

Airman First Class McLain was a crew member of a B-29A Superfortress with the 372th Bomber Squadron, 307th Bomber Wing based at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. On January 31, 1952, after departing Kadena on a routine combat mission, radar contact was lost with his aircraft. He was listed as Missing in Action and was presumed dead on January 29, 1953.

Awarded:

- Purple Heart,
- Korean Service Medal,
- United Nations Service Medal,
- National Defense Service Medal,
- Korean Presidential Unit Citation and
- the Republic of Korea War Service Medal