



STATEMENT

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My name is Sgt Carl E. Stevens, Jr. I was the student I.O. on A/C 490 AC-130A Gunship, call sign Spectre 17. It was the 21 Dec 72 a few minutes before 7 P.M. We were in Steel Tiger East area 6 working on 3 trucks when I spotted accurate 37 mm coming from 9 o'clock. I called for a "Break right"; it missed us but not by much! We blow up the second of 3 trucks when the AC decided to work on the gun site with both 20 mm. About that time, which was the correct time, at one minute until seven, two different gun sites opened up on us; I and the other I.O. called for a break, at that time we were hit hard! We lost our LOM System, Utility Hyd. Sys. and our intercom system. There was extensive damage done including rupturing a fuel line which was poring fuel inside the cargo compartment. Everyone was ready and waiting to jump when the aircraft burst into flames, seconds later the left wing came off and that's when I was thrown out. I deployed my chute and made ~~contact~~ a successful landing and made contact with rescue forces. After being on the ground about 2 1/2 hours I was picked up and taken to MHP, then from there on back to home station, Ubon.

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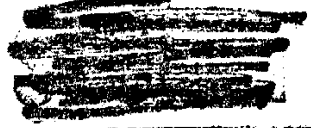
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