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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in duplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta. F-368 Command or Air Force VIII F.C.  
Group 20th Fighter Gp.; Squadron 55th F Sq.; Attachment
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Sta. F-368; Course 100°  
Intended Destination Schwienfurt; Type of Mission Bomber Escort
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_
- GIVE: (a) Date 24/3/44; Time 1100; and Location Schluthern, Ger.  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether ( ) Last Sighted; (x) Last contacted by Radio; ( )  
Forced Down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or ( ) Information not available.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check  
only one ( ) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances  
as follows Cause of failure to return is unknown
- AIRCRAFT Type, Model and Series P-38J-10-1A; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-67878
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1710-91; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-95465  
(b) V-1710-89; (c) 42-31380; (d)
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a) M/G Cal .50 Sev.; (b) L.L. 746986; (c) U.L. 928687; (d) U.R. 930370  
(e) L.R. 928445; (f) 20MM Int. Harv.; (g) 118805; (h)
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X  
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 1; Passengers 0; Total 1  
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons  
were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach  
original to this form).  
Crew Position Name in Full (Last Name First) Rank Serial Number  
1. Pilot QUIRING, OTTO ALVIN D.E.D. 10/2/44 2nd Lt. 0-753733  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
6. \_\_\_\_\_  
7. \_\_\_\_\_  
8. \_\_\_\_\_  
9. \_\_\_\_\_  
10. \_\_\_\_\_
- IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-  
CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:  
Check Only One Column

(Last Name First)	Name in Full	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted			Saw Forced Landing
				by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	
1.	<u>MCAULEY, DONALD H.</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	<u>0-428836</u>	<u>X</u>			
2.							

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12. IF PERSONNEL WERE BELIEVED TO LIVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used \_\_\_\_\_; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash \_\_\_\_\_; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Unknown
13. ATTACH SERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND TIME MADE, LINK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICIAL LOG SHEET. None

Date of Report 26 February 1944

*E. G. Findley Capt AC*  
(Signature of Reporting Officer)

for CHARLES F. SALTER,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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ARMY AIR FORCES STATION F-368  
A.F.C. #637, U. S. ARMY

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25 February 1944.

C E R T I F I C A T E

1. I certify that I, Donald H. McAuley, Captain, Air Corps, had contacted Otto A. Quiring, 2nd Lt., Air Corps, in P-38J-10-10, #42-67878 by radio over enemy territory on 24 February 1944, at approximately 1400 hours at which time his airplane left our formation and joined up with the bombers.

2. I was beyond Schweinfurt, on the return trip, at 27,000 feet, going Northwest. Lt. Quiring called on the radio and said that he was down to 30 gallons of gasoline in each reserve tank, plus his main tanks, and wanted to know what to do. "Denton" answered and said for the ship that was low on gasoline to join the bombers. Tower talk Leader said "Did you get that, Blue two?" "Blue two, Lt. Quiring, replied that he understood. Then I called and told him to be sure to identify himself to the bombers before joining them. He replied "Roger" to my call. I looked back to Blue Flight and saw a single airplane going down towards the box of B-24's. 1st Lt. W. B. Taylor, leader of Blue Flight, reported seeing Lt. Quiring leave Blue Flight, and join a high box of B-17's. The B-24's were apparently part of the first Air Task Force and the B-17's were a part of the last Combat Wing of the Second Air Task Force.

3. The weather at the time of my last contact with the airplane was CAVU.

*Donald H. McAuley*  
DONALD H. McAULEY,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
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