

SECRET

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. 3, 1944
(Date)

JONES, RAY 5/594 14138294
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

5 mi NE. PARIS 28
Airport (Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: June 14

Returned to UK: Sept. 3

457th Bn. Gp. 750th Sq.
(Unit)

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

E7E
1224 PILOT W.F. Rogers NO INFORMATION

CO-PILOT S.J. WALSAWSKI London

1232 NAVIGATOR W.J. COLLARD NO. INF.

1225 BOMBARDIER Bunch NO. INF.

RADIO OPERATOR J. Chumas NO. INF. other than bailed out.

TOP TURRET GUNNER J.D. LANE NO. INF.

BALL TURRET GUNNER D.H. QUICK BAILED OUT NO MORE INF.

1083 WAIST GUNNER A.H. SHUMWAY " " " "

WAIST GUNNER

1452 TAIL GUNNER R. Jones London

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

June 14, 9:30 AM - 10 MI North of PARIS

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

Almost a direct hit by plane. Plane burning badly on right wing and #3 engine.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 20,000 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? Co-pilot London said everyone got out and all chutes opened.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? NO. Inf.

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.

NO Inf.

(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.

no

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

no info other than Copeland in London

Were you wounded?

no

Were you in German hands?

no

Did you kill any Germans in escaping?

I shot at some before the Americans arrived in the town I was staying

Have you previously given the names of your helpers?

yes. To the Interrogation officer in Paris

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given.

none

What security briefing were you given?

NAME, RANK, NO. 18

GERMANS

What souvenirs do you still possess?

German caps. German belt,

German razor.

Home address. R.F.D. #3, Bowdon, Ga.

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

no. I n f about any being arrested by Germans

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

Eric Gilby R.A.F.

Find crew of Bunet, Gr 6 1225,
and do TAO's for Jones, 1452,
and Lane, 2738, only —
rest of RTO's finished

10 11 83-99

2-69-23

CONFIDENTIAL.

206
145V

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 14138294 Rank 8/SGT

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) JONES. RAY.

Unit 457 Grp. 788 Sq. USAAF

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on Sept 11 55 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

C. Merley Brown
Major. *17/45*

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.

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) France

For All Personnel.

- 1. No. 14138244 Rank S/Sjt Name Ray Jones
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) A.M. (three clusters) D.F.C. 28 missions
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details. No
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 750 Bomb Sqn
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 457 Gp
- 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.)
- 7. Date of Birth 11 Feb 23
- 8. Length of Service 2 yrs
- 9. Peace time occupation None
- 10. Private address Tanburne, Ala.
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? No
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

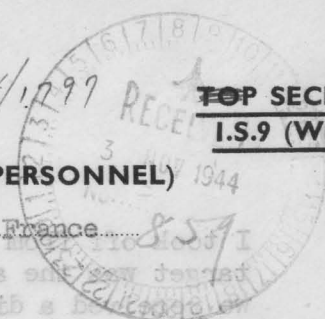
- 13. No. and location of O.T.U.
- 14. No. and location of Conversion Unit

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS

WHO BALE OUT

- 15. Post in Crew Tail gunner
 - 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 | W.F. Rogers, Wm F 1st Lt 0677575 | baled out | 808 1224 |
| CO-PILOT | S.J. Walsinski Wologanski | U.K. — | |
| NAVIGATOR | W.J. Collard, Wilbert J. 1st Lt - 080116 | No information | 1287 |
| BOMBARDIER | Bunch, Milton, 2/Sgt 34669012 | " | 1225 |
| RADIO OPERATOR | J. Chumas, John 7/Sgt 32225052 | | |
| TOP TURRET GUNNER | Lane, Joshua D. | " | 2738 |
| BALL TURRET GUNNER | D.H. Quick, David, 1/Sgt 33250442 | | |
| WAIST GUNNER (R.) | O.H. Shumway, Orion | | 808 1083 |
| WAIST GUNNER (L.) | | | |
| TAIL GUNNER | Narrator | | |

- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B.17G Glatton Peterborough 4.30 a.m 14/6/44
- 18. Where and when did you come down? S. 1467 Fr. 250,000 Sh. 7.10.00 a.m
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Left it in woods. Germans were after me and I didn't have time to hide it.
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Plane burning when I baled out. No information of plane after leaving it.



Our... Just after we had bombed... The pilot gave...

orders to bale out immediately.

