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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 32821876 Rank S/Sgt
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Thomas F. La Grua
Unit 509 B Sq, 351 B Gp

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)
on 7 Sept 19 44 and has signed a Security Certificate.
He ~~should~~/should not be re-interrogated.

Robert H. Bacon
Major 2/Lt, Ac.

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

EVADED CAPTURED/XXXXXX FROM (Name of Country) **France**.....

For all Personnel.

1. No. **32821876**..... Rank... **S/Sgt**..... Name... **Thomas F. La Grua**.....
(U.K; Acting; Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) **Air Medal**..... **13 Missions**.....
3. Were you wounded? Give details: **No**.....
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) **509 B. Sqn**.....
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) **351 B. Grp** 6. Job. (Pl. Grd., Rfn., etc.) **Ball Gunner**
7. Date of Birth **6 September 24**..... 8. Length of Service **1 yr., 4 mos.**.....
9. Peace time occupation **Printers Apprentice** 10. Private address **1935 E. 24th St. Brooklyn, N. Y.**
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? **E & E photos**.....
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 BATTLE OUT.

15. Post in Crew.... **Ball 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 ^{1st} **Lt. Watkins** ~~Prisoner~~ ^{Robert T.} **Prisoner** **0796922**.....
CO-PILOT **Prisoner** **Frank D. Williams** ^{2d Lt. 0695227} **French** told me that first...
NAVIGATOR **Prisoner** **Douglas G. Gier** ^{2d Lt.} **five people to parachute**.....
0703658
0741524 BOMBARDIER... **Prisoner** **Ralph E. Hoover** ^{2d Lt.} **were taken prisoner.**
RADIO OPERATOR... **Evaded capture**
TOP TURRET GUNNER **Prisoner**.....
BALL TURRET GUNNER... **Narrator**.....
WAIST GUNNER (X) **We carried one waist gunner on this mission--he was**
WAIST GUNNER (L) **.....killed by Flak... KIA**.....
TAIL GUNNER... **Evaded capture**.....
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure **B-17 Flying Fortress, Polbrook England, 31 June 44, 1500**.....
18. Where and when did you come down? **Cleres, 15 k. from Rouen, approx. 1800**.....
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? **My parachute was disposed of by a Frenchman when landing.**.....
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? **Plane exploded in mid-air, crashed and was destroyed by fire.**.....

Interview by I.S.9.(WEA)

Date... **7 September 44**.....

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Attached:

- Appendix "B"
- Appendix "C"
- Appendix "D"

Robert Bacon

ROBERT BACON

2d Lt, AC

Major

Disposal: **Returned to unit**....

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APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. IS9(WEA)6/57/703

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Date of Interview.....7 September 44.....

Cardonille and Monville, France

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