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HEADQUARTERS
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 '44
(Date)

RINKEB, W 1st Lt 0-803272
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

7
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: April 22 '44

Returned to UK: Sept 4 '44

587th SQ 394th GP
(Unit)

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

PILOT RINKEB, W
CO-PILOT Peterson - Arthur R-0-755411 - P/W
P.W.

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER Lynch, L.W. - ¹⁰¹³ Evaded + returned thru here.

RADIO OPERATOR Horrigan, K.V. - P.W.

TOP TURRET GUNNER Gomeringer - P.W.

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

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TAIL GUNNER Letman - P.W.

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. April 22 '44 11:30 AM
near Abbeyville

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
Left side of plane shot up + right engine dead.
Left engine losing power.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?
8000'

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?
Engineer had one leg shot up and other broken
when he hit.

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

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? yes

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.

(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?

only what I found out from friends at my address

Were you wounded?

frained my right leg.

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.

none

What security briefing were you given?

By British Intell.

What souvenirs do you still possess?

none

Home address.

HAVILAND KANSAS

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.

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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-939 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,
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Departments;
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Director, Bureau of Public Relations.

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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.

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/s/ J. A. ULIO
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I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

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Name (Print) RINKEL, Lloyd
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Signed Lloyd Rinkel
Dated Sept 4 1944
Witness _____

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Signed Lloyd Rinkel
Dated Sept 7 1944
Witness _____

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-803272 Rank 1st Lt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) RINKEL

Unit 587th SQ 394th GP

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

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

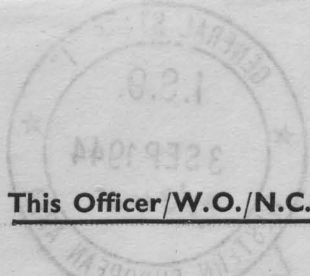
MIA 22 April
9th

[Handwritten Signature]
Major. *[Signature]*

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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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CERTIFIED THAT:

This Officer/W.O./N.C.O. has special information on the following subjects:—

No. 0

Report MIS (P.W. & K) 63 Brooke Street

Unit

known W.I. has been fully interrogated by an Intelligence Officer (I.S.9) on

and has signed a Security Certificate.

Handwritten signature



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Handwritten scribbles and notes

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-803272 Rank (2) LT

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) RINKEW, L

Unit 587th SQ 394th GP

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and has signed a Security Certificate.

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F. afford(?)
[Signature]
Major. *[Signature]*
Lt - T.O.

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R.A.F.

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Questionnaire for Service Personnel

Report No. 2/345/786

1. No., Rank and full name: 0.803272 Lieut RINKEL Lloyd

2. Decorations Nil

3. Squadron 587 Sqn 394 Gp

4. Command 9 Air Force

5. Date of Birth 8 Aug 20

6. Date of Enlistment 1 Apr 42

7. Peacetime Profession Expeditor in a/c plant

8. Private Address: HAVILAND, KANSAS, USA

9. Which type of aircraft were you flying? B-26

10. Left from BOREHAN..... on 22 Apr 44 194..... at 1000 hrs

11. Baled out (or crashed) at Nr ABBEVILLE at 1130 hrs

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

..... Hid it under some leaves.....

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 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
60 rue de 14 Juillet,
Suippes (Marne)
France.

Food and shelter
Contact with Resistance
Group

Fcs 160:- 7 Identity cards returned

I baled out on 22 Apr 44 East and South of ABBEYVILLE and hid in woods. I walked due South and four days later met a man who let me stay in his house for four days. This was West of HORNNOY. I was then contacted by a man from AMIENS who was in the organisation. He took me there by train and I stayed in one house two weeks was bombed out and moved to another place where I stayed a week. I then went to Mme VIGNON's residence at 137 RUE DE VULFRAM in AMIENS and stayed there until we were liberated 31 Aug 44. I rode supply vehicles back to my present location.

Mme VIGNON
137 RUE DE VULFRAM
AMIENS

Food and shelter for approx 3 months.