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(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVASION CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) France

E&E# 1238

For All Personnel.

1. No. 12239677 Rank Sgt AC Name Norman C. Fernaays
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 6
3. Were you wounded? Give details. Injured shins in landing, pains persisting.
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 418 Bomb Sqn
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 100 Gp 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Ball turret gunner
7. Date of Birth 25 October 1925 8. Length of Service 10 mos
9. Peace time occupation automobile worker 10. Private address 403 1/2 Garfield St.
East Rochester, N.Y.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? dogtags
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No.

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13. No. and location of O.T.U. _____
14. No. and location of Conversion Unit _____
15. Post in Crew Ball turret gunner
16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.
N.B.—Airborne and Parachute Troops: list below names and units of other occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.
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| PILOT | <u>2d Lt Alf Aske Jr.</u> | <u>KIA (French report)</u> |
| CO-PILOT | <u>2d Lt Charles S. Barber</u> | <u>" " "</u> |
| NAVIGATOR | <u>2d Lt Gordon E. Davis</u> | <u>" " "</u> |
| BOMBARDIER | <u>2d Lt James D. Magargee</u> | <u>" " "</u> |
| RADIO OPERATOR | <u>Sgt Charles M. Nekuasil</u> | <u>PW</u> |
| TOP TURRET GUNNER | <u>Sgt Robert F. Williams</u> | <u>KIA (French report)</u> |
| BALL TURRET GUNNER | <u>Narrator</u> | |
| WAIST GUNNER (R.) | <u>Sgt Armando F. Consorto</u> | <u>PW</u> |
| WAIST GUNNER (L.) | <u>None</u> | |
| TAIL GUNNER | <u>Sgt Stuart R. Allison</u> | <u>KIA (French report)</u> |
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17, Diss, 110800 August 44.
18. Where and when did you come down? Meudon, Seine, 111245 August 44.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? French took them.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes.

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Just after noon on 11 August we were hit by flak over Paris, and it started a fire in the bomb bay. As far as I know only the top turret gunner, the waist gunner and myself managed to bale out. The others were in the plane when it crashed, according to the French, and were killed instantly. The other two gunners were captured by the Germans when they landed. I baled out at about 4000 feet and delayed the ripcord till 2000. I was right over Meudon and could not swing away from the town. I landed on top of a house which had a tile roof with wires over it. I hit my shins on these, and ever since I have had pains in my legs when I walk. The French came out of the house and got me down, hid my equipment and gave me civilian clothes. Then they took me to a woman who spoke English. I told her my story, and stayed with her for the rest of the day. Around nightfall 4 Frenchmen arrived and took me to a house in Paris, where I stayed 5 days till 16 August. Then I was removed to another house in Paris, where I remained till I was overrun by the Americans on 25 August.

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No. 12259677 Rank Sgt AC Name Norman C. Fernaays

Date of Interview 27 August 1944

M. Regnier, 57 Rue Boissiere, Paris kept narrator for 10 days.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 12239622 Rank Sgt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Norman C. Fernwaays

Unit 418 Bomb Sq, 100 Bomb Gr.

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 28 Aug 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He ~~should~~ should not/be re-interrogated.

*Must report to 63 Brook Street,
London.*

*John Forsyth
2d Lt. CAE
Major.*

IMPORTANT.

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)
AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF PW. & X. DET.
M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.