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E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA) 8/105/512

TOP SECRET.  
I.S.9 (WEA)

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) France.

For All Personnel.

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CLARE A. BLAIR

1. No. 15320739 Rank Sgt. Name CLARE A. BLAIR  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)  
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 1 mission.  
3. Were you wounded? Give details No.  
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 852 B. Sqn.  
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 491 Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Gunner.  
7. Date of Birth 26 March, 1923 8. Length of Service 2 yrs.  
9. Peace time occupation explosive operator. 10. Private address 521 N. Chestnut St.  
Ravenna, Ohio.  
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Photo.  
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No.

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 BAILE OUT

15. Post in Crew ARMORER 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.  
PILOT WM J. EVANS unknown  
CO-PILOT NORMAN KRASNOW unknown  
NAVIGATOR MALCOLM BLUE unknown  
BOMBARDIER RUSSELL TICKNOR- evaded.  
RADIO OPERATOR MILTON BRUSH- unknown.  
TOP TURRET GUNNER EDWIN REEDY- evaded  
RAYMOND LEMAY- bailed out.  
BALL TURRET GUNNER EDW. FREIL- unknown.  
WAIST GUNNER (R.) NARRATOR.  
WAIST GUNNER (L.) GEORGE COUNTRYMAN- saw him captured.  
TAIL GUNNER  
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24H, 1800, 2 June, 1944, from Metfield.  
18. Where and when did you come down? BEAUMONT, 2100, 2 June, 1944  
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? hid.  
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? believe so.

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EVASION CAPTURE REPORT NO. 8/105 E & E (Country) France.

For All Personnel.

CLARE A. BLAIR

I came down at 2100, 2 June, 1944 near BEAUMONT. I was at once picked up by the Resistance and was in PARIS June 7-10. From there I was taken about June 13 to the FORET DE FRETEVAL. From then on my story is similar to that in E & E No. 8/61. 1039 (DANA)

1. No. 1039 (DANA)
2. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), 2nd (Air Force) 825 B. 2nd.
3. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 491 Gp.
4. Date of Birth 26 March, 1923
5. Length of Service 2 yrs.
6. Job (Pl. Comb., Rtn., etc.) Gunner.
7. Private address 521 N. Westmont St. Revere, Ohio.
8. Peace time occupation explosive operator.
9. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Photo.
10. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No.

#### FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

11. No. and location of O.T.U.
12. No. and location of Conversion Unit

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#### WHO BALE OUT

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15. 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.

Position	Name
PILOT	WM J. EVANS
CO-PILOT	NORMAN KRASNOW
NAVIGATOR	MALCOLM KEE BLUE
BOMBARDIER	RUSSELL TICKNOR - evaded.
RADIO OPERATOR	MILTON KRUSH - unknown.
TOP TURRET GUNNER	EDWIN REEDY - evaded.
BALL TURRET GUNNER	RAYMOND LEMAY - bailed out.
WAIST GUNNER (R.)	HOW. WHEEL - unknown.
WAIST GUNNER (L.)	INTERATOR.
TAIL GUNNER	GEORGE COUNTRYMAN - saw him captured.

16. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure 2-24, 1800, 2 June, 1944, from Metfield.

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 15 August, 1944

Attached:

Appendix "B"

"C"

"D"

Disposal:

returned to unit.

Richard H. Dana  
2nd/Lt., CAC

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Positive no.



SECRET

HEADQUARTERS  
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
F/W and X Detachment  
Military Intelligence Service

E & E REPORT NO

EVASION IN

Aug 17, 1944  
(Date)

Blair, CLARE H. SGT 15320739  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
(No of Missions)

652 491  
(Squadron) (Group)

10  
MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Indicate what happened to  
each man  
and how you know

PILOT Wm. J. EVANS 1st Lt.

CO-PILOT NORMAN (NMI) KRAHOW 2nd Lt.

NAVIGATOR Malcolm W. BLUE 2nd Lt.

BOMBARDIER Russell E. Tickner 2nd Lt. — In U.K.

