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MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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

E & E REPORT NO. 1060  
EVASION IN

1060

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(Date)

Cliff G LATTA, S/Sgt, 16066468

(Name)

(Rank)

(ASN)

TARGET: Group support - Area South  
of CAEN

MIA: 8 August 1944

Arrived in UK:  
18 August 1944

369 Bomb Sq, 306 Bomb Group

(Squadron)

(Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWID)

			Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-887035	1st Lt Andrew T KATA		RTD - 9 Aug 44
CO-PILOT	0-767956	2d Lt George C SIMONS		RTD - 9 Aug 44
NAVIGATOR	0-703178	1st Lt Raymond E BLOKER		RTD - 9 Aug 44
BOMBARDIER	12087930	S/Sgt Philip MUNDELL		RTD - 9 Aug 44
RADIO OPERATOR	13055886	T/Sgt Stanley A ENDRUSICK		MIA
TOP TURRET GUNNER	35764266	T/Sgt Joseph BROWN		RTD - 19 Aug 44
BALL TURRET GUNNER	16066468	S/Sgt Cliff G LATTA		NARRATOR
WAIST GUNNER	16052198	S/Sgt Horace F KEPLER		MIA
WAIST GUNNER	13100191	S/Sgt John J LAWLOR		MIA
TAIL GUNNER	14119472	S/Sgt Basil F LOWRY		MIA

Were you wounded?

(Applies to all **BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL**)EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) None**For All Personnel.**

1. No. 1606468 Rank S/Sgt Name Latta Cliff L.  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Air Medal
3. Were you wounded? Give details No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 369
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 306 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Gunner
7. Date of Birth 28th December 1921 8. Length of Service 2 years
9. Peace time occupation Schoolmaster 10. Private address R.R.I. East St. Louis, Illinois. U.S.A.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Identity discs
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

**FOR R.A.F. ONLY.**

13. No. and location of O.T.U. Dallhart Texas
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 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.
- |                    |                              |                           |
|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| PILOT              | <u>1st Lt. A. Kata</u>       | <u>Fate unknown</u>       |
| CO-PILOT           | <u>Not known. new member</u> | <u>"</u>                  |
| NAVIGATOR          | <u>1st Lt R. Bloker</u>      | <u>"</u>                  |
| BOMBARDIER         | <u>Sgt Mundel</u>            | <u>"</u>                  |
| RADIO OPERATOR     | <u>T/Sgt S.A. Endrusick</u>  | <u>Thought baled out.</u> |
| TOP TURRET GUNNER  | <u>T/Sgt J. Brown</u>        | <u>Fate unknown</u>       |
| BALL TURRET GUNNER | <u>Narrator</u>              | <u>Returned</u>           |
| WAIST GUNNER (R.)  | <u>S/Sgt H.F. Kepler</u>     | <u>Baled out</u>          |
| WAIST GUNNER (L.)  | <u>S/Sgt B.F. Lowry</u>      | <u>Thought baled out</u>  |
| TAIL GUNNER        | <u>S/Sgt Lawlor</u>          | <u>"</u>                  |
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B.17 Thurlough. 2030 hrs. 8.8.44
18. Where and when did you come down? S. of Theil. Sq. 7634. 0040 hrs 9.8.44.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Hid them in wheatfield
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? fate of aircraft unknown.



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EVASION CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country)

Mission I left THURLEIGH BEDS at 1030 hrs on August 8th to bomb enemy troop concentrations in front of our line. At approx 1230 we were turning on our bomb run when we were hit in the right wing by heavy flak. I heard the engineer say the right wing was on fire and on looking out of the window saw the flames running inside the wing, and the wing beginning to disintegrate. The R. waist gunner baled out and I followed him. On my descent I saw 4 other chutes open out. I landed some two hundred yards N of some woods Sq 770342. This area was being shelled by the British and so I dug myself a shallow foxhole and took cover. I was shelled intermittently the whole of the day. I remained there until midday August 9th when I crawled to a deserted farmhouse some hundred yards away. There was an air raid shelter and so I again took cover from the shelling and divebombing. I found water at the farm and stayed in the dugout until the morning of the 15th, (living on my Escape Kit the whole time) when I was picked up by the British in their advance.

11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Identity discs

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CO-PILOT Not known, new member

NAVIGATOR 1st Lt R. Blocker

BOMBARDIER Sgt Munder

RADIO OPERATOR T/Sgt B.A. Brundage Thought baled out.

TOP TURRET GUNNER T/Sgt J. Brown Fate unknown

BALL TURRET GUNNER Navigator Returned

WAIST GUNNER (R.) S/Sgt H.F. Kepler Baled out

WAIST GUNNER (L.) S/Sgt B.T. Lowry Thought baled out

TAIL GUNNER S/Sgt Lawlor

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B.17 Thurlough. 2030 hrs. 8.8.44

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date

Attached:

Appendix "B"

" "C"

" "D"

Disposal:

Major

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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,  
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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 supersedes 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  
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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.
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  - (4) Any other facts concerning your experience.b You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.
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  - 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) LATTA, CLIFF G.  
Rank S/SGT. A. S. N. 16066468  
Unit 369 SGN. 306 BOMB GRP.

Signed Cliff G. Latta  
Dated 8-19-44  
Witness John White Capt

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& C. 1st

MIA: 9-8-44

Arrived in UK: April 8-1944

369th 306  
(Squadron) (Group)

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Signed Cliff G. Latta  
Dated 8-19-44  
Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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MOVEMENT

MOVEMENT ORDER for  
evacuation to U.K.  
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You will travel to LONDON and report to PW & X Dep M.I.S., 63 Brook Street,  
LONDON.

This Movement Order will be handed to the Officer Commanding on arrival.

O.693063 First Lieut. MILLIKEN J.L.  
16066468 S/Sgt LATTA C.G.

*B. D. Brown* *Colt*  
*for* Major, G.S.

I.S. 9(WEA)  
33 RHU  
101 Rft Gp  
BLA

*REF 1066*  
CONFIDENTIAL.



CERTIFIED THAT:

No. *16066468* Rank *S/SGT.*  
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) *LATTA, ELIFF E.*  
Unit *369th BOMB SQDN. 306 BOMBER GROUP*

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9 (WEA) on *AUG 17* 1944  
and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

*J.P. De Cent*  
*cyril na*  
*f* 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.