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March 24, 1969

Dear John,

During 18 months service in the Gilbert, Marshall and Caroline Islands, I developed a great interest in the area.

I have currently made a study of our administration of Micronesia and feel there is an opportunity here for the U.S, but that it has been poorly handled to date.

I'm interested in discussing this with the right people and would greatly appreciate your ideas.

Sincerely,



Don McAusland

DM/gm

*I AM SCHEDULED TO FLY OUT TO GUAM
APRIL 10 FOR A TOUR THRU THE TRUST,*

United States Pacific Fleet

Flagship of the Commander-in-Chief



In the name of the President of the United States, the Commander in Chief, United States Pacific Fleet, takes pleasure in presenting the AIR MEDAL to

LIEUTENANT DONALD MEACHAM McAUSLAND,
UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious achievement while piloting a patrol plane on flights over the Marshall Islands on 19 January 1944 and on 21 January 1944. Upon sighting two enemy armed vessels at Ailinglapalap Atoll on 19 January 1944, he made repeated bombing and strafing attacks, in the face of enemy anti-aircraft fire, until all his bombs and ammunition had been expended, causing one of the vessels to be beached and damaging the other to the extent of preventing its escape. On 21 January 1944 he again bombed and strafed the same two vessels inflicting further damage despite enemy fire from one vessel and a shore battery. His conduct during these actions was in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service."

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. W. Nimitz', written in a cursive style.

C. W. NIMITZ,
Admiral, U. S. Navy.

Temporary Citation

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HEADQUARTERS
ISLAND COMMANDER - BETIO
TARAWA ATOLL - GILBERT ISLANDS

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From: The Island Commander, Betio.
To: Lieutenant Donald Meacham MC AUSLAND, A-V(N), (98439),
U. S. Naval Reserve.
Via: The Commanding Officer, Bombing Squadron 144.
Subject: Purple Heart - Award of.
Enclosure: (A) Purple Heart Medal.

1. In the name of the President and by direction of the
Secretary of the Navy, the Purple Heart is awarded by the Island
Commander, Betio, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, to:

Donald Meacham McAusland
Lieutenant, A-V(N), (98439),
United States Naval Reserve

P. E. Gillespie
P. E. GILLESPIE

cc:
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BuPers (2)
CinCPac

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ComGISub-Area
Officer's File

TO :
FROM :

RE: HEAVY WEAPONS
SUBJECT: LIEUTENANT DONALD MEACHAM MC AUSLAND, A-V(N), (98439)
UNIT: BOMBING SQUADRON 144

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS to

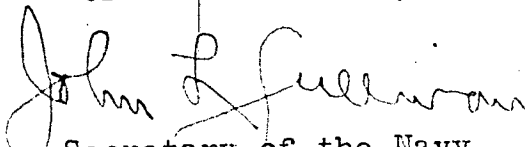
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER DONALD MEACHAM MC AUSLAND
UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroism and extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as Plane Commander of a Patrol Plane in Patrol Bombing Squadron ONE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR during operations against enemy Japanese forces in the Gilbert, Marshall and Eastern Caroline Islands Area from April 11 to May 18, 1944. Completing his twentieth mission during this period, Lieutenant Commander (then Lieutenant) McAusland carried out bombing attacks against hostile installations, thereby contributing materially to the success of his squadron in inflicting damage on the enemy. His skilled airmanship and courageous devotion to duty in the face of hostile antiaircraft fire was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,


Secretary of the Navy