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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

Aug 4, 44  
(Date)

Hanson Leonard Sglt 16166761  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Airfield near Paris 10  
(Target) (Number of missions)

457 Bomb Sq 789 Bomb Sq  
(Unit)

Date Missing in Action: June 14, 1944

Returned to UK: Aug 3, 1944

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

PILOT	1st Lt. Roy Allen	Don't know
CO-PILOT	1st Lt. Verne Lewis	" "
NAVIGATOR	1st Lt. Joseph Bruce	" "
BOMBARDIER	1st Lt. Lawrence Anderson	" "
RADIO OPERATOR	1st Lt. E. L. Smith	Reported as UK
TOP TURRET GUNNER	Sgt Roy E. Plumm	Don't know
MID TURRET GUNNER	Sgt. Wm. Goldsboro	Reported as UK
W/ST GUNNER	Sgt. Leonard S. Hanson	" "
W/ST GUNNER	Sgt. J. Miller	Don't know
TAIL GUNNER	Sgt. Gordon Long	" "

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing: June 14, 1944. 9.15

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

Control Cables were shot out.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? approx 18,000

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

no

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

was told that all bailed out.

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?

Yes. Body. Lower half waist & tail

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.

The French said all escaped.

(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?

*Was sold by French Underground  
tho' all were safe*

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? *In the States England + France*

What souvenirs do you still possess? *none*

Home address. *Johnsonville Illinois*

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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Name (Print) Henson Leonard S  
Rank Sgt A. S. N. 16/66761  
Unit 457 Bomb GP 749 B SQ

Signed Leonard S Henson  
Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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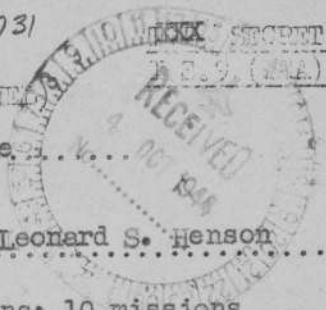
E. & R. REPORT No. IS9(WEA)7/145/731

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E. & R. (WEA)

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

EVASION CAPTURED/RECOVERED FROM (Name of Country) France

For all Personnel.



- 1. No. 16166761 Rank Sgt Name Leonard S. Henson  
(U.S. Acting, Temp. or T/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F. No. of missions) No decorations; 10 missions
- 3. Were you wounded? (Give details) bled from nose and ears after hitting ground
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 457. 749 sqn
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 457 Bomb Gp. 6. Job. (Pl. Cnd., Rfn., etc.) L/waist Gnr
- 7. Date of Birth 14 Dec 1923 8. Length of Service 2 yrs
- 9. Peace time occupation carpenter 10. Private address Johnsonville, Illinois
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? 4 photos & dogtags
- 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 L/waist 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 1st Lt Roy W. Allen I was told by French that all had baled out safely and were infriendly hands.
- CO-PILOT 2nd Lt Verne H. Lewis
- NAVIGATOR 2nd Lt Joseph C. Brusse
- BOMBARDIER 2nd Lt Lawrence (NMI) Anderson
- RADIO OPERATOR S/Sgt Ernest L. Smith (E&E Rept IS9(WEA)7/146) 1434
- TOP TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt Roy E. Plum 1234
- BASE TURRET GUNNER Sgt William C. Goldsborough
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) Sgt John Miller, sprained ankle when he hit ground, believed safe
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) Narrator
- TAIL GUNNER Sgt Gordon M. Long - 1196
- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17, Glatton, England, 14 Jun 44  
0700 hrs
- 18. Where and when did you come down? Near Provins, France, 14 Jun 44
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Hid in pile of alfalfa
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Radio destroyed, I don't know about other equipment.

Interview by I.S.S. (WEA)

Date 1 Sep 44

I grade this evasion No. 5

Irvin H. Luiten  
IRVIN H. LUITEN  
Major, Inf

Attached:

- Appendix "B" ✓
- Appendix "C" ✓
- Appendix "D"

Disposal: Returned to Unit in UK..

Major

DISTRIBUTION:

- HQ, IS9(WEA) ..... 3 ✓
- G-2, FUSA ..... 1 (less "C")
- G-2, TUSA ..... 1 ( " " )
- 12th Army Gp ..... 2 ( " " )
- File ..... 1

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My story is identical with that of S/Sgt Smith (IS9(WEA)7/146).

