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E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA) / 8/78/256

**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.**

E+E#1019

1. No. 7-692780 Rank 2d Lt Name Ralph L. HALL  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 31 missions; Air Medal
3. Were you wounded? Give details Yes; hit by flak on left hand, arm, and leg.
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 701 Bomb. Sq.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 445 Bomb. Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Co-pilot
7. Date of Birth 6 July 1921 8. Length of Service 1 yr, 11 mos
9. Peace time occupation Railroad yard clerk 10. Private address 4236 Jennings Rd  
Cleveland, Ohio
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags only
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 BALE OUT**

15. Post in Crew Co-pilot
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 1st Lt Clifton G. Miller  
CO-PILOT Narrator  
NAVIGATOR 2d Lt Arlee T. Reno  
BOMBARDIER 2d Lt Walter Strychass  
RADIO OPERATOR T/Sgt John H. Leahy  
TOP TURRET GUNNER T/Sgt Wayne Brand  
BALL TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt Walter Schum  
WAIST GUNNER (R.) S/Sgt Salio  
WAIST GUNNER (L.) S/Sgt Edward Smith  
TAIL GUNNER S/Sgt John F. Goan  
Evader - with me  
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24 from Tibenham, 27 June 1944 at 1630  
18. Where and when did you come down? Near Cires, north of Paris at 1930, 27 June  
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Left chute on field, French hid it. Hid mae west and harness in woods.  
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Plane exploded in air and burned on ground.

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EVASION CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE

Our plane was badly hit by flak while north of Paris. It exploded in mid air and only Sgt. Goan (E&E Report No. 8/79) and I got out. We saw one other chute in the air, but do not know who it was. The other 7 members of the crew were undoubtedly killed.

I came down all right in a field, but was slightly wounded and dazed. A farmer picked me up and took me to his house. His wife dressed my wounds and fed me, and I stayed there the next day. Then a member of the underground came and took me in charge. He took me to a larger town north of Paris, where I stayed for 10 days. I was very well cared for and this organization seemed most efficient. Later they took me to Paris, where I stayed in an apartment for 3 weeks during July. I was not allowed to go out at all.

On 30 July I was taken on foot to the country outside Paris, and from there to the camp in the forest near Cloyes, where I stayed until the Americans came to release us. I thought the Americans did a good job at this camp, particularly Capt. Davis (see E&E report No. 8/61).

(No "B" Report)

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5. CO-PILOT  
6. NAVIGATOR  
7. BOMBARDIER  
8. RADIO OPERATOR  
9. TOP TURRET GUNNER  
10. BALL TURRET GUNNER  
11. WAIST GUNNER (R.)  
12. WAIST GUNNER (L.)  
13. TAIL GUNNER  
14. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure  
15. From Tiptonham, 27 June 1944 at 1930  
16. B-24  
17. 1st Lt Clifford G. Miller  
18. 2d Lt Arles T. Reno  
19. 2d Lt Walter Strickland  
20. 1st Sgt John H. Loeby  
21. 1st Sgt Wayne Brand  
22. 2nd Sgt Walter Schmitt  
23. 2nd Sgt Salto  
24. 2nd Sgt Edward Smith  
25. 2nd Sgt John T. Goan  
26. 1st Sgt - with me  
27. 7 men were killed  
28. 1 man parachuted  
29. with Goan and me.  
30. We could not identify him. French said he was hurt and had been put in hospital.

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 15 August 1944

Attached:

Appendix "B"

"C" ✓

"D"

I grade this evasion 5.

R.H. Dana  
R. H. Dana

2d Lt CAG

Major

Disposal: Returned to unit



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APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA) / 8/78 / 256

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No. 0692780 Rank 2d Lt Name Ralph L. HALL

Date of Interview 15 August 1944 (Evaded in FRANCE)

The farmer who picked me up at Cires was called M. Matisse. He took me to a Dr. Pychon, who was in the underground. He lived at Rousselay. A M. Langlois from Paris arranged for me to be sent to Chantilly, where I stayed for 10 days with a hairdresser and his wife and baby. I never knew his name, but he was called "Louis le Coiffeur" by the other underground members.

I went to Paris by train about July 8th, with one of the men from the organization as guide. He took me to Mme. Diximier, 8 rue Jean Moreas where I stayed for 5 days. Later I was in other apartments in Paris.

I was taken to the camp in the forest by way of Etampes. S/Sgt Goan was with me throughout this time.

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G-2 Div. SHAFF

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**CERTIFIED THAT:**

No. 0-692780 Rank 2/LT

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) RALPH L. HALL

Unit 701 Bn, 445 B Co.

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.

*R. H. Dora*  
*2/LT, CAC / Major. Inf*

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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:—

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) *RA 194*

*none*

Unit *701*

has been previously interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. (WEA) on 12 Aug 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should not be re-interrogated.

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*R.H.E.*

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