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 WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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McAuley, D.H.

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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta F-368; Command or Air Force VIII F. Command
 Group 20th Fighter Group; Squadron 55th F Sq.; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Station F-368; Course 194 degrees
 Intended Destination Tours, France; Type of Mission Dropsport
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: clear
4. GIVE: (a) Date 23 Apr 44; Time 1410 hours and Location Chateaudun, France
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether (x) Last Sighted; () 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; (x) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances
 as follows _____

6. AIRCRAFT Type, Model and Series P-38J-10-10; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-67949
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1710-89; A.A.F. Serial Number _____
 (b) A-044040; (c) V-1710-91; (d) A-044080
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
 (a) 50 cal m/g; (b) LL Colt 74-7015; (c) UL Sav 930169; (d) IR Sav 930098
 (e) UR Sav 930242; (f) 20 mm Int. Harv; (g) 118568; (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty yes
 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
1. Pilot	<u>McAULEY, DONALD HERBERT</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>0-428836</u>
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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAID:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw	
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Crash	Forced Landing
1. <u>SCRUTCHFIELD, ROY MERLIN</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	<u>0-730630</u>		<u>x</u>		
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12. IF PERSONNEL WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, THIS APPLIES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used yes; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash no; or (c) any other reason (Specify) _____
13. ATTACH AERIAL 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 DAMAGE, IF ANY, AND TYPE, MAKE AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT WERE none

Date of Report 25 April 1944

C. H. English

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

C. H. ENGLISH
Major, Air Corps
Asst. Adjutant

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

MRM/S1

23 APRIL, 1944

C E R T I F I C A T E

1. I CERTIFY THAT I, ROY M. SCRUTCHFIELD, CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS, SAW DONALD H. MCAULEY, MAJOR, AIR CORPS, IN P-38 J-10-LO AIRPLANE, A.C. #42-67949 OVER ENEMY TERRITORY ON 23 APRIL, 1944, AT APPROXIMATELY 1410 HOURS, AT WHICH TIME HIS AIRPLANE WAS PUT OUT OF ACTION BY ENEMY GUNFIRE.

2. I WAS FLYING WHITE THREE IN MAJOR MCAULEY'S FLIGHT. WE WENT DOWN TO STRAFE CHATEAUDUN A/D FROM SE TO NW. WE TOOK THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE A/D. I WAS ON MAJOR MCAULEY'S RIGHT, OUT ABOUT 200 YARDS AND BACK THE SAME DISTANCE. WE WERE JUST GETTING IN RANGE AND ABOUT 100 FEET OFF THE GROUND WHEN MAJOR MCAULEY'S SHIP WAS HIT BY FLAK. HIS WHOLE LEFT WING IMMEDIATELY BROKE INTO FLAMES. SOMEONE CALLED HIM AND TOLD HIM TO BALE OUT. I ALSO REPEATED THE SAME STATEMENT. HE KEPT FLYING, EVIDENTLY TRYING TO PUT OUT THE FIRE. HE DID NOT REPLY ON THE R/T. THEN HE PULLED HIS PLANE UP TO 12-1400 FEET, HALF-ROLLED, AND, AS IT FELL THROUGH, HE FELL OUT AND HIS CHUTE OPENED IMMEDIATELY. I COULD SEE HIM CLEARLY. WE THEN CAME HOME BY OURSELVES.

Roy M. Scrutchfield

ROY M. SCRUTCHFIELD
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS

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