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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 (WIA) PERSONNEL

11 Sept 1944  
(Date)

Samuel W. Roberts Jr. 2<sup>ND</sup> Lt. 0-810504  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Berlin 3  
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: 6 March '44

Returned to UK: 11 Sept 1944

450<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp. 759<sup>th</sup> Sqdn  
(Unit)

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

PILOT 2<sup>ND</sup> Lt T. Hopkins - with source since 2 days after landing  
CO-PILOT 1<sup>ST</sup> Lt T. Herndon - broke an ankle in landing Captured by German

NAVIGATOR source

1596  
BOMBARDIER F/O R. Cleveland - with source until last of April - no knowledge

RADIO OPERATOR Sgt. J. Peterson - picked up by Germans

TOP TURRET GUNNER Sgt. ? Warren " " " " (borrowed man)

BALL TURRET GUNNER Sgt. J. W. Hobson " " " "

W/ST GUNNER S/sgt E. L. Knight broke leg in landing Captured by German

W/ST GUNNER Sgt. H. P. Lambousy - picked up by Germans

TAIL GUNNER Sgt. E. J. Hilditch with source until last of April

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

6 March 1944 1545 Near Nijkerk, Holland

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

#3 + 4 Hit by flak #1 + 2 stopped - lack of fuel Not on fire

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

5000'

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

None injured or killed

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

All Yes

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Crashed + burned

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

Yes saw 5 others alive

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 - was told all were alive but two had broken bones  
(over) in landing - see above crew list

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.

*Not in water*

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

*was with Cleveland & Hilditch until last of April  
"Organization" told us the rest were captured*

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?

*W.E.F.*

What souvenirs do you still possess?

*A few Dutch coins*

Home address. *307 Ashbourne Road Elkins Park (VT) Pennsylvania*

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

*Sgt Joseph Lantigue - captured by Germans in Brussels*

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



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

EVASION CAPTURED; ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (Name of Country)... Holland

For all Personnel.

- 1. No. 0-640504 Rank 2/Lt Name S.W. Robertson
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of Missions) 3 missions
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details. No
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 754 Sqn
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 458 GP 6. Job (Pl. Ovl. Sqn., etc.) Navigator
- 7. Date of Birth 1 Apr 21 8. Length of Service 2 yrs, 2 mths
- 9. Peace time occupation Lumber & millwork 10. Present address 307, Ashbourne Rd., Elton Park, Philadelphia.
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photographs? Dog tags
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

WAS A.A.F. ONLY

- 13. No. and location of O.T.U.
- 14. No. and location of Conversion Unit

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL, AND ALL 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
- CO-PILOT
- NAVIGATOR
- POW/BARDNER
- RADIO OPERATOR
- TOP TURRET GUNNER
- TAIL TURRET GUNNER
- WAIST GUNNER (R.)
- WAIST GUNNER (L.)
- TAIL GUNNER

- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B.24 H. Horsham St. Faith (Norwich) Mar 6, 1944. 0830 hrs.
- 18. Where and when did you come down? Nr. Niskirk, Holland
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and Mae west? Natives
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Plane crashed and burned. Believe everything destroyed.

Interview by I.S. 9. (WEA)  
Date 11 Sep 44

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

*Sign this over to*  
Richard H. Dana  
R.H. Dana, 2/Lt, A.C.  
Major  
RHRB

Disposal: Returned to unit

Distribution: I.S. 9 (WEA) 2  
12 Army Group 2 (less C)  
9 AF 1

I came down near Nijckirk, Holland, 6 MAR, 1950 hrs. Met 5 others of crew and decided to split up in groups of two. Went with bombardier and hid in irrigation ditch until dark. After dark went to a farm house. Were fed and slept there. Picked up by organisation next day and moved to Amersfoort, two days later. Met Lt Hopkins here and have been with him ever since. For rest of report see Lt Hopkins, sheet No. 170.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 6-810504 Rank 1LT

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) S. W. ROBERTS, JR

Unit 4589p 734 Sp

has been fully/briefly interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA) on 11 8/ 19 44 and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should/should not be re-interrogated.

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*2007 enc*  
Major

IMPORTANT:

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

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. IS9WEA/6/169/909

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

No. 0-640504 Rank 2/Lt Name S. W. Roberts, Jr.

Date of Interview 11 Sep 44

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M and Mme C. Ottens, Amersfoort, Holland, helped me very much.

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1. Because disclosures of information regarding evasion from capture, escape, details of imprisonment, release from internment, and repatriation have been made, the lives and services of fellow soldiers and those who help them have been lost or endangered. All information which you possess on these subjects, including the experiences of others as well as your own, briefings and equipment for evasion and escape, and preparations and other activities in connection therewith, constitutes MILITARY INFORMATION which is classified SECRET by the War Department.

2. You will therefore disclose no information whatever, beyond the fact of your return to duty from "missing in action" or "prisoner of war" or "internment", to anyone except the following military officials:

- a. The first Military Attache to whom you report;
- b. An officer designated by the Commanding General of an overseas Theatre of Operations;
- c. The Prisoner of War Branch, MIS, Washington, D.C., the interrogating agency designated by the A/C of S, G-2, War Department General Staff;
- d. Certain other officers holding written authority from the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, to interrogate you.

3. You will particularly guard against disclosure of SECRET information to relatives, friends, representatives of the press and radio, and military officials, except as noted in a, b, c and d above.

4. In order to protect yourself against disciplinary action, any question involving publicity must be referred BY YOU PERSONALLY to the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, Washington, D.C.

## CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have read and fully understand all of the foregoing and the Directive of the Secretary of War, 6 Aug 43 (on the reverse side), and will at ALL TIMES hereafter comply fully therewith.

I understand that all information concerning escape, evasion from capture, activities and equipment in connection therewith, and details of imprisonment or release from internment, is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone except the military officials specifically designated. I further understand that disclosure to any other person will make me liable to disciplinary action for failure to safeguard MILITARY INFORMATION.

I realize that publicity concerning my experiences, by word of mouth or otherwise, will endanger the lives of many persons and therefore it is my duty to take all possible precautions to prevent it.

I further certify that I have received a copy of the foregoing.

Name (Print) Samuel W. Roberts, Jr. Signed: Samuel W. Roberts, Jr.  
 Rank. 2<sup>ND</sup> LT ..... A.S.N. 0-910504 Dated.....Place.....  
 Unit. 458<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp 75A<sup>th</sup> Sqn ..... Witness.....