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356TH FIGHTER SQUADRON (SE)  
354TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)  
APO 333, U.S. ARMY

SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR 1ST LT. ROBERT L. SHOUP ON 9 APRIL  
1944 BY 1ST LT. JAMES W. EDWARDS

"I WAS RED FLIGHT LEADER. I RECEIVED A CALL FROM BOMBERS THAT THEY WERE BEING ATTACKED. I TOOK MY FLIGHT TO THE BOX BEING ATTACKED AND SAW TEN MODIFIED FW-190'S ATTACKING THEM FROM ABOVE. WE IMMEDIATELY JUMPED E/A. MY GUNS WOULD NOT FIRE, SO I PULLED UP AND SAW LT. SHOUP, WHO WAS FLYING RED 3 POSITION, ATTACK AN E/A. I SAW THE PILOT BAIL OUT AND E/A CRASHED ABOUT A HALF-MILE OFF SHORE. THIS E/A WAS DESTROYED."

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