



Personal info

Full name

MC DONALD, Frank Harley

Date of birth

14 August 1914

Age

29

Place of birth

Bonners Ferry, Bonner County, Idaho

Hometown

Sacramento, Sacramento County, California

Military service

Service number

39011972

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

**535th Bombardment Squadron,
381st Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

20 December 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	10	16

Immediate family

Members

John F. Mc Donald (father)
Bertha E. (Gillander) Mc Donald (mother)
Jack H. Mc Donald (brother)
Charles W. Mc Donald (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-5846

Data

Type: B-17F
Nickname: Tinker Toy
Destination: Bremen, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the port
MACR: 1723

More information

Sgt Frank H. McDonald attended high school for 4 years. He was a stock clerk. He joined the Air Corps in the Presidio of Monterey, California on 12 October 1941.

Statement from Herbert J. Burgasser;

"I was flying in the Ball Turret position of ship no. 42-30765, in which Lt Emil Urban was the pilot, when I saw ship no. 42-5846 go down over the target. It was out of control and spinning down in flames when I last saw it, and at this time no fighters were attacking it. I was in the ship that was flying in the #2 position, second element, low squadron of the low group. Ship 42-5846 was in the same element, #3 position."

Statement from 2nd Lt Emil L. Urban;

"I was the pilot of A/C no. 42-30765, which was flying in the No. 2 position. At approximately the time of the bomb run, which was about 1147, fighters jumped us from the direction of 11 o'clock. One of the fighters rammed B-17F A/C no. 42-5846 which was flying in the #3 position. It was under control for about a minute then flipped over on its back and went into a spin."

Seven crew members were killed, three were taken prisoner.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Michel Beckers, Astrid van Erp, Terry Hirsch, www.fold3.com - MACR, www.ancestry.com - Headstone and Interment Record / Family Tree

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