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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 35495324 Rank S/Sgt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) WEIBRING CLARENCE

Unit 544 Sqdn 384 Grp

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9 (WEA) on 27 Sep 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

[Handwritten Signature]
Major. *[Handwritten Initials]*

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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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, 1944
(Date)

Clarence
~~Leibring~~ Leibring S/Sgt 35495324
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Briefed for Berlin
Bombed the Ruhr Valley 21
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: Mar. 4, 1944

Returned to UK: Sept. 4, 1944

384 B. Grp. 544 Sqn
(Unit)

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

PILOT 1st Lt. Walter T. Carpenter - 0533026 MIA

CO-PILOT 2nd Lt. Kennedy, John B., Jr. - 0-802413 P/W

NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. Carl A. Hedin - bailed out - 0-734912 P/W

BOMBARDIER 2nd Lt. Murray Altman - 0-676530 KIA

RADIO OPERATOR T/Sgt Wayne Fallesen 37451120 P/W

TOP TURRET GUNNER T/Sgt ~~Wayne~~ Dwight McCracken - wounded - bailed out

BALL TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt Edward J. O'Leary 323851338 - MIA P/W

WAIIST GUNNER S/Sgt Donald R. Girard - 11073385 P/W

WAIIST GUNNER S/Sgt Bernard Zyglowicz - 6 Underground

TAIL GUNNER S/Sgt Clarence Leibring 1469

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. March 4 - 12:00 - 2:00 - St. Amand, France

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
Hit by flak in No. 2 engine - left formation - attack by 109's from nose - ship was riddled & No. 4 engine smoking

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?
Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?
hit in finger, Zyglowicz hit in leg, McCracken between the eyes, two assumed killed - call me in for complete story if wanted

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?
Two waist gunners, ball turret, & tail gunner bailed out & in French Underground, I counted seven chutes

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?
Unknown

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?
yes corresponded with Zyglowicz, O'Leary & Girard

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.
They said two of the following were killed (pilot, co-pilot, bombardier)
saw Navigator & Engineer bail out (Radio)
(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? ^(Lt Altman) Believe bombardier to be one of the dead

because no nose guns were fired - Corresponded with Zydlowicz, Girard + O'Leary but they may have been taken later by the Gestapo. Radio Operator was last seen standing in Radio room & seemed to be O.K.

Were you wounded?

Yes - in finger of right hand

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.

Henry Blouquet
4 Rue Waremme
Dollens France
Food + shelter

Ernest Hemery (Dollens)
Luchaux, par Somme
Somme, France
food, shelter, identification card

What security briefing were you given?

None - given paper

What souvenirs do you still possess?

Only ones that I made of wood while in hiding

Home address.

2254 Division St. Evansville, Indiana

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

F/Lt Douglas Mathewson - Canadian - Spit pilot
McDougall - Canadian - Halifax - also his tail gunner
(Navigator)

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,
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 (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) CLARENCE LEIBRING
Rank S/SGT A. S. N. 35495324
Unit 384 B. Gyp 344 Sgdn

Signed Clarence Leibring
Dated 4 September 1943
Witness Charles A. Brown
M. U. A. C.

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Questionnaire for Service Personnel

Report No. 2/344/785

- 1. No., Rank and full name: 35495324 S/Sgt CLARENCE LEIBRING
- 2. Decorations Air Medal and Three clusters.
- 3. Squadron 544 Sqn 384 Gp
- 4. Command 8 Aif Force
- 5. Date of Birth 11 Dec 19
- 6. Date of Enlistment Sep 1942
- 7. Peacetime Profession Machine adjuster.
- 8. Private Address: 2254 Division St., EVANSVILLE, Ind
- 9. Which type of aircraft were you flying? B-17
- 10. Left from Stn 106..... on 4 Mar 44... 194..... at 0800. hrs
- 11. Baled out (or crashed) at ST. AMAND..... at 1000 hrs... hrs
- 12. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae-west?

Buried under a manure pile.

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
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Mia 4 Mar

Major. *SS*

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