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NAME (in full)... MC SWIFFNEY, KEVIN WINSTEEN... NUMBER... 429795...

RANK AND BRANCHING... F/O... PILOT... DECORATIONS... Nil

NUMBER I.T.S. COURSE... 22. COURSE O.T.U. - A.F.U. etc. 2201044... 14. O.T.U....

DATE LEFT AUSTRALIA }
CANADA } ... 6.7.43... DATE OF ARRIVAL U.K. ... 7.4.43...
SOUTH AMERICA } ...

S.U. DRONS... 49 JAN 207. 5 AN 4.9. 5. 200...

AIRCRAFT FLOW... LANCASTER MK. I AND III...

COLLEGE AND TYPE OF ACTIVITY... 5. GRP... BOMBIER... SWIFT COMMAND...

OPERATIONS OR TRAINING WITH AIRCRAFT, SUBMARINES, S.U. DRONS, OR AIRCRAFT

DETAILS OF OPERATIONS - with dates: to be given as fully as possible under the following applicable headings:-

- (a) Number of Operations; Hours.
- (b) Number Operational Sorties, Day-night.
- (c) Targets attacked.
- (d) Attacks on enemy surface vessels - type, size, etc.,
- (e) Attacks on enemy submarines.
- (f) Outstanding sorties or incidents.
- (g) Combats with enemy aircraft.
- (h) Other Australians in crew.
- (i) Personnel in Photographic Reconnaissance Unit, Transport Command, etc., should give a brief report of their work.

A. 14 OPS - ⁷⁰ 6 HOURS.....

B. NIGHT 14... DAY Nil
BRUNSWICK, COLOGNE, TOURS AIR, TOURS NY, MATHY LE CAMP, CHARENTAIS AIRFIELD

C. STUTTGART, BERLIN, ESSEN, NUREMBERG, SREYMSH, FURT, MUNICH, CARSTEN

D. Nil.....

E. Nil.....

F. ONE.....

G. SHOT DOWN BY GERMANX. RYATH. SORTIES. P.M. BENNATHS. ESCAPED, TO STREPOD.
ON 11.9.44 RETURNED

H. W/OP. R45. TD. 419153. W/OP......

I. W/OP......

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EVASION CAPTURE IN GERMANY AND HOLLAND.
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STATEMENT BY

A.420705 P/O. Kevin Winston McSWEENEY, 207 Sqn. Bomber Command, R.A.F.

Left : FRANCE, 10 Sep 44. Arrived: HENDON, 10 Sep 44.
Date of Birth : 18 May 23. Peacetime Profession: Farmer.
R.A.F. Service : Since 9 Nov 41. Private Address: Moroc Road,
Post in crew : Pilot. BOMADEERY,
N.S.W., Australia.

Other members of the Crew:

P/O. HOLLERWOOD (navigator) }
P/Sgt. CARTER (second navigator) }
Sgt. LOWRY (engineer) } Fate unknown.
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Crossed into
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25 May 44,
RAMATE.

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26 Jun 44,
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