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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 36870295 Rank Pfc. NAME (print) HANSON, Palmer T.

CLAIMS ASSIGNMENT TO FOLLOWING UNIT Co. "F", 137th Inf. Regt., 35 Div.

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of
I.S. 9 (WEA) on 21 December 1944, has signed a Security

Certificate, and is not considered suspect.

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

Security reasons ~~do~~/do not/ exist preventing his return to combat
duty.

He was a PW/Evader/ for a period of 24 days.

Campanella Blair
1/17/45

IMPORTANT:

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH) AN
OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF PW & X DET.-MIS
ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

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31 DEC 1944

E. & M. ELFOPT No. I.S.9 (WEA) / 8/567/2557

TOP SECRET
I.S.9 (WEA)

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

ENVELOPES ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ / ESCAPED ~~XXXX~~ (Name of Country) France

For all Personnel.

1. No. 36870295 Rank Pfc Name HANSON, Palmer T.
(U.K. Acting, Temp. or S/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), Co., Bn., 137th Inf. Regt.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 35th Div. G. Sqn. (Pl. Co., Bn., etc.) Rifleman
7. Date of Birth 14 April 1924 8. Length of Service 1 Yr., 4 Mons.
9. Peace time occupation. Truck Driver 10. Private address. c/o Robert Hanson,
Box 13, Orchard Lake, Michigan
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dog Tags
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? None

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 BAIL 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 Near CHATEAU SALINS, 30 Oct. 1944, 1930 hrs.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mac west?
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Had none.

Interview by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 21 December 1944

Attached:

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

Cameron J. LaClair, Jr.
Cameron J. LaClair, Jr.
1st Lt AC

Disposal: 17th Repl. Depot

Major

Distribution:

Hq. I.S.9 (WEA) 3
A-2, 9th AF 1
File 1
Total 5

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22 December 1944

E & E Report No. I. S. 9 (WEA) / 8/567/2557

I had gone to see my brother in the 553rd Engrs and was on my way back to my outfit. The people who gave me a lift let me off on the wrong road. As a result I was wandering through some woods alone looking for my outfit when I was surprised by a group of Germans. I dropped my gun and they took me prisoner. I was taken back to a little village where I was put in a cellar for the night. In this same cellar I met a boy from the 4th Armored Div. Before being put in the cellar a German corporal took my name, rank, and serial number. This was my only interrogation.

Next morning (I think it was 31 Oct. 1944) the lad from the 4th Armored and I were taken to BENESTROFF where we were put to various tasks which we continued to carry out all during the period of our capture. These tasks included chopping wood from the sides of trees (so that explosives could be placed in the chopped away portion to be detonated to form road blocks), making ground fortifications and gun emplacements out of logs and earth, and carrying ammunition, most of it mortar ammunition in wicker baskets. This we were forced to carry on our backs almost to the front lines. We worked during the day, spending the nights in the cellar of one of the abandoned houses of the village, of course, under guard. We were given food three times a day, frequently a sort of stew made from grain and freshly killed beef. Occasionally we got some sort of greasy pork. Once or twice we were given milk --- too dirty to drink. I was not able to tell if this was the same type of food the Germans were eating or not, but since there were only two of us prisoner, it probably was the same. In general our treatment was fair; we were never physically mistreated.

When the Americans began shelling the town, my companion and I ran into a barn facing the street on which we were working, burying ourselves deep in the hay. All this happened, I think, at about noon on the 22nd of November. We remained where we were all night --- until about 1000 hours the next morning when we ventured out. By this time the Americans were in the town, so we reported to a lieutenant who gave us a K-ration and told us to go find our outfit.

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