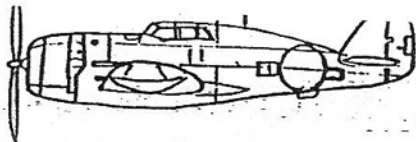


P-47 Thunderbolt



MACR 7172

DATE 18/07/44 TIME 06.50 LOCATION Epinay s/Odon

PILOT : SPENCER John R, III 2nd Lieutenant 0-693171

ORGANISATION : Location ALG 3 Air Force

Group 368th Squadron 396th

MISSION Departure ALG 3 Course 142° from base. Destination : Epinay. Dive bombing

AIRPLANE : P 47 D-5 A.A.F. Serial Number 42-8673

Engine : R 2800-63 41-60498

Weapons : a) 913530 b) 913536 c) 913776 d) 913603
e) 914008 f) 913768 g) 913807 h) 913746

WITNESS : Joseph J. McLACHLAN Capt. 0-665844 saw crash
Albert L LARSEN Jr 1st Lt 0-677064 "

CIRCUMSTANCES : Ground haze. Visibility poor

STATEMENT : I had just come out of my bomb run, and had been hit badly, so I headed straight for the bomb line and home. About three or four minutes from the target I saw a P-47 come straight down in front of me, crash, and blow up in flames. It was approximately in this area that Lt SPENCER was reported missing from his flight.

Joseph Mc LACHLAN, Capt. A.C.

I was leading the second element of Green flight. As I entered my dive bombing run, I looked back and saw Lt SPENCER, number four man in Green flight. His ship was apparently all right. As I pulled off the target, I looked back again and saw a ship go straight into the ground. I did not think it was number four at that time. We returned to the field and found that number four was missing.

Albert L. LARSEN Jr. 1st Lt A.C.