I made a good landing between... saw a couple of Germans about 200 yds away walking slowly backwards and...

as possible to the woods where I stayed for about 2 hours while the heat...

of the second side away... what I was wearing... two people picking wild strawberries...

sign of them and said... the woman led the way followed by the man and my...

later the man came back in the picture with two other people... they were attached I was done tide...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane...

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

I took off from Glatton A/D Peterborough on 14 June at 0430 hrs. Our target was the airfield around Gonesse (S.751357) Just after we had bombed we received a direct hit from heavy flak at 20,000 ft. The pilot gave orders to bale out immediately.

I made a good landing between a couple of trees (S.1167) On landing I saw a couple of Germans about 200 yds away walking slowly backwards and forwards and observing me through field glasses. I made off as quickly as possible to the woods where I stayed for about 2 hours while the heat of the search died away. Whilst I was walking through the woods I saw two people picking wild strawberries. I went up to them. Made the Victory sign at them and said American. They discussed me for a little while then the woman led the way followed by the man and myself.

We had gone a short way when I was told to hide. Half an hour later the man came back in the picture with two other people. As I didn't speak French they went off and brought back another man. They asked for my identification papers. Unfortunately I had left them in the plane. They were satisfied I was bona fide. From here on my journey was arranged.

- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? No
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

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 Tail Gunner
- 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 W.F. Rogers, baled out
- CO-PILOT J. Collins, No information
- NAVIGATOR J. Collins, No information
- BOMBARDIER J. Collins, No information
- RADIO OPERATOR J. Collins, No information
- TOP TURRET GUNNER J. Collins, No information
- BALL TURRET GUNNER J. Collins, No information
- W/ST GUNNER (R.) O.H. Shurway, No information
- W/ST GUNNER (L.)
- TAIL GUNNER Narrator

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B.17G Glatton Peterborough 4.30 a.m. 14.6.44

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA) *W.F. Rogers*
Date 1/9/44 *W.F. Rogers*

- 18. Where and when did you come down? How did you escape? How did you escape? How did you escape?
- 19. How did you escape? How did you escape? How did you escape?
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Plane burning when I baled out. No information of plane after leaving it.

Attached: Appendix "B" "C" "D" Disposal: Major

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. 1.59 (WEA) / 6/504/1997

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

No. 14138294 Rank S/Sjt Name Jones, R.

Date of Interview 1 Sep

June 14th a M. Alfred Lacroix took me to his house at 15 Bis Avenue Victor Hugo, Gorge les Gonesse (S.7 S.1357) I stayed for the night. The next day I was taken to Pierrelaye (R.9262) and stayed with Rene Mounier (?) for a week, and then going to stay with a M. Mottet who lived at Cormeilles (R.9656) I remained with them for 5 days (Jun 27) I then returned to M. Lacroix.

APPENDIX "D" TO E. & E. REPORT No. 1.5.9 (WEA) 16/504/1797

No. 14138294 Rank S/Sjt Name R. Jones

Unit 457 Bmbr Gp - 750 Sqn

Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and comments will help others to evade or escape capture.

I. AIDS BOXES.

- (a) Did you use your aids box ? No
- (b) If not, why not ? Left it in plane
- (c) If you used it, state briefly when and where
- (d) What did you use ? Nothing
- (e) Did any of the items prove unsatisfactory ?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box ?
- (g) Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed, to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that it cannot be larger ?
No

2. PURSE.

- (a) Did you carry a purse ? No If not, why not ? Left in plane
State colour of purse Brown
- (b) Did you use it ? No
- (c) If so which of the items in it were used ? Maps ?
Compass ? File ?
Foreign currency France, none used State countries and amounts used ?
What was it spent for ?
- (d) How did you dispose of : Maps File
Compass Surplus currency

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion ?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS.

Did you carry any passport size photographs ? If so, how many ? None
Did you use them?

5. LECTURES.

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape ? State where, when, and by whom if possible ? Yes,
Every week at our base by int.
- (b) Did you find the lectures of value Yes
- (c) Do you have any suggestions based on your experience which will help other evaders and escapers ?
No

RESTRICTED

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) RAY (NMI) JONES Signed Ray Jones
Rank S/sgt. A. S. N. 14138294 Dated Sept 3, 1944
Unit 457th Bm. - Gp. - 750th Sg. Witness [Signature]

AG P BR HQ SOS

122472

RESTRICTED

6447 1452
CONFIDENTIAL.

June 14, 1944
8th Air Force
CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 14138294 Rank S/5ai

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) JONES. RAY.

Unit 457. Group 750 Sq.

has been fully/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on Sept 11th 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should/should not/be re-interrogated.

C. Harley Brown
Major. 1945

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.