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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

Sept. 12, 1944
(Date)

Blodgett, Donald E. 2nd Lt. 0-701868
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Eisleben, Ger. 13
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: 27 June 1944

Returned to UK: Sept. 12, 1944

458 Bomb Gp. 754 Sgd.
(Unit)

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

PILOT Armour - With me

CO-PILOT Blodgett

NAVIGATOR Fullerton Bailed out

BOMBARDIER Erdmann " "

RADIO OPERATOR Brill " " Prisoner

TOP TURRET GUNNER Rawls " " "

BALL TURRET GUNNER Reichardt " " "

W.A.I.S.T GUNNER Owens " " "

W.A.I.S.T GUNNER Davis " " "

TAIL GUNNER Allen " " "

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. 27/4/44 1200 hrs.

N.E. of Antwerp

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

#1 engine out, out of gas, oxygen system partly out, interphon out, most of radio out

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 10,000 ft.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? Davis injured in head by flack.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? All bailed out. To my knowledge no chute failed to open.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? No.

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

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.

People said 2 were taken prisoner. Believed to be Rawls and Brill.
(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?

No opinion except as to 2 P.W.

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? *Complete*

What souvenirs do you still possess? *None connected with underground.*

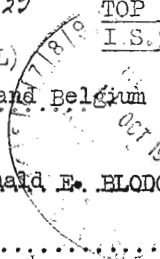
Home address. *550 Arlington Place, Chicago Ill.*

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.

Roger Bergman, B17 pilot, in Belgium

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)
EVADED CAPTURED/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) Holland and Belgium
For all Personnel.



- 1. No. 0-701868 Rank 2d Lt. Name Donald E. BLODGETT
(U.K. Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 13 missions
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details. No
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 458 B. GP. 754 B. Sq.
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 8th AF 6. Job. (Pl. Cmd. Rfn., etc.) CQ-Pilot
- 7. Date of Birth 11 Sep 1916 8. Length of Service 2 years
- 9. Peace time occupation Lawyer 10. Private address 550 Arlington Pl.
Chicago, Illinois.
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photographs? 6 Photos, identity discs.
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Some spanish

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 Co-pilot
- 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 2d Lt. C.B. Armour E & E Report I.S.9(WEA) 6/314 202x
- CO-PILOT Narroator
- NAVIGATOR 2d Lt. J.O. Fullerton 0712649 Baled out 26.79
- BOMBARDIER 1st Lt. Erdmann 0752809 Baled out P/W
- RADIO OPERATOR S/Sgt J. Brill 33.601860 Said to be PW P/W
- TOP TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt C. Rawls 345065728 said to be PW, broken leg P/W
- BALL TURRET GUNNER Sgt F. P. ... Baled out 26.80
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) Sgt. W. Owens 35651617 Baled out P/W
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) Sgt. B.J. Davis 38203263 Baled out, head wounds MIA
- TAIL GUNNER Sgt. E.S. Allen 11105322 Baled out P/W
- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24, Horsham, St. Faith Eng.
29 June 44 0600 hrs.
- 18. Where and when did you come down? Near Hulst at Holland-Belgium border
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Left in ditch, told civilians to hide.
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Plane burst inot flames

Interview by I.S.9.(WEA)
Date 11 Sept. 1944

Attached:
Appendix EXC
Appendix "C"
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David ...
Major, *...*

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

I grade this evasion nos

Our target was a JU-88 assembly plant at Eisleben, Germany. Just about the time we left our bombs go, we were hit by flak and we had to drop out of formation. We headed for home, but when we were over the Zuider Zee, our engines quit. We decided to head back toward land, and the order was given to bale out when we were no longer over water.


Lt. Armour, the radio operator, the engineer and I baled out near Hulst, Belgium. I landed in a meadow, picked up my chute and ran for some civilians standing in the field. They took my chute, harness and Mae West but indicated that Germans were in the area. I began running across the fields for about a mile. When I came to a road, I hid in the field until nightfall not wishing to cross the highway in daylight.

