

SecretE. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)8/191/539**TOP SECRET.**
I.S.9 (WEA)

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) France**For All Personnel.**

- E + C # 1237
1. No. 0-759470 Rank 2nd Lt. Name TOM L. LEMOND, JR.
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) None.
 3. Were you wounded? Give details. No.
 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 418 Sqn.
 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 100 Gp.
 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Co-Pilot
 7. Date of Birth 6 Nov. 1923
 8. Length of Service 2 yrs.
 9. Peace time occupation student.
 10. Private address 2115 26th St.
Lubbock, Texas
 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? dogtags
 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? French.

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

13. No. and location of O.T.U. _____
14. No. and location of Conversion Unit _____
15. Post in Crew CO PILOT
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	IST LT. DONALD J. STUKE-believed dead
CO-PILOT	NARRATOR-
NAVIGATOR	2ND LT. OWENS-believed dead
BOMBARDIER	2ND LAWRENCE W. PALLER-" "
RADIO OPERATOR	SGT ARTHUR TUOTT-unknown.
TOP TURRET GUNNER	SGT DANIEL J. SEGRETE-reported PW.
BALL TURRET GUNNER	SGT IRVING W COOKE-reported dead
WAIST GUNNER (R.)	SGT JOSEPH DRAGOVICH) unknown.
WAIST GUNNER (L.)	SGT J.C. OGG)-unknown.
TAIL GUNNER	SGT P.J. DONNELLY-unknown.
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17G, from Clear up, 0900, 18 March.
18. Where and when did you come down? COMPAUX (OISE) 1130, 18 March.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? French hid.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? yes.

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I came down near COMPEAUX(OISE) at 1130, 18 March, 1944. I was soon taken to a place near VILLIERS VERMONT, where I stayed for 5 months. On August 15 I was taken into PARIS. I was told to wait in a house to be picked up. A call came through that the men picking us up would be changed, and that they would come later. Two men did come in a car to get us. Both were armed, one with a Luger. Before we woke up to what was on foot they had driven us into the Gestapo Headquarters in Paris and we were prisoners. We were given a casual interrogation and moved to Luftwaffe Hq. for the night. On the morning of the 17th we were taken to the prison of FRESNES. We were there until August 24, when the Germans moved out and let us ~~XX~~ be taken over by the French.

APPENDIX "B" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA) 8/191/529

List of all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defences, A.A. batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of Allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.)

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Date of Interview 27 August, 1944

N.B.—It is of the utmost importance that when giving information on the above subjects you state clearly:—

- (1) Date, time and place where you obtained the information.
- (2) Was it the result of personal observation or a report by someone else?
- (3) If not from personal observation who was the source (i.e., waiter, farm labourer, hearsay, cafe rumour, etc.), and how accurate do you estimate the source to be?

Evaluation of Informant's credibility.

Key.

- X 1.—Reliable.
- 2.—Credible.
- 3.—Questionable.
- 4.—Undetermined.

HEARSAY.

1. The French report on August 1 a flying bomb site 3 km S.E. of FORGES LES EAUX in the FORET DE BRAY.

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA) 8/191/529

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

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I stayed for 5 months with M. & MME JEHANVO at GOURNAY EN BRAY in the VILLIERS VERMONT area.

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2d Lt. Tom L. LeMond Jr., O-759470 - 1 mission
418 Bomb Sq, 100 Bomb Group

MIA - 18 March 1944
UK - m 30/8/44
TARGET: AUGSBURG

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My B-17 collided with another 18 March 1944 near ~~Compeaux~~ Compeaux and I bailed out at 10,000. I landed in a field and two Frenchmen advised me to hide in nearby woods and await help. French provided food and civilian clothes and sheltered me five months in Vieller-Vermont. A week after D-Day I was joined by two British O.R. airmen and we three were taken by truck to Noyers. After a week there we were driven in a car to Paris by an American Indian. Soon after reaching the city we stopped at a vacant house where the Indian left us and two ~~well-dressed~~ Frenchmen, ~~one well-dressed~~ one well-dressed, the other wearing what appeared to be an American flying jacket, took over. They promptly drove us to a Gestapo HQ in a street ~~Kisling~~ whose name I don't know and turned us over to the Germans.

The Gestapo took all our belongings except our money and put us through a clumsy interrogation in which a woman, either French or German, acted as interpreter. We gave our names, ranks and serial numbers and upon our refusal to answer questions like: "Where is your home?" "Are you married?" one German slapped the English sergeant in the face. After the interrogation ~~we~~ we were transferred to Luftwaffe HQ for one night, then to Fresnes prison five miles Southwest of Paris on the ~~Chartres~~ Chartres-Orleans road. We were placed in one cell but treatment was correct. In Fresnes we met 15 British Ps/W, mostly Indian, who had been held in Fresnes since Tobruk. They were forced to handle ammunition and to dig emplacements for 37 Mm. guns. We entered Fresnes 17 August and were liberated by FFI 24 August. I know of no other Allied prisoners in that prison.

I suspect none of the French who aided us prior to our arrival in Paris. From the behavior of the American Indian, who appeared quite nervous in passing one German outpost near the city, I believe he acted in good faith and had no idea of the intentions of the two French who delivered us to the Gestapo. I am able to offer only this description of the two Frenchmen:

No. 1.---Medium height, plump, very well dressed, light complexion.

No. 2.---Under medium height, slim, sleek-faced, dark. Wore flying jacket.

Frenchmen who helped me are:

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113 Bomb Group

Mme. Clute, Compeaux
Dr. R. Vadarian, Formerie
M. Jehanno, Villiere-Vermont
Andre Ledresser, Ermont
Margo, a woman who taught school in Noyers. She said I was the 15th she had aided.

APPENDIX B

Frenchmen told me of a flying bomb site 3 km. SE of Forges-les-Eaux. The site is in heavy woods 100 meters West of the road N-15. A secondary road runs SW from Forges-les-Eaux and it, with N-15 and N-30 as the base, forms a triangle in the apex of which is the bomb site. I spend five months 20 km. from the site and heard launchings every night. In taking off, the bomb sounds very much like a plane. About five a night would explode within two or three minutes after taking off. That seemed to be the critical period. Launchings always started about dusk. I remember none during the day.

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