RADIO OPERATOR MILTON J. BEUSH Sgt.

TOP TURRET GUNNER Edw. F. REEDY 3rd Sgt. In U.K.

TAIL TURRET GUNNER Raymond G. Lemay Sgt. — Beachuted — witnessed

WAIST GUNNER — Edw. J. FRIEL Sgt.

WAIST GUNNER — CLARE H. BLAIR Sgt. — In U.K.

TAIL GUNNER — George E. Countryman Sgt. — Prisoner — witnessed capture

Were you wounded?

No.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

KLS/el-2B-939 Pentagon

6 August 1943

SUBJECT: Amended Instructions Concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War, to Include Evaders of Capture in Enemy or Enemy-Occupied Territory and Internees in Neutral Countries.

TO: The Commanding Generals,  
Army Ground;  
Army Air Forces;  
The Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area;  
The Commanding Generals,  
Theaters of Operations;  
Defense Commands;  
Departments;  
Base Commands;  
The Commanding Officers,  
Base Commands;  
Director, Bureau of Public Relations.

1. Publication or communication to any unauthorized persons of experiences of escape or evasion from enemy-occupied territory, internment in a neutral country, or release from internment not only furnishes useful information to the enemy but also jeopardizes future escapes, evasions and releases.

2. Personnel will not, unless authorized by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, publish in any form whatever or communicate either directly, or indirectly, to the press, radio or an unauthorized person any account of escape or evasion of capture from enemy or enemy-occupied territory, or internment in a neutral country either before or after repatriation. They will be held strictly responsible for all statements contained in communications to friends which may subsequently be published in the press or otherwise.

3. Evaders, escapees, or internees shall not be interrogated on the circumstances of their experiences in escape, evasion or internment except by the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations. In allied or neutral countries, American Military Attaches are authorized to interrogate on escape, evasion and internment matters.

4. Should the services of escaped prisoners of war, evaders, or internees be deemed necessary for lecturing and briefing, such services will be under the direct supervision of the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations.

5. Commanding Officers will be responsible for instructing all evaders, escapees, and internees in the provisions of this directive which supercedes letter, AG 383.6 (5 Nov 42) OB-S-B-M, 7 November 1942, subject: Instructions concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War and other previous instructions on this subject.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J. A. ULIO  
J. A. ULIO  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

1. Information about your escape or your evasion from capture *would be useful to the enemy* and a danger to your friends. It is therefore **SECRET**.

2. a You must therefore not disclose, except to the first Military Attache to whom you report, or to an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations, or by A. C. of S., G-2, W. D.

- (1) The names of those who helped you.
- (2) The method by which you escaped or evaded.
- (3) The route you followed.
- (4) Any other facts concerning your experience.

b You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.

c You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.

d You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4.

e No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of A. C. of S., G-2, W. D., or corresponding organization in the theater.

CERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

I understand that any information concerning my escape or evasion from capture is **SECRET** and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the agency designated by A. C. of S., G-2, War Department, the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations, or to the Military Attache in a neutral country to whom I first report. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) BLAIR, CLARE H.

Signed CLARE H. Blair

Rank Sgt A. S. N. 15220739

Dated Aug 17 1944

Unit 852 Sqdn 491 Bomb Grp

Witness [Signature]

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If any further information is required concerning this report detailed application should be made to I.S.9 (WEA) G-2 Div S.H.A.E.F. giving the E and E Report No.

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**CERTIFIED THAT:**

No. 15320839 Rank S6T

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) CLARE A. BLAIR

Unit 852 Bm Sq. 491 gp

has been fully/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 15 Aug 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

OR 14. Para  
2/CT, CAC

Major. 1/2

**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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CERTIFIED THAT:

This Officer/W.O./N.C.O. has special information on the following subjects:—

*none*

*If sent to U.K, this officer  
must report to 63 Brook St, London*

IMPORTANT.

M.I.2. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.  
AN OFFICER OF M.I.2 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X. DET.  
THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)