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

EVASION CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE

For All Personnel.

1. No. 0-1324386 Rank 2d Lt, Inf Name Armando C. ARIAS
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) None
3. Were you wounded? Give details No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) K Co, 137th Infantry
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 35th Div 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Pl. Comd
7. Date of Birth 11 February 1922 8. Length of Service Since August 1940
9. Peace time occupation Fountain clerk 10. Private address Nogales, Arizona
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Spanish: no 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 //
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 //
- 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.
18. Where and when did you come down? Captured 1 August, west of St. Lo, while on patrol.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

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EXTRACTED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE

1 AUG:
TAKEN

on 2-1-1 to night of 2-2 August. I was surrounded by Germans and forced to surrender. They took me to their Bn CP where I was searched and questioned briefly. The next day I was taken to the Divisional CP.

3 AUG:
STRAPPED,
ESCAPED,
RECAPTURED

While being taken back to the transit camp at Alencon with a bunch of other prisoners on 3 August, we were strafed by B-47's. I escaped in the panic which followed. We were about 20 miles in the rear of the lines at the time, and I tried to make my way back, but I was hiding out in fields during the day. There were too many Germans around in that region, however, and I was recaptured on 5 August, and taken to Alencon in a truck.

7 AUG:
ESCAPED
AGAIN

We only stayed there one day. We started off for Germany on 7 August by train. About 60 kms southeast of Paris I managed to jump out of the train at night, while it was going slowly. The guards saw me and shot at me, but I got away. As far as I know I was the only one who got away at this time.

HIDDEN
BY FRENCH

I started back again towards our lines, asking for help as I went. Finally I reached a small village where some people hid me and advised me to wait until the Allied troops got there. I stayed with them 20 days, until 29 Aug. when I contacted elements of the 8th Arm Div which was passing through the village.

All the places I stayed in are now in the hands of our troops, and I have, except two of them, no contact of importance.

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12.	Post in Crew
16.	Other members of crew, and information about what happened to them.
17.	Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure
18.	Where and when did you come down?
19.	How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and map west?
20.	Were all your equipment destroyed?
21.	I grade this escape 3.
22.	Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)
23.	Date 14 August 1944
24.	Attached:
25.	Appendix "B"
26.	"C"
27.	"D"
28.	Disposal:
29.	Returned to unit
30.	Theodore M. Purdy Capt, CE Major

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APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA) / 8/251/599

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Date of Interview 31 August 1944 (Escaped in France)

From 9-29 August I stayed with M. and Mme. Jules Dirmont
at Marnaux la Poterie, Lizy-sur-Ourcq (Seine et Marne).

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