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	HEADQUIRTESS ARRY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON MISSING AIR CREW REPORT
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	GIVE: (a) Date 16 Mar. 14 Time 1330 hrs; and Location Enghian. Belgium of last known whereabouts of missing structt.
	(b) Specify whether ( ) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio; (x) Forced Down; ( ) Seen to Crosh; or ( ) Information not Available.  AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A DESULT OF: (Check only one ( ) Enemy Aircraft; (x) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Gircumstance
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•	ATRICIAFT Type, Model and Series P-38J-10-10 ; A.A.F. Scriel Number ASSIGNES: Type, Model and Series W-170-01 ; A.A.F. Seriel Number
•	ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1710-91; A.A.F. Serial Number  (b) 42-95454; (c) V-1710-89; (d) 4-035498  INSTALLED WZAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
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16 MARCH 1914

#### CERILFICATE

1. I CERTIFY THAT I, MAURICE R. MC LARY, CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS, HAD RADIO CONTACT WITH ROBERT MATYASZ, 2ND LT., AIR CORPS, IN P-38J-10-LO, #42-67907, OVER ENEMY TERRITORY ON 16 MARCH.1944 AT APPROXIMATELY 1330 HOURS WHEN HIS PLANE WAS LAST SIGHTED.

2. I WAS LEADING YELLOW FLIGHT. LT. MATYASZ WAS FLYING YELLOW TWO. IN THE VICINITY OF NAMUR, BELGIUM WE RECEIVED A FEW BURSTS OF FLAK AT 19,000 FEET. THE TIME WAS ABOUT 1310 HOURS. AT ABOUT 1330 HOURS I CALLED AND ASKED LT. MATYASZ HOW HIS GAS WAS. HE SAID HE HAD 70 GALLONS LEFT. PREVIOUS TO THIS TIME I HAD NOTICED HE WAS LEAKING GAS AND TOLD HIM TO TRY ANOTHER SYSTEM, CROSS FEED, OR CHANGE TANKS TO STOP THE LEAKAGE. HE SAID HE HAD TRIED EVERYTHING BUT COULD NOT STOP THE LEAK. I HAD HIM FLY STRAIGHT AND LEVEL WHILE I INSPECTED HIS SHIP. THE GAS WAS POURING FROM THE RIGHT, BOTTOM, AND REAR OF HIS GONDOLA. I CHECKED HIS GAS CONSUMPTION, WHICH SEEMED TO BE ABOUT 10 GALLONS A MINUTE. AT THE POINT HE TOLD ME HE HAD 70 GALLONS I NOTICED THE TIME. I RE-CHECKED AFTER TWO MINUTES AND HE TOLD ME HE HAD 50 GALLONS. I THEN DIRECTED HIM TO TURN SOUTH FROM ENGHIEN, BELGIUM AND TOLD HIM TO BAIL OUT. A FEW MINUTES LATER MAJOR MC AULEY CALLED AND ASKED HIM IF HE HAD BAILED OUT. HE SAID, "NO, I'M GOING TO RIDE HER 'TIL SHE QUITS." SEVERAL PILOTS IN THE GROUP GALLED HIM AND GAVE HIM THEIR BEST WISHES. THE LAST WE SAW OF HIM HE WAS HEADED SOUTH.

MAURICE R. MC LARY CAPTAIN, AC

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