That night I started S, and after walking about three miles, came to a flooded area and had to retrace my steps. I then met a man on a bicycle who appeared friendly. After I told him that I was American, he took me to a cafe in a small village, gave me civilian clothes and arranged to hide me in a house in the flooded area. I was taken to the house by rowboat and from that point on my journey was arranged.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-701868 Rank 2nd Lt
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) DONALD E BLODGETT
Unit 458 Bomb Grp, 754 Sqdn
has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)
on 11 Sep 19 44 and has signed a Security Certificate.
He ~~should~~/should not be re-interrogated.


Major, Inf.

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.

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I.S.9 (WEA)

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)6/314/1635

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

No. 0-701868 Rank 2d Lt. Name Donald E. Blodgett

Date of Interview 11 Sept. 1944

From the farmhouse in the flooded area I was taken by two policemen to the home of MARIA WESEMAEL, Zeelands of Netherlands, near Hulst, Belgium. I remained there until 9 July.

From 9 July to 12 July I stayed at the home of GEORGE SMET, St Nicolas, Belgium. A Mr. Van Noeh, St Nicolas, appeared to be head of the organization in that district.

I was later taken to the home of OCTAUF DE BOEUER, Langvelde, 26, Zele, Belgium, where I remained until that area was liberated.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

KLS/el-2B-938 Pentagon

6 August 1943

SUBJECT: Amended Instructions Concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War, to Include Evaders of Capture in Enemy or Enemy-Occupied Territory and Internees in Neutral Countries.

TO: The Commanding Generals,
Army Ground;
Army Air Forces;
The Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area;
The Commanding Generals,
Theaters of Operations;
Defense Commands;
Departments;
Base Commands;
The Commanding Officers,
Base Commands;
Director, Bureau of Public Relations.

1. Publication or communication to any unauthorized persons of experiences of escape or evasion from enemy-occupied territory, internment in a neutral country, or release from internment not only furnishes useful information to the enemy but also jeopardizes future escapes, evasions and releases.
2. Personnel will not, unless authorized by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, publish in any form whatever or communicate either directly, or indirectly, to the press, radio or an unauthorized person any account of escape or evasion of capture from enemy or enemy-occupied territory, or internment in a neutral country either before or after repatriation. They will be held strictly responsible for all statements contained in communications to friends which may subsequently be published in the press or otherwise.
3. Evaders, escapees, or internees shall not be interrogated on the circumstances of their experiences in escape, evasion or internment except by the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations. In allied or neutral countries, American Military Attaches are authorized to interrogate on escape, evasion and internment matters.
4. Should the services of escaped prisoners of war, evaders, or internees be deemed necessary for lecturing and briefing, such services will be under the direct supervision of the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations.
5. Commanding Officers will be responsible for instructing all evaders, escapees, and internees in the provisions of this directive which supercedes letter, AG 383.6 (6 Nov 42) OB-S-B-M, 7 November 1942, subject: Instructions concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War and other previous instructions on this subject.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J. A. ULJO
J. A. ULJO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

1. Information about your escape or your evasion from capture *would be useful to the enemy* and a danger to your friends. It is therefore **SECRET**.

2. *a* You must therefore not disclose, except to the first Military Attache to whom you report, or to an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations, or by A. C. of S., G-2, W. D.
 - (1) The names of those who helped you.
 - (2) The method by which you escaped or evaded.
 - (3) The route you followed.
 - (4) Any other facts concerning your experience.
- b* You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.
- c* You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.
- d* You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4.
- e* No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of A. C. of S., G-2, W. D., or corresponding organization in the theater.

GERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

I understand that any information concerning my *escape or evasion* from capture is **SECRET** and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the agency designated by A. C. of S., G-2, War Department, the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations, or to the Military Attache in a neutral country to whom I first report. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) Blodgett, Ronald E. Signed Ronald E. Blodgett
 Rank 2nd Lt. A.S.N. 0-701840 Dated 12 Sept 1944
 Unit 754sg 458 G.F. Witness _____

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