OFFICER WHO FIRST CAPTURES ME THAT
AN AMERICAN FLYER HAD BEEN KILLED BY CIVILIANS AS
HE LANDED. I PRESUMED THIS PERSON TO BE PAXTON.
Turney
Total number of missing of above crew, member: MENT THET DAY Y HAD NEVER FLOUN WITH IS BEFORE.
Dates and destinations if possible: <u>HE HAD OVER 30 MISSIONS.</u>

I NEVER RETURNED TO THE BASE TO FINDOUT

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File Bo. 13867

Rank:
Serial number: 25012049
Position: Crew (Bomber) Training Cristians: Left Waist Conner.
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Did he bail out?
Did he sair out:
Where?
If not, why not? HE WAS, NJUKED & COULDN'T BE MOVED. I SEARCHED FOR HIS CHUTE BUT THAT WAS APPARENTLY BLOWN OUT OF T
END HIS CHUTE BUT THAT WAS APPARENTLY BLOWN OUT OF T
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
NONE
Was he injured? PES - LEFT SIDE OF BODY & LEG SHOT U
Where was he when last seen? SITING UP NGAINST THE ARMOR PLATE ON THE LEFT WAIST Any hears ay information:
ON THE LEFT WAIST
Any hearsay information:
Source:
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:
Total number of missions of above crew member:
Dates and destinations if possible:
I NEVER RETURNED TO THE BASE TO FINDOUT

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE FLIC So. 13887

Rank:
Serial number: 32333344 Position: Crew (Bomber) 27 1125 112711 Beineg.
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Did he bail out? No
Where?
If not, why not?
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I RETURNED
FROM PILOTS COMPT. AND PASSED HOMENROUTE TO RADIO ROOM
FROM PILOTS COMPT. AND PASSED HOMENROUTE TO RADIO ROOM AFTER TRYING TO SETUP AN EMERGENCY INTERPHONE SISTEM Was he injured? - NO
Where was he when last seen? IN UPPER LOCAL TURRET
Any hearsay information:
Source:
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: THE FLAMES FROM #3 ENGINE & RIGHT IN BORRD FUEL TANK MAY HAVE GOTTEN HIM]
FROM # 3 ENGINE & RIGHT IN BOARD FUEL TANK MAY HAVE
GOTTEN HIM
Total number of missions of above crew member:
Dates and destinations if possible:

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE 711. No. 1306

Renk: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-SORO134 Position: Crew (Bomber) - Flight (Fighter): Environment of the Company of the Compan
Did he bail out?
Where?
If not, thy not? HE DIDN'T HAVE HIS CHUTE ON
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None
Was he injured?
Where was he when last seen?
Any hearsay information: LEWIS THE TOGGELIER, AFTER OUR CAPTURE
STATED THAT ROTH, WATHOUT REMOVENLY HIS FLAK SUIT, STARTED
FOR THE PLOTS COMPT. TO GIVE MEAFEE A HEAVING AND AS
HE WAS ENROUTE THE SHIP EX JODEP. ALL LEWIS COULD RE-
MEMBER IS THAT HE (LEWIS) WAS IN THE AIR AND ROTH'S
Source: FATE UNKNOWN TO HIM.
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: 5 BHUTES
FROM OUR SHIP HIT THE AIR (INCLUDING MINE) -
LEWIS - BOYES - ENGARD - PAXTON (MYSELF-KRUP)
Total number of missions of above crew member:
Dates and destinations if possible:

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE P110 Fo. 13067

Rank: 2nd 14.
Serial number: Position: Crew (Bomber) ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** **
Did he bail out?
Where?
If not, why not?
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
Was he injured?
Was he injured?
Where was he when last seen? IN Co-pilots SEAT
Any hearsay information:
Source:
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE APPAR- ENTLY STAYED AT HIS DOST AND MAY HAVE BEEN OVER-
ENTLY STAYED AT HIS DOST AND MAY HAVE BEEN OUZE-
COME BY FLAMES.
Total number of missions of above crew member: / (oNE)
Dates and destinations if possible: APRIL 10,1945 (ORANIEN BURG)
Dates and destinations if possible: APRIL 10, 1945 (ORANIEN BURG) JONES FLEW AS A REPLACEMENT WITH OUR CREW - OUR CO-FILOR ELEN WITH TOWES (PREW of FLOT EDETAILOR 201)
FLEW WITH JONES CREW ON THAT PARTICULAR JAY

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Pile Bo. 12067

Renk:
Serial number: 0.779962 Position: Crew (Bomber) Thinks distance Files.
Did he bail out?
Where?
If not, why not? HE APPARENTLY STAYED AT HIS DOSITION
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
Was he injured?
Where was he when last seen? N PILOTS POSITION
Any hearsay information:
Source:
any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE HIPAREWIKE
STAYED AT HIS POST TO KEEP THE SHIP AFLORT IN AN
EFFORT TO GIVE THE CREAL AND OPPORTUNITY TO BAIL OUT
Total number of missions of above crew member:
Dates and destinations if possible:
RECORDS ARE WITH 398TH BOMB GROUP
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