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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 (WEL) PERSONNEL

Sept 15, 1944
(Date)

John R. FERRANDO Sgt. 33787868
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

FRANKFURT 4
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: SEPT. 9th 1944

Returned to UK: SEPT 14, 1944

75th Bomb Sq. Lt. 458th Bomb Gp.
(Unit)

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

PILOT - PAUL STONEBURNER - UNKNOWN, NO KNOWLEDGE

CO-PILOT - CHARLES LEWIS - ON WAY FROM BRUSSELS

NAVIGATOR - John BRUXINS - HERE WITH ME.

BOMBARDIER - SELDON WEINER - UNKNOWN, NO KNOWLEDGE

RADIO OPERATOR - JEROME JACOBS - "

TOP TURRET GUNNER - LAWRENCE SMITH - SAFE IN ALLIED HANDS.

BILL TURRET GUNNER - BASIL OLNEY - UNKNOWN, NO KNOWLEDGE

WAIIST GUNNER - ME

WAIIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER - JOSEPH AGLIATA, UNKNOWN, NO KNOWLEDGE

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

SEPT 9, 1944 - 11:00 AM - NOT CERTAIN

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

NO. 2 ENGINE OIL PRESSURE WENT UP, COULDN'T TEATHER IT, BEGAN TO RUN AWAY. NO. 1 ENGINE CUT IN AND OUT.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

13,500 ft
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

YES

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

NOT CERTAIN

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.

GIVEN INFORMATION ON ONE MEMBER THAT HE HAD A
BROKEN ANKLE, CAPTURED BY ENEMY.
(over)

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.

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

TAIL GUNNER BAILED OUT FIRST BELIEVED LANDED IN GERMANY. I WAS SECOND MAN OUT AND I LANDED ABOUT 2 MILES INSIDE GERMANY.

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?

What souvenirs do you still possess?

NONE

Home address.

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

NOT CERTAIN.

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

Records

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Questionnaire for Service Personnel.

1. No., Rank and full name: 33787863 Sgt Hohn R. Ferrando
2. Decorations NIL
3. Squadron. 755 Bomb Sqdn
4. Command 458 Bomb Gp 8th USAAF
5. Date of Birth 22 April 1925
6. Date of Enlistment 1 July 1943
7. Peacetime Profession Student
8. Private Address Chester Springs, Pennsylvania.
9. Which type of aircraft were you flying B-24
10. Left from Norwich..... on 9. Sept. 44. at ..0700... hrs
11. Baled out (or crashed) at at 1100.... hrs
12. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?
 Buried, then under ground, and leaves... Rest of.....
 equipment, left in plane.....
13. Describe briefly on the attached sheet your journey from the time of baling out until you rejoined the Allied Forces. Give details of your route (with dates) and state whether you were in the hands of an organisation or a Resistance Group. If captured, give details (place and date of capture and place, date and method of escape). If you were accompanied at any stage of your journey, give the names of your companions and state what became of them.
14. At the end of your account give names and address of those who helped you, with approximate dates of their help and a very brief summary of what they did for you.

Write out this information the following way:-

11 - 16 Jun 44	Pierre FRANCE 60 rue de 14 Juillet, Suippes (Marne) France.	Food and shelter Contact with Resistance Group.
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I baled out 1100 hrs 9 Sept 1944 about 2 miles inside Germany. I walked about 10 miles to village and got help by ARTHUR KANIER, HEIDEISFIELD, LUXEMBOURG. Stayed at his house for two days until Americans arrived.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 33484868 Rank Sgt
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) FERRANDO John R
Unit 455 Bomb Sqn 8 A.F

has been ~~fully~~/^{briefly}interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 13 Sep 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.
He should/should not/be re-interrogated.

A. J. Evans
Major.

IMPORTANT.

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

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) *John R. Ferrando*..... Signed *John R. Ferrando*.....
 Rank *Sgt*..... A.S.N. *33787868*..... Dated *9/15/44*.. Place *LONDON*.....
 Unit *755th Bomb Sqdn 458th Bomb Grp*..... Witness.....