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E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA) 8/237/2615

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I.S.9.(WEA).

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

EVASION CAPTURED/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE

For all Personnel.

1. No. 32711955 Rank T/Sgt. Name LOUIS P. GLASSER
(U.K. Acting, Temp. or T/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F. No. of Missions) 22 missions, Air Medal 2 oak leaf clusters, Presidential citation with cluster.
3. Were you wounded? Give details. No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 349 B. Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 100 B. Gp. Job. (Pl. Cnd., Rtn., etc.) Radio Oper.
7. Date of Birth 23 June 1921 8. Length of Service 20 mos
9. Peace time occupation Machinist 10. Private address 1382 Shakespeare Ave Bronx, N.Y.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Doctags No
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language?

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

13. No. and location of O.T.U.
14. No. and location of Conversion Unit.

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS WHO BALE OUT.

15. Post in Crew Radio Operator
16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.
M.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.
PILOT Lt. Townsend, Lawrence E. 0141527 Prisoner, saw him P/W
CO-PILOT Lt. ~~McIntosh~~ Andrew J. Jr. 0259409 " " P/W
NAVIGATOR Lt. Holmes, Arnold R. 1st Lt. 0698915 " " P/W 1835
BOMBARDIER Lt. Gardner, Leo B. 1st Lt. 0689501 " " P/W
RADIO OPERATOR Narrator
TOP TURRET GUNNER T/Sgt. Kohler, Walter 11594 13129947 - MIA Baled out, never seen
BALL TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt. Anderson (Palmer) M. 39087360 Prisoner, saw him P/W
WAIST GUNNER (R.) S/Sgt. Lane, Bertram W., 37121228 " " P/W
WAIST GUNNER (L.)
TAIL GUNNER S/Sgt. Milan Carl C 18149567 Prisoner, saw him P/W
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17 Thorpebbot, 25 July 1944 0600 hrs
18. Where and when did you come down? Near St. Lo, 25 July 1944 1145 hrs.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Rolled it into Ball placed it in a wheat field Yes
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

Interview by I.S.9. (WEA)

Date 29 Aug. 1944

I grade this evasion 3.

Cameron J. LaClair, Jr.
CAMERON J. LaCLAIR, Jr.
2d Lt AC

Attached:

- Appendix "B"
- Appendix "C"
- Appendix "D"

Disposal: Returned to unit.

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I came down at approximately 1145 hours 25 July 1944 near ST LO. I did not delay my jump since I thought I could work my way by manipulating my chute across the lines into American area. At about 200 to 300 feet the Germans began to shoot at me, hitting my shroud line. I fell limp to imitate being dead, and the shooting stopped. A few moments later I landed in a wheat field, rolled up my chute and made west, hiding them in some nearby bushes, and wandered out onto a road where I met a Frenchman who gave me some directions. I hopped over a fence and immediately ran into three Germans who took me prisoner. They kept moving me back from house to house until I caught up with my crew.

They finally moved us to a church two miles behind ST LO. This church, though it had a Red Cross painted on ~~the~~ it, was strafed by a P-47. On the fourth day we were marched to LINGEARD, being fed all along the march by the French, where I met Cpl CLARK and Pvt MIEL CAREK. From here on my story is the same as there's. (See I.S.9(WEA)/8/231).

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APPENDIX "B" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)/8/237/2615

List of all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defences, A.A. batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of Allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.)

No. 32711955 Rank T/Sgt Name Louis P Glasser
Date of interview 29 August 1944

N.B.—It is of the utmost importance that when giving information on the above subjects you state clearly:—

- (1) Date, time and place where you obtained the information.
- (2) Was it the result of personal observation or a report by someone else?
- (3) If not from personal observation who was the source (i.e., waiter, farm labourer, hearsay, cafe rumour, etc.), and how accurate do you estimate the source to be?

- 1. All along the way we saw large trucks marked with Red Crosses carrying ammunition and supplies.

Evaluation of informant's credibility.

Key.

- 1.—Reliable. x
- 2.—Credible.
- 3.—Questionable.
- 4.—Undetermined.

OBSERVATION

E.E.A. 1303
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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 32711955 Rank T/Sgt
 Name (BLOCK LETTERS) LOUIS P. Glasser
 Unit 349th Bomb Sqn, 100th Bomb Group
 has been fully/ ~~briefly~~ /interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 30 Aug. 1944
 and has signed a Security Certificate.
 He ~~should~~ /should not/ be re-interrogated.

Baron J. Sablainy
2nd Lt. A.C.

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.

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
and QUESTIONNAIRE FOR I.S. 9 (WEA) PERSONNEL

Sept 1, 1944
(Date)

LOUIS P. GLASSER T/SGT 3271955
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

ST. LO 22
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: JULY 25, 1944

Returned to UK: AUG. 31, 1944

349TH BSOD - 100TH B. G. P.
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (List names by positions and indicate what happened to each one)

PILOT	LT. TOWNSEND -	PRISONER OF WAR - SEEN
CO-PILOT	LT. BOURKART -	" " " "
NAVIGATOR	LT. HOLMES -	" " " "
BOMBARDIER	LT. GARDNER -	" " " "
RADIO OPERATOR	T/SGT. GLASSER -	RETURNED - (ESCAPED)
TOP TURRET GUNNER	T/SGT KOHLER -	BAILED OUT - NEVER SAW HIM
BALL TURRET GUNNER	S/SGT. ANDERSON -	PRISONER OF WAR - SEEN
W/ST GUNNER	} S/SGT. LANE -	" " " "
W/ST GUNNER		" " " "
TAIL GUNNER	S/SGT. MILAM -	" " " "

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. JULY 25, 1944 - AT
APPROX. 1100 NEAR ST. LO

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
ON FIRE

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 12,500 FT

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? NO

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

ALL MEMBERS BAILED OUT - ALL CHUTES
OPENED

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? UNOBSERVED

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

YES, ALL MEMBERS EXCEPT T/SGT KOHLER

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise. NONE

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition? *NO*

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat. _____

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? *ALL EXCEPT (KOTTLER) ARE PRISONERS
I SAW THEM*

Were you wounded? *NO*

Were you in German hands? *YES*

Did you kill any Germans in escaping? *NO*

Have you previously given the names of your helpers? *YES*

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given.

What security briefing were you given? *FULL-BY EYE (G-2)*

What souvenirs do you still possess? *KNIFE, WATCH, BELT, LIGHTER*

Home address. *1382 SHAKESPEARE AVE - BRONX, NEW YORK*

List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans.

ON OTHER SIDE

List names of American or British personnel believed to be evading.