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Name (BLOCK LETTERS) LEONARD S. HENSEN

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and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

IRVIN H. LUTTEN

Major.

IMPORTANT.

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MIA:14 June 1944  
REF 1453

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CERTIFIED THAT:

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and has signed a Security Certificate. *It should not be considered suspect.*

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

*Upon arrival in U.K. you must report immediately to 63 Brook St., London*

*Dwain S. Lister*  
Major, *af*

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No. 3832-6567 Rank S/Sgt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) EARNEST L. SMITH

Unit 457 B Gp 749 B Sqa

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9 (WEA) on 15 Sep 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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Unit 457 BCP 749B SO

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

Unit:-

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 capture or to escape.

1. AIDS BOX

- a. Did you use your aids box? *yes*
- b. If not, why?
- c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".

Horlicks tablets. *While hiding in a*

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *Same place*

Milk (tube). *Some place*

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *Some place*

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *Some place*

Matches. *at several places*

Adhesive tape. *Did not use it*

Chewing gum. *Given up to the French*

Water bottle. *Used as for a cup on several occasions*

Compass. *Had no use for it*

Sewing kit. *no*

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *no*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *Buried it*
- f. 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 the size of it cannot be larger?

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *yes*  
State color of stripes and letters. *red color*  
If NOT, State why not.

- b. Did you use the purse? *yes*

(over)



c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones? *maps of France*

Compass. *no*

File (hacksaw). *no*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money? *40 sup cigarettes & clothes*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *Burned them*

Compass. *burned*

File (hacksaw). *gave it to police*

Surplus currency. *none*

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

*no*

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

If so, how many? *2 sets*

b. Did you use them? *no*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

*Yes Glatton by S-2*

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers? *no*

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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

Near Bamboe approx 9:15

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.

Was it on fire, etc? Control cables were shot  
away no control

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 18,000

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? No

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

~~Were~~ were told by French underground that all  
were safe. Source Pilot, Gunner, Radio Operator

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

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.

Yes. Italian Sgt. C. L. Smith Sgt. W. M. Goldstein  
Sgt. J. Miller Sgt. Gordon Sgt. J. saw them all but  
Sgt. Allen whose photo he had

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

no French says it was completely destroyed

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

Did not crash in water

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

Were told that all were in French hands  
and none was missing

S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS  
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P/W and X Detachment  
Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Henson Leonard Sgt. 1666267  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
10 (No. of missions)  
789 457  
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: Airfield near Paris  
Date mission in action: June 1944  
Date arrived in UK: Aug 5, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (Please list names next to positions)

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT	<u>1st Lt. Roger Allen</u>	<u>Escaped</u>
CO-PILOT	<u>1st Lt. Verne Lewis</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
NAVIGATOR	<u>1st Lt. James Brusse</u>	
BOMBARDIER	<u>1st Lt. Lawrence Anderson</u>	
RADIO OPERATOR	<u>Sgt. Ernest L. Smith</u>	<u>Arrived at U. K. on 5/10/44</u>
TOP TURRET GUNNER	<u>S/SGT. Roy Plum</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
BALL TURRET GUNNER	<u>Sgt. William Gollfornoy</u>	<u>Escaped</u>
WAI ST GUNNER	<u>myself</u>	<u>Escaped</u>
WAI ST GUNNER	<u>John Miller</u>	<u>Escaped</u>
TAIL GUNNER	<u>Gordon Long</u>	

Decorations: none

Date of Birth: Dec 14 1923

Private Address: Johnsonville, Georgia

Length of Service: 19 mos

Job as Civilian: Carpenter

From what field did you take off? Take off time. Glatton - 7:30

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Don't know. The plane burned.

Were you wounded? Give details. no

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? no

Do you speak FRENCH? no SPANISH? no GERMAN? no ITALIAN? no OTHER LANGUAGE? English

Did you have identity papers? no



Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?

*By Capt. Lister War Army P.W. Coye*

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?

*Do not give Lister War Army P.W. Coye Aug 2 1948*

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When?

*Yes at War Army P.W. Coye*

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air.

*London by air*

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

*No names*

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

*No names*