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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

Sept. 4, 1944
(Date)

Ladislao C. CASTRO S/Sgt 18201801
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

FREDRIECHAVEN, GEL - APR 23
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: MARCH 18, 1944

Returned to UK: Sept. 4, 1944

506 Bomb. Sqdn - 44th Bomb Gp.
(Unit)

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

PILOT 1st Lt. Raymond C. Houghtby 0800541 - P/W
CO-PILOT 2nd Lt. (UNKNOWN) Louis B. Seftonck, 0946442 - P/W
NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. GEORGE K. RAMSEY, 0736027 - P/W
BOMBARDIER S/Sgt - (UNKNOWN) Colman D. Bogart, 15105558 - P/W
RADIO OPERATOR S/Sgt. FRANK P. Phillips 12083302 - P/W
TOP TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt. WAYNE M. WARREN 35400551 - P/W
BALL TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt. JAMES W. Lewis, 32486667 - P/W
RWAIIST GUNNER - S/Sgt. L. C. CASTRO - narrator
LWAIIST GUNNER S/Sgt. NORMAN L. Dye, 14158242 - P/W
TAIL GUNNER S/Sgt. THOMAS M. CANNON, Jr., 34396263 - P/W

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

AT GAMACHES SOME - MARCH 18, 1944 - ABOUT 17:32 -

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

~~YES~~

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

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

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

7 -

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

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

Yes -

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.

7 MEMBERS OF CREW WERE CAPTURED BY GESTAPO
UPON LANDING - SOURCE SAW THE 7 PARACHUTES DESCENDING - TWAS
(OVER) ALSO TOLD BY UNDERGROUND - NAMES OF BAIERS UNKNOWN.

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?

They captured - did not make delayed jump -

Were you wounded? - Sprained ankle - set by Dr - in Amiens Somme -

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? Belt buckle of GERMAN Soldier -

Home address. 1207 East Eighth St - Austin 22, Texas

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

NORMAN L. DYE - THOMAS CANNON

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

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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-389 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 supersedes letter, AG 383.6 (5 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. ULIO
J. A. ULIO
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) LADISLAO C. CASTRO
Rank S/SGT A. S. N. 18201801
Unit 506 Bomb. SqDN - 44th B. Gp.

Signed Ladislao C. Castro
Dated Sept. 4, 1944
Witness Charles A. Brown

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AG P BR HQ SOS 122472

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 18201801 Rank STAFF SERGEANT C.W.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) CASTRO, LADISLAV-C

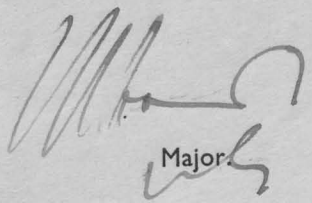
Unit 506 (H) Bomb Sqdn - 49th Bomb Gp (H)

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 3 Sep 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

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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.

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Questionnaire for Service Personnel

Report No. 2/346/787

- 1. No., Rank and full name: 18201801 S/Sgt LADISLAO C. Castro
- 2. Decorations Air Medal 1st A.L.C.
- 3. Squadron 506 Bomb Sqn (H)
- 4. Command 8 Bomb
- 5. Date of Birth ~~XXXXXX~~ 13 Feb 24
- 6. Date of Enlistment 9 Nov 42
- 7. Peacetime Profession Student
- 8. Private Address: 1207 East Eighth Street AUSTIN, TEXAS

9. Which type of aircraft were you flying? CONS LIBERATOR (B.24H)

10. Left from SHIPHAM..... on 18 Mar 44. 194..... at 0900 hrs

11. Baled out (or crashed) at FORCEVILLE SOMME at 1730 hrs

12. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mac-west?

Rolled harness helmet gloves etc in parachute - threw in ditch under bushes.

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 name of your companions and state what became of them.

14. At the end of your account give names and addresses 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	Food and shelter
	60 rue de 14 Juillet,	Contact with R
	Suippes (Marne)	Group
	France.	

Baled out 18 Mar ~~43~~⁴⁴ at FORCEVILLE SOMME. Hid in straw pile for fourteen hours - was taken by a lady and a girl (Names unknown) to WIERY AU MOUNT SOMME - on 19 Mar 43 to M. & Mme ALBERT DUVAL - stayed there until 28 Mar 44 when the organisation picked me up and took me to AMIENS SOMME. Stayed with Mme M. HERBERT, her daughter and son in law. Was there from 28 Mar 44 until 2 May 44 when I was moved to another house - in same city. Mme VIGNON took care of me until liberation day - 31 Aug 44. On 1 Sep 44 I left the town - hitchhiked on supply trucks to EVREUX NORMANDY was flown to air base and brought to here.

19 - 28 Mar 44	M & Mme ALBERT DUVAL WIERY AU MOUNT SOMME	Food and shelter Contact with organisation & clothes.
28 Mar - 2 May 44	Mme MAURICE HERBERT 84 AVE GEN FOY AMIENS SOMME	Food and shelter
2 May - 31 Aug 44	Mme VIGNON T. 137 RUE VULTRAM WARME AMIENS SOMME	Food and shelter.

Broke right ankle and Dr in AMIENS set it.

135 fcs returned.

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MIA 18 Mar

[Signature]
 Major.

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