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COUNTY OF SALINE) SS.

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Before me, the undersigned, authorized to administer oaths in cases of this character, personally appeared Milton Malmgren, Falun, Kansas, farmer who, after being advised of all rights under the 24th Article of War, elected to make a sworn statement, and being duly sworn according to law, voluntarily and of his own volition deposes and says:

That about 7 P M I was standing on my farm, being the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec 12, Falun Township, when I noticed a plane coming through the clouds about a mile distant from my position about 1000 ft in the air. It appeared to me that two left motors of the plane were burning profusely, and the plane was descending rapidly, in a southwesterly direction, coming from northeast. Suddenly the plane veered to the right descending all the while. Finally, I heard a loud crash as plane hit a cluster of trees being in the southwest center of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 12 Falun Township. A loud explosion following immediately and flames shooting a couple of hundred ft in the air.-

I drove to said position immediately and saw trees, grass, and all parts of the plane wrecked and burning. I remained there for over two hours. The fire dept arrived and put out flames about 3/4 hours later. The weather was cloudy but dry - strong north (some west) wind. I rent the 40 acres of land, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of which the plane struck. It appears to me that about an acre of wheat crop was damaged and possibly a half acre or so of timber. No other damage immediately discernible.

The foregoing statement was read and corrected before signing.

/s/ Milton Malmgren
Signature of Witness

Subscribed and sworn to me before this 29th day of November 1944 at Smoky Hill Army Air Field, Salina, Kansas.

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY:

Clark A. Tate
CLARK A. TATE
Major, Air Corps

/s/ William Paul Brown
WILLIAM PAUL BROWN
Captain, Air Corps
Investigating Officer

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Before me, the undersigned, authorized to administer oaths in cases of this character, personally appeared J.H. Kelley, Falun, Township, Farmer Station - S $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 2 who, after being advised of all rights under the 24th Article of War, elected to make a sworn statement, and being duly sworn according to law, voluntarily and of his own volition deposes and says:

That about 7 P.M. on 28 Nov. 1944 I was standing on my farm about a mile from NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12 Falun Township when I saw a plane about 1000 ft in the air about a mile away which was burning profusely. One engine kept popping and gutting. It kept going toward the southwest (it was coming from northeast). I kept my eyes on it all the while seeing fire and smoke come from the engine part of the plane. Then, when the gas tank exploded the entire plane was in flames. I heard several explosions. After these explosions the plane began descending. In another minute or so the plane came down into a cluster of trees and plowed into them. I then ran over to the scene of the crash as soon as possible and saw about an acre of land littered with pieces of plane, the entire acre,- trees, grass & plane burning. They continued to burn for a long while. I saw one man bail out from the plane but I didn't see his parachute. I later talked to two soldiers who said they had bailed out. I watched the fire for a while but failed to see any bodies. Trees all about were broken, burned and charred. No rain or wind at time, but daylight was gone.

The foregoing statement was read and corrected before signing.

/s/ J.H. Kelley
(Signature of Witness)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of November 1944, at Smoky Hill Army Air Field, Salina, Kansas.

/s/ William Paul Brown

WILLIAM PAUL BROWN
Captain, Air Corps
Investigating Officer

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