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E. & E. REPORT No. IS9(WEA)/8/38/52

~~TOP SECRET.~~
I.S.9 (WEA)

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

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

EE# 1213

For All Personnel.

1. No. 0-680837 Rank Capt Name Norman V. Beaman
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 75
3. Were you wounded? Give details Burns on hand from plane, twisted ankle landing
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 388 Ftr Sq
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 365 Gp 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) pilot
7. Date of Birth 6 July 1921 8. Length of Service 2 yrs
9. Peace time occupation student 10. Private address 812 Abbott St.
Muncie, Ind.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? none
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 pilot
16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.
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and U.S.A.A.F.

PILOT

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER (R.)

WAIST GUNNER (L.)

TAIL GUNNER

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure P-47, strip 7A, Azeville, Manche
18 July, 0830

18. Where and when did you come down? 2 miles S Putanges, 180930 July

19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Hidden by French

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I was shot down on 18 July by a German fighter who hit my gas tank. I bailed out at 5000 feet and pulled the ripcord at 4500 feet. Later some Frenchmen told me that I had been in a large dogfight in which 6 German and 5 American planes had been shot down. When I hit the ground there were some Frenchmen already there. They hid my equipment and then took me to a farm where I was hidden for 4 days. At the end of that time I was taken to Lt Bennett (E.E. 894). From there on my story is the same as his.

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Narrator had no military information.

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Norman V BEAMAN, Capt, 0-680837

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
388 Fighter Squadron, 365 Fighter Group

(Unit)

7 August 1944

(Date)

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RD

NO CREW

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.
18 July 1944; 0930 hours; 2 miles S PUTANGES

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
Gas tank hit by German fighter.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 5000 feet

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

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

No crew

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? Unknown

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?
No crew

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.

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?

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Rank Capt

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(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)

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388 Ftr Bp

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5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 365 Gp

6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rtn., etc.) pilot

8. Length of service 5 yrs

7. Date of birth 6 July 1921

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9. Peace time occupation student

Muncie, Ind.

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Distribution:

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Capt Devereux, Ops...1

Capt Arnold, 9th AF...1

G-2, FUSA.....1

G-2, TUSA.....1

File.....1

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Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 7 August 1944

Attached:

Appendix "B"

"C"

"D"

Disposal: Returned to unit.

20. If any papers and equipment destroyed?

John Forsyth
2d Lt, CAC
Major

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