

1. A plane coming in from northwest:

Eric Peterson:

«The plane continued on beyond a nearby hill, then dropped out of sight behind a tree line.» As it did so, Peterson said it seemed to be turning end-over-end.

Then Peterson said he saw a fireball, heard an explosion and saw a mushroom cloud of smoke rise into the sky.

2. A plane was coming in from the east:

Jim Stop of Somerset was fishing at the Indian Lake marina , about three miles from the crash site, when he looked up and saw the plane overhead: **«I heard the engine whine and scream,» Stop said. He then heard an explosion and saw a fireball.»**

He said he could see parts falling from the plane.

Coroner Wallace Miller, funeral director:

«This is the most eerie thing: I have not, to this day, seen a single drop of blood. Not a drop.»

«I stopped being coroner after about 20 min., because there were no bodies there.»

Ernie Stuhl, mayor of Shanksville:

«I know of two people – I will not mention names – that heard a missile. They both live very close, within a couple of hundred yards... This one fellow's served in Vietnam and he says he's heard them, and he heard one that day.»

Jeff Phillips:

«Als wir zur Einschlagstelle kamen, haben wir erst einmal gesucht. Wir waren über zwanzig Leute, die Rettungskräfte und die Feuerwehr, und wir haben uns alle angesehen und gefragt, wo sind die Leute, wo ist das Flugzeug. Alles was da war, waren kleine Stücke, das größte, was wir auf dem Boden gefunden haben, war gerade mal so groß (macht eine tellergröße Handbewegung).

Wir haben gesucht und uns gefragt, wo ist der Rest von dem Flugzeug?»

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Homer Barron:

«It didn't look like a plane crash because there was nothing that looked like a plane.»

Nena Lensbouer:

«But I got there and there was nothing - nothing there but charcoal. Instantly, it was charcoal.»