

C E R T I F I C A T E

Aircraft, 41-34955, flown by Lt. John W. Fox, X-XXX439, was hit by a direct burst of flak between the left engine nacelle and the fuselage. His left main tank apparently exploded blowing pieces of the wing top off. At the time he was flying number three position in the high flight of Box II. The plane pulled off sharply to the left and started down at a rather steep incline.

I, Lt. James W. Rudig was bombardier in number five position and watched him so far as I could, but could not follow his aircraft to the ground as he went behind my line of vision.

At the time I sighted him he was apparently under control and the aircraft was not on fire. Our position in relation to the ground was P-350650

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