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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-704133 Rank 2nd Lt
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Johnson W. Rule
Unit 544 B Sq, 384 B Cp

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)
on 7 Sept 1944 and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

Robert H Bacon,
Major 2/Lt, AC.

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THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH) AN OFFICER OF M.I.9
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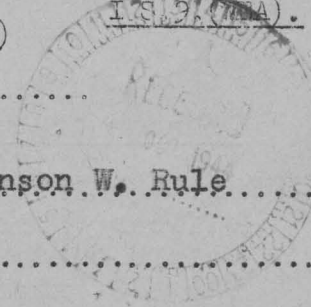
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(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

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

For all Personnel.



- 1. No...**0704133**..... Rank... **2nd Lt** Name... **Johnson W. Rule**.....
(U.K; Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions)..... **4 Missions**.....
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details... **No**.....
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force)..... **544. Sqn**.....
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) .. **384. Grp** ... 6. Job. (Pl. Cmd., Rfn., etc.) **Navigator**..
- 7. Date of Birth... **5. October. 17**..... 8. Length of Service... **3 yrs., 5 mos**....
- 9. Peace time occupation... **Mechanic**..... 10. Private address... **1560. Laurel Ave.**
Bridgeport, Conn
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph?.. **Dog Tags, 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 BALE OUT.

15. Post in Crew..... **Navigator**.....

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. **Brown** -- Bailed out... **Last seen June 20, Guerillo Battle, rumored**
- CO-PILOT. **Harvey** -- Same as pilot, 20 June 44 **0-672 350 Rtd safe.**
- NAVIGATOR. **Narrator** **Richard E.** - **0.7.348.35** - **Rtd**
- BOMBARDIER.. **Rader** -- Same as pilot
- RADIO OPERATOR. **Sturak** -- Bailed out, **rumored captured**
- TOP TURRET GUNNER **Smith** -- Same as above **PIW**
- BALL TURRET GUNNER. **Roberson** -- Same as pilot - **MIA**
- WAISE GUNNER (R.) .. **McManus** -- evaded **1757**
- WAISE GUNNER (L.) **Atkins** -- Same as Radio Operator. **Atkinson, Robert V.** **34.705178**
- TAIL GUNNER.. **Vann** -- Same as Radio Operator **FW**

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure. **B-17, Greffon-Underwood, Eng**
.... **24. April. 44, .0800**.....

18. Where and when did you come down?.. **Near. Angure. (Mame), 24. April. 44, .1200**

19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?.... **Buried. them**.....

20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?.. **Plane. crashed. and. burned**...

Interview by I.S.9.(WEA)

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

I grade this evasion No. 5.

- Attached:
- Appendix "B"
- Appendix "C"
- Appendix "D"

Robert H Bacon

ROBERT BACON

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

2d Lt, AC

Major

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Johnson W. Rule

In the Maquis battle of 20 June 44 at or near St Marn, an RAF officer (Russian born Mosquito navigator who had lived in France before occupation) was killed. He had the names and photos of all the U.S. Airmen and his body was stripped of all identification by the Germans.

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. IS9(WEA)6/62/1708

If further circulation of this information is made, it is important that its source should not be divulged.

No. 0704133 Rank. 2d Lt Name. Johnson W. Rule

Date of Interview 7 September 44

La Chapelle Laison (Marne) France

Masse Hatat

Estissac (Aube) France

M. Lebrun

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Estissac (Aube) France

M. & Mme. Paul Aubepart

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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.

GERTIFIGATE

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) Johnson W. Rule Signed Johnson W. Rule
Rank 2nd Lt. A. S. N. 0-704123 Dated Sept 7, 1944
Unit 384TH Bomb Group 544TH SQ. 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(WEA) PERSONNEL

SEPT, 7, 1944
(Date)

Johnson W. Pule 2nd Lt. 0-704133
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

South of Munich 4
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: April 24, 1944

Returned to UK: SEPT 7, 1944

384TH Bomb Group South 59DN
(Unit)

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

PILOT BROWN - BAILED OUT SAFELY. LAST SEEN IN MAQUIS BATTLE JUNE 20, RUMORED SAFE BY FRENCH.

CO-PILOT HARVEY - SAME AS PILOT

NAVIGATOR MYSELF

BOMBARDIER RADER SAME AS PILOT

RADIO OPERATOR STURAK - TAKEN PRISONER BY GERMANS ON APRIL 24,

TOP TURRET GUNNER SMITH. " " " " " " " "

TAIL TURRET GUNNER ROBERSON - SAME AS PILOT

WAIST GUNNER McMANN'S - EVADED SAFELY

WAIST GUNNER ATKINS SAME AS RADIO OP.

TAIL GUNNER VANN SAME AS " "

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. APRIL 24, NEAR ANGLURE (A)

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

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 20,000 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 & 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?
YES

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. YES RECEIVED

INFORMATION ABOUT THOSE TAKEN PRISONER

(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.

NO.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

FOUR CAPTURED SEEN BY THE FRENCH
OTHER FOUR BELIEVED STILL EVADING

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? USUAL AIRCREW BRIEFING

What souvenirs do you still possess? NONE

Home address. 1560 LAUREL AVE BRIDGEPORT CONN

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

VANN
ATKINS
SMITH
STURAK

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

BROWN
HARVEY
ROBERSON
RADER