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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 328384/2 Rank Sgt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) LEONARD ROGERS

Unit 322 Sq 91 Bomb Gr

has been ~~fully~~/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9 (WEA) on 1 Sep 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

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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Major

(Applies to all **BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL**)EVADED CAPTURE/~~ESCAPED FROM~~ (Name of Country) France**For All Personnel.**

1. No. 32838442 Rank S/Sjt Name Leonard Rogers
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 21
3. Were you wounded? Give details No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) Sqn 322 N.D.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 91 B.Gp 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Tail gunner
7. Date of Birth 2 Feb 24 8. Length of Service 18 months
9. Peace time occupation Machinist 10. Private address Pulaski, New York
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Tags and photographs
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 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.
- PILOT Refer to S/Sjt Britton
- CO-PILOT _____
- NAVIGATOR _____
- BOMBARDIER Believed P/W
- 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.17 Bassingbourn Field Aug 13th, 9.30
a.m Royston, England
18. Where and when did you come down? 1 p.m St. Cyr Near Louvier
(interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA) Date)
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? French hid them
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "B" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

List all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defenses, AA batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.,.....)

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- SGT. LEONARD ROBERTS

Unit:-

Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and comments will help others to evade capture or to escape.

1. AIDS BOX

- a. Did you use your aids box? YES
- b. If not, why?
- c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".

Horlicks tablets.

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum. YES

Water bottle.

Compass.

Sewing kit. YES

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? BURIED IT
- f. Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger?

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? YES
State color of stripes and letters.
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? YES

(over)

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones? *43-4*

Compass,

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money? *2000 FR. FOOD CLOTHES*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *KEPT*

Compass. *GAVE TO FRENCH*

File (hacksaw). *BURIED*

Surplus currency. *NONE*

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? *NO*

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? *YES*
If so, how many? *10*

b. Did you use them? *NO*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *BASTINGDOWN FIELD*

JUNE 10, 1944

b. Did you find the lectures of value? *YES*

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers? *NO*

S E C R E T

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

TARGET:

LEONARD ROGERS S/SGT. 32838442
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Date mission in action: 8/13/44

21 (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: 9/2/44

322 91ST BOMB
(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (Please list names next to positions) Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT 1ST LT. T. P. SMITH) KILLED BAILING OUT. SAW GRAVE.

CO-PILOT 2ND LT. J. VUKOVICH) BACK IN U.K. I CAME WITH HIM.

NAVIGATOR 2ND LT. A. W. CAULDER) DONT KNOW

BOMBARDIER 2ND LT. BELL) INJURED AND HEARD TAKEN P.W.

RADIO OPERATOR T/SGT. D. C. SPEARS) DONT KNOW

TOP TURRET GUNNER T/SGT. C. F. STURGEON) DONT KNOW

BALL TURRET GUNNER S/SGT. J. W. BRITTON) BACK IN U.K. CAME WITH ME.

WAIST GUNNER S/SGT. C. M. SEILER) INJURED. SAFE IN MEDICAL CARE.

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER S/SGT. LEONARD ROGERS

Decorations: AIR MEDAL

Date of Birth: FEB. 2, 1924

Private Address: PULASKI, NEW YORK

Length of Service: 18 MONTHS

Job as Civilian: MACHINIST

From what field did you take off? Take off time. BASSINGBOURN. 9:30 A.M.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? YES

Were you wounded? Give details. ANKLE AND LEG SLIGHTLY INJURED.

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? ALL OF ESCAPE MONEY.

Do you speak FRENCH? SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE? NO.

Did you have identity papers? IDENTIFICATION TAGS

(over)

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?

NO

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?

NO

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?

NO

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When?

YES BAYEAUX FRANCE
BRITISH I.S.-9 9/11/44

Date of arrival in Spain: NO

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: NO

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. 9/2/44 BY AIR

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

NONE

List names of American or British personnel believed to be evading. NONE

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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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Defense Commands;
Departments;
Base Commands;
The Commanding Officers,
Base Commands;
Director, Bureau of Public Relations.

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By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J. A. ULIO
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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.

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Signed Leonard Rogers

Rank S/SGT. A. S. N. 32838442

Dated Sept. 3, 1944

Unit 91st B.A. 322 SQDN.

Witness _____

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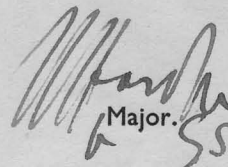
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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

LEONARD ROGERS 1st Lt. 32232442
71st B.F. 322 SQDN.
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
(Unit)

SEPT. 3 1944
(Date)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT
CO-PILOT
NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER
RADIO OPERATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER
BALL TURRET GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. AUG. 13/44 1 P.M.
NEAR NORTH SECTION OF LOUVIER, FRANCE.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
FLAK HIT IN OXYGEN SYSTEM. INTERNAL FIRE

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 20,000 FT.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?
PILOT BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN BAILING OUT. MAY
HAVE HIT AGAINST BOMB BAY DOORS

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?
ALL BELIEVED TO HAVE BAILED OUT. ALL CHUTES OPENED

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? YES

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?
SAW PILOT'S GRAVE. SAW CO-PILOT, BALL GUNNER AND WAIST
GUNNER ALIVE AFTER REACHING THE GROUND

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.
PILOT KILLED. SAW GRAVE

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.
NO

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for
his opinion?
I BELIEVE THREE UNKNOWN MEMBERS (NAVIGATOR
RADIO OPERATOR AND TOP TURRET GUNNER) ARE ALIVE BUT MAY
BE P.W.