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E. & I. REPORT No. I.S.9/(WEA) 8/548/998

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

FRANCE

For all Personnel.

1. No. 0-1324386 Rank. 2dLt. Name ARIAS ARIAS
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions).....
3. Were you wounded? Give details. No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) Co. I, 137 Inf. Platoon.....
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 35 Div. G. Job. (Pl. Cad., Rsn., etc.) Leader
7. Date of Birth 11 Feb. 1922 8. Length of Service 4 yrs
9. Peace time occupation Student 10. Private address P.O. Box 417
Nogales, Arizona
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags,
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? A little 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 BADE 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..... (Captured 15 Sept. 1944 2000 hrs. Meurthe River, South of Nancy) ...
- 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?.....
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?.....
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?.....

Interview by I.S.9. (WEA)

Date.. 27. Sept. 1944

Attached:

Appendix "B"

Appendix "C"

Appendix "D"

Disposal: Returned to unit.

Richard H. Dana
RICHARD H. DANA
2d Lt CAC

Major

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On Sept 15th I was on reconnaissance with three of my men, looking for fordable crossings of the MEURTHE River, about 28 miles S. Of Nancy. While my three men covered my crossing, I swam the river, but I came straight into an enemy machine gun position. They did not fire, but covered me, and motioned me to the rear. I was searched for weapons, and then sent back to Company Hqs, where I was rather carelessly interrogated by an English speaking Officer. Then I was moved back to B'n Hqs, where a Major questioned me very ably and thoroughly. He got no information.

I was then moved back with 25 other prisoners and 20 guards, walking about 20 miles in two days. On the night of the 17th I ducked away from the group and headed for our lines. On the way I was forced to kill two sentinels, and knock another one out. At last I came to a small village where a Frenchwoman hid me in a chicken coop, and gave me some food. I was there 2 days and then moved on, as there were too many Germans in the area. I met an American patrol about 23 kms S. of Nancy on Sept 20.

The area in which I was has been overrun by our troops, so I have no military information of value. I had been given briefing on escape, and did escape once previously. (see E & E Report No. 8/251)

NOTE The morale of the Germans I saw was good. They had a good deal of supplies and equipment, were well camouflaged, and were short only transportation. The officers were talking about victory in the next war, and seemed already to be thinking of preparations for it.