

SECRET

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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 (WEA) PERSONNEL

9/15/44  
(Date)

JACOBS, JEROME S/Sgt. 16066349  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

MAINE GERMANY 4  
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: 9/9/44

Returned to UK: 9/15/44

755 SQDN. 458 BOM. GR.  
(Unit)

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

PILOT STONE BURNER, P.W. - EVADED  
CO-PILOT LEWIS, C.A. - WAS TOLD HE EVADED  
NAVIGATOR BRIXIUS, J.L. - WAS TOLD HE EVADED  
BOMBARDIER WEINER, S. - EVADED  
RADIO OPERATOR JACOBS, J. - EVADED  
TOP TURRET GUNNER SMITH, L.I. - DON'T KNOW  
BILL TURRET GUNNER NONE  
WAIST GUNNER FERRANDO, J. WAS TOLD HE EVADED  
WAIST GUNNER OLNEY, B. - DONT KNOW  
TAIL GUNNER AGLIATA, J. - DONT KNOW

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. 1100 - 9-9-44

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
THREE ENGINES LOST - ONE RUNAWAY PROP

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 12,500

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? NO

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? ALL - DONT KNOW

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? DONT KNOW

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? NO

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. THROUGH ARMY

SOURCES, I LEARNED THE CO-PILOT, NAVIGATOR, AND  
WAIST GUNNER, FERRANDO, HAD EVADED  
(over)

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? *NO*. If so, what was its condition?

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.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? *DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO REMAINING THREE CREW MEMBERS*

Were you wounded? *NO*.

Were you in German hands? *NO*.

Did you kill any Germans in escaping? *—*

Have you previously given the names of your helpers? *YES*

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given. *DO NOT KNOW ANY MORE.*

What security briefing were you given? *IN PARIS AT INTERROGATION*

What souvenirs do you still possess? *NONE*

Home address. *R#1, EAST ALTON, ILLINOIS*

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

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

(Applies to all PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVASION CAPTURE /XXXXXXXXXXXX (Name of Country) Germany & Luxembourg

For all Personnel

- 1. No. 16066349 Rank S/Sgt. Name Jerome JACOBS  
(U.K. Address; Temp. or U/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F. No. of Missions) 4 missions
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details No
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqdn. (Air Force) 755 Bomb. Sqdn.
- 5. Div. (Army) or Cpt. (Air Force) 458 Bomb. Gp. Job (Pl. Cad., Rfn., etc) Radio Operator
- 7. Date of Birth 18 Feb 1920 Length of Service 2 yr. 4 mo.
- 9. Peace time occupation Gunner Private Address #1, East Alton, Ill.
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags and E&E Photos
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

FOR R.A.F. CREW

- 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 Radio Operator
- 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	2nd Lt. P.W. Stoneburner	Evaded
CO-PILOT	2nd Lt. C.A. Lewis	Was told he got out
NAVIGATOR	2nd Lt. J.L. Brixius	Was told he got out
BOMBARDIER	F/O S. Weiner	Evaded
RADIO OPERATOR	Narrator	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	S/Sgt. L.I. Smith	Unknown
BALL TURRET GUNNER	None	
WAIST GUNNER (R.)	Sgt. J.R. Ferrando	Was told he got out
WAIST GUNNER (L.)	Sgt. B.R. Olney	Unknown
TAIL GUNNER	Sgt. J. Agliata	Unknown

- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24, Norwich, 9 Sep 1944, 0700 hrs.
- 18. Where and when did you come down? About 5 miles inside Germany from Luxembourg, 1100 hrs.
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and Mae West? In forest
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Plane crashed and burned.

*Stoneburner*

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)  
Date 13 Sep 1944

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

I grade this evasion No. 5.

*Robert Bacon*  
ROBERT BACON  
2nd Lt., AC

Major

Disposal: Returned to unit.  
DISTRIBUTION:  
Hq. I.S.9(WEA) ....2  
12th Army Group....2 (less C)  
9 AF .....1

We lost our engines at about 23,000 ft. over the marshalling yards near Frankfort. We turned back and shoved out our bombs. I jumped at 12,500 ft. and pulled the cord at about 6,000 ft. I landed about three to five miles inside Germany. P-51's circled over both before and after I landed. I landed in a woods and made my way toward Luxembourg. I met a Luxembourger who escorted me to a village in Luxembourg. After three days I made my way to the American lines.

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I had been briefed on escape and evasion before practically every mission. I carried an aids box which I partly used. I also carried a red purse.

REF 2099

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 16066349 Rank S/SGT  
 Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Jerome Jacobs  
 Unit 458 B Gp

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WMA)  
 on 13 Sept 1944 and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

Robert Bacon  
 Major 2/Lt, AC.

REMARKS:

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.

TOP SECRET.  
I.S.9 (WEA)

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)/6/224/1905

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

No. 16066349 Rank S/Sgt. Name Jerome JACOBS

Date of Interview 13 Sep 1944

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I was helped by the following :

Jean Kreffels  
Leitham, Luxembourg

RESTRICTED

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) *JEROME E. JACOBS* Signed *Jerome E. Jacobs*  
 Rank *S/SGT* ..... A.S.N. *16066349* Dated *9/15/44* Place *LONDON*....  
 Unit *755 SQDN. 458 BOM. GR.* ..... Witness .....