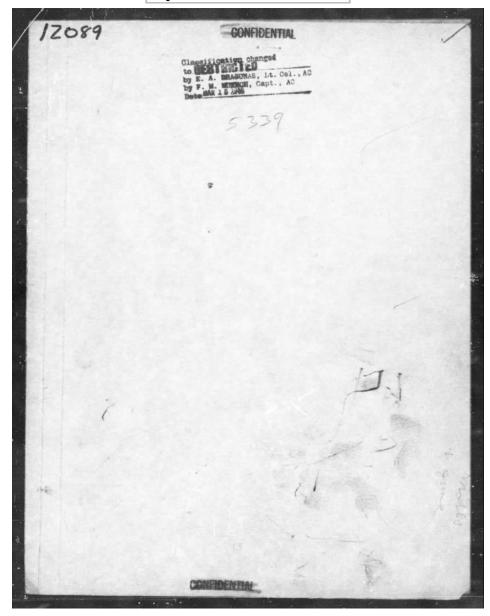
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10 February 1945

#### STATEMENT

I, Robert E. Smith, 0-798599, AC, was the Observer of a B-24 Liberator Aircraft which flew in the lead position of the formation, on 7 February 1945, with B-24 Liberator Aircraft #44-49418, piloted by Second Lieutenant Marian A. Falmer, 0-827929. This ship was flying #3 position off our left wing.

The subject ship received a direct flak hit in the bomb bays, causing them to burst into flame immediately. The aircraft passed beneath our bomb bays and appeared to be completely out of control. The ship was aflame from the forward bomb bays to the tail of the ship. On the right side of our ship, their left wing tore loose. The ship then disintegrated and no parachutes were seen to emerge from the aircraft.

Robert E. Smith Robert E. Smith, Captain, 0-798599, 725th Bomb Squadron (H).

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2-24 (Liberator) Bomber which departed from Italy on mission to Vienna, Austria on 7 February 1945. Sustained damage over target at 1:25 P. M. Left formation went into a spin, and disappeared from sight.

Statement made by ARTHUR L. DAVIDSON of the 725th Bomb Sq. (H) 451st Bomb Sp. (E) indicates a direct hit on Bomb Bay doors knocking off right wing and causing a fire amidships. Shortly after aircraft was seen to explode in mid-air no chutes seen to energy from the A/C before the explosion.

Statement made by Captain ROBERT E. SMITH 0-798599 on the day in question indicates plane last nighted at 1324 hours at a point just past the target. The subject ship received a direct flak hit in the bomb bays, causing thom to burst into flame immediately. The sircurft passed beneath our bomb bays and appeared to be completely out of constrail. The ship was affame from the ferward bomb bays to the tail of the ship. On the right side of our ship, their left wing tore loose. The ship then disintegrated and no parachules were seen to emerge from the aircraft. Coordnates 48 deg. 16' N — 15 deg. 31° E. in the vicinity of DEUTSCS WAGRAN, AUSTRIA, N. E. OF VIENNA.

DECLISATION

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