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E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA)8/177

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I.S.9 (WEA)

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE

For All Personnel.

1. No. 39289166 Rank Sgt Name Joseph A. LEBLANC  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Three
3. Were you wounded? Give details No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 847th Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 489th B. Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Tail Gunner
7. Date of Birth 22 Oct. 1911 8. Length of Service 17 mos
9. Peace time occupation Waiter-Bartender 10. Private address 113 Ash St.  
Lewiston, Maine.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags, Escape Photos
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? French

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 Tail 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.  
Same as E & E Report 8/176
- 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 B-24, Hailsworth, England 2 June 1944  
1600 hrs
18. Where and when did you come down? 3 miles S. of Tournan (Seine-Marne) 1900 hrs  
-en-Brie, -et-
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Left everything where I landed  
the Germans were too close
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

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Name Joseph A. LEBLANC

Rank Sgt

No. 30289166

I came down at 1900, 2 June 3 miles S. of TOURNAI. I soon met  
no other members of my crew. From this time on  
my story is the same as theirs, (See E & E 8/176).

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Tail Gunner

17 mos

8. Length of Service

7. Date of Birth 22 Oct. 1911

113 Ash St.

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Lewiston, Maine.

11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph, or passport, or escape photos

French

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WAIST GUNNER (R.)

WAIST GUNNER (L.)

TAIL GUNNER

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24, Hailsworth, England 2 June 1944

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 28 August, 1944

Attached: Left everything where I found it

Appendix "B"

" "C"

" "D"

Richard H. Dana  
2nd/Lt., CAC

20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

Disposal: returned to unit.

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,  
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 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  
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) **LEBLANC JOSEPH A.**  
Rank **Sgt.** A. S. N. **39289166**  
Unit **489 BM. GROUP 847 SQDN**

Signed **Joseph A. Leblanc**  
Dated **Aug. 31, 1944**  
Witness **Charles A. Brown**  
**1st Lt. A.C.**

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

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

Aug. 31, 1944  
(Date)

LEBLANC JOSEPH A. Sgt. 39289166  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

AIRDROME  
SOUTH OF PARIS 3rd  
(Target) (Number of missions)

489 BOMB GROUP 847 SQUADRON  
(Unit)

Date Missing in Action: JUNE 2, 1944

Returned to UK: Aug. 30, 1944

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

PILOT 1 LT. E.W. CROSS - NO INFORMATION

CO-PILOT 2 F.D. P.E. BARTLETT - BAILED OUT - EVADED - HERE

NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. J.B. WOOD - BAILED OUT - EVADED -

BOMBARDIER 2nd Lt. B. LITTLE - BAILED OUT - EVADED

RADIO OPERATOR 1st Sgt. R.J. HARRIS - BAILED OUT - CAPTURED BY GERMANS

TOP TURRET GUNNER 1st Sgt. E. KEEFER - BAILED OUT - EVADED - HERE

REAR TURRET GUNNER 1st Sgt. D.M. DENTINO - BAILED OUT - EVADED - HERE

R. WAIST GUNNER 1st Sgt. B. REEVERTS - BAILED OUT - EVADED - IN FRANCE

L. WAIST GUNNER 1st Sgt. J.H. LAURIENT - BAILED OUT - CAPTURED

TAIL GUNNER 1st Sgt. J.A. LEBLANC - BAILED OUT - EVADED - HERE

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

JUNE 2, 1944 - 1930 20 MILES EAST OF PARIS

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

NO 3 AND 4 ENGINE OUT BY FLAX - 2 FLAX HOLE IN REAR COMP.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 5,500 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 BAILED OUT SAFELY EXCEPT PILOT

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? NO INFORMATION

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

5 CREW MEMBERS ARE SAFE IN LONDON

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.

THE FRENCH RESISTANCE TOLD ME THAT Sgt. HARRIS AND Sgt. LAURIENT WERE CAPTURED

(over)

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?

*SAW SGT REEVERTS IN FRANCE  
F.O. BARTLETT, SGT KIEFER, SGT. DENT AND ARE HERE  
SGT. HARRIS AND SGT. LAURENT BELIEVED CAPTURED. THE FRENCH TOLD ME  
LT LITTLE AND LT. WOOD - SAFE IN FRANCE - THE FRENCH TOLD ME*

Were you wounded? *NO*

Were you in German hands? *NO*

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? *ONE BRIEFING*

What souvenirs do you still possess? *PERFUMES*

Home address. *113 ASH ST. LEWISTON, MAINE*

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

*SGT. HARRIS  
SGT. LAURENT*

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

*2<sup>nd</sup> LIEUTENANT - LITTLE  
... - WOOD*

**CONFIDENTIAL.**

**CERTIFIED THAT:**

No. 39289/66 Rank Sgt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) LEBLANC JOSEPH A

Unit 489 Bomb Squadron 847 Squadron

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 27 Aug 1944  
and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

OLC 11 Jan  
2 LTC GTC 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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CERTIFIED THAT:

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

Name (BLOCK LETTERS)

*Nemo*

Unit

*If returned to the U.K. this officer should*

*report to 63 Brook St, London*

*63 BROOK ST  
London*

*R.I.D.*

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M.I.5. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

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BILLETING OFFICE  
CENTRAL BASE SECTION  
COM Z., ETOUSA

30-8-44

SUBJECT: Assignment of Billet.

TO : Sgt. Joseph Leblanc, 39289166, 489 Bomb Gp.  
(Name, rank, branch and ASN)

1. You are assigned the following government billet:

Room 28, Lurgan Hotel, 115 Cromwell Road SW 7  
(Room No., hotel and address)

2. You are responsible for extras which you incur; for example; Laundry, cleaning, food, etc.

3. You will check in and out of the hotel in the usual manner.

4. Officers leaving this station must leave billet and clear with the Billeting Office before 1000 hours on date of departure. This is accomplished by obtaining Hotel Cashier's signature on the space allotted on reverse side and presenting this chit to the Billeting Office. Failure to comply with this directive will be reported to your Headquarters for disciplinary action.

Assignment of Billet.

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5. Officers leaving this station on Temporary Duty or Leave will notify the Billeting Office. Failure to comply will result in termination of billet.

For the Commanding General:

*Donald E. Wentzel*  
DONALD E. WENTZEL  
Captain, AC  
Billeting Officer

This is to certify that the officer named hereon has paid all bills for extras as outlined in paragraph 2 on reverse side.

Date

31.8.44

*P. Van der Meer*  
(Hotel Cashier)