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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 33702971 Rank P.F.C.
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) PALANZO EDWARD
Unit 35th Division 320 INF.

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 22-1 August 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

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for Major.

IMPORTANT.

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AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF PW. & X. DET.
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(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

ESCAPED/CAPTURED/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE.

For All Personnel.

1. No. 33702971 Rank Pfc Name PALANZO Edward J.
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)

2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Nil.

3. Were you wounded? Give details. No.

4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqdn. (Air Force) 320 Inf

5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 35 Div.

6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Rfn.

7. Date of Birth 5 Dec 1912.

8. Length of Service 1 yr.

9. Peace time occupation Labour Foreman.

10. Private address 417 ROSTRAVER STREET,
MOWESSEN, PENS. U.S.A.

11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Identity Discs. A.G.O. Form 28.

12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Italian.

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?

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

20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

1. Relief Force. On the afternoon of the 8th Aug my coy was pushing towards MORTAIN (5812) with the object of reinforcing the 137 Regt who were in and around the town.
2. Counter attacked. We reached the outskirts of MORTAIN and dug in for the night. The next morning we were counteracted by Tanks and Infantry. We received the order to withdraw, but I do not know from whom it came.
3. German M.Gs. I was with a medical orderly and four walking wounded. We crawled through a hedgerow, only to be confronted with a German M.G. We skirted this but ran into another which opened fire on us, resulting in one of our party being wounded in the arm.
4. Taken prisoner. We were then between the two M.Gs which were approx. 75 yds apart, and two German Riflemen closed in on us and took us prisoner. Later three more Germans appeared.
5. Interrogation. We were then taken to a German Command Post and interrogated. We were asked for our name, Rank and Number. The names and number of Divs in the area, and when the war would end. With the exception of the first three questions we all replied "we are soldiers and dont know" Our wrist watches and valuables were taken from us.
6. Meet more P/Ws. From there we were marched back under escort to another Command Post where we found Capt MORRIS, U.S.M.C., Regt Capt FORSYTHE, Lt NASH U.S.M.C and a Chaplain (whose name sounded like TILMAN) and a hundred men.
7. Constantly Moved. We stayed there for the night. The next day at about 2300 hrs on the 10th Aug we were moved off in batches of about 10 men per truck. We moved either marching or in trucks for the next 10 days. Everything was utter confusion and the Germans did not seem to know where to take us or put us. The roads were strewn with dead horses and vehicles. Some vehicles were being towed because they were short of petrol.
8. Germans off to surrender. The whole time we were shelled consistently. Throughout the whole of the 20th Aug I was told by German Offrs that if I would contact our lines, they and a large body of men would surrender to we prisoners. We were told that the British were only 1 Km away and so everybody sat down and waited for them.
9. The Germans were afraid they would be shot by the Poles, and so they wished to surrender to us.
10. Try to contact our lines. As our own troops did not reach us that night, the next morning I set out with two Germans and a white flag and endeavoured to find our lines.
11. French Curé I did not find them on this occasion and so returned to the farm. In the meantime a French Curé had brought in a party of about 50 Germans.
12. Contact CDNS. I set off again with the CURÉ, F/Lt HALCROW, R.C.A.F and one German carrying a Red Cross flag. At about 0930 hrs we contacted a CDN scout coming up the road. He raised his rifle but F/Lt HALCORN shouted that we were "CANADIAN and YANK".
13. We were taken to a CDN Captain and we told him that there was a body of about 300-400 Germans waiting to surrender. As he had been double crossed by this trick before, he sent the Curé back to bring them in.

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 22 Aug 44.

Attached:

Appendix "X"

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Disposal: R.T.U.

J.C. De Cant Capt M
Major G.S.