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WAR DEPARTMENT  
 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
 WASHINGTON  
 MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta. F-368 Command or Air Force VIII F Comd.  
 Group 20th Fighter Gp; Squadron 55th F Sq, Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Sta. F-368; Course 890  
 Intended Destination Berlin, Ger.; Type of Mission Bomber Escort
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CLASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Solid overcast at 8,000 to 10,000 feet
4. GIVE: (a) Date 4/17/44; Time 1223; and location NE Amsterdam, Hld.  
 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.
5. 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 Out of oxygen

6. AIRCRAFT Type, Model and Series P-38J10-10; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-67864
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1710-91; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-95274  
 (b) V-1710-89; (c) 42-31129; (d) \_\_\_\_\_

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
 (a) Cal. .50 M/G Saft LL 930413; (c) UL 930415; (d) UR 929902  
 (e) IR 928463; (f) 20MM Int. Harv.; (g) 118901; (h) \_\_\_\_\_

9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X  
 or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_

10. 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 |
|---------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Pilot         | SCOTT, JAMES CECIL             | 1st Lt. | 0-791343      |
| 2:            |                                |         |               |
| 3:            |                                |         |               |
| 4:            |                                |         |               |
| 5:            |                                |         |               |
| 6:            |                                |         |               |
| 7:            |                                |         |               |
| 8:            |                                |         |               |
| 9:            |                                |         |               |
| 10:           |                                |         |               |

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE FIRST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-  
 CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

| Name in Full<br>(Last Name First) | Rank    | Serial<br>Number | Contacted   |                 | Saw          |                   |
|-----------------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                                   |         |                  | by<br>Radio | Last<br>Sighted | Saw<br>Crash | Forced<br>Landing |
| 1. SCRUTCHFIELD, ROY M.           | 1st Lt. | 0-730630         | X           |                 |              |                   |
| 2.                                |         |                  |             |                 |              |                   |

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12. IF PERSONNEL WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used \_\_\_\_\_; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash \_\_\_\_\_; other reason (Specify) unknown
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, SKETCH, 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 TYPE ROAD, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE. None

Date of Report 7 March 1944

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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

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C-D-2 26 June 1943

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55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 20TH FIGHTER GROUP  
A.P.O. #637, U. S. ARMY

RMS/E-3

7 March 1944

C E R T I F I C A T E

" 1. I certify that I, Roy M. Scrutchfield, 1st Lt., Air Corps, had radio contact with 1st Lt. James C. Scott, 1st Lt., Air Corps, in P-38J-10-10, #42-68097, over enemy territory on 4 March 1944, at approximately 1220 hours when his airplane was last sighted.

2. I was leading red flight. We had made landfall in below Ijmuiden at 1219 hours at 26,000 feet. Lt. Scott was leading yellow flight (in place of Lt. W. B. Taylor who had to turn back) and was flying to my left. Capt. McLary called and told me to take yellow flight and Lt. Scott to lead my second element. I was crossing over to take this position and was almost abreast of Lt. Scott when he called on the R/T "I'm out of oxygen. I've got to go down quick." Before he had finished his sentence I saw him peel off in a diving turn. He went into the overcast. That was the last I saw of him.

3. Several minutes before this happened he had said he was having trouble with his oxygen."

*Roy M. Scrutchfield*  
ROY M. SCRUTCHFIELD  
1st Lt., Air Corps.

" [REDACTED] "

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