

SECRET.M.I.9/S/P.G.(-) 2867.EVADED CAPTURE IN FRANCE.

The information contained in this report is to be treated as
SECRET.

STATEMENT BY

R265262 Sgt. MALLORY, Lorne Albert, R.C.A.F., 433 Sqn., Bomber Command, R.A.F.

Left: PARIS, 19 Jan 45.

Arrived: CROYDON, 19 Jan 45.

Date of Birth : 9 Sep 24.

Peacetime Profession: Rubber Worker.

R.A.F. Service : Since 30 Jun 43.

Post in Crew : Mid-upper gunner.

Private Address: 195 Hiawatha Road,
TORONTO, Canada.Other members of the crew:

F/Lt. COOK	(Pilot)	} Fate unknown.
F/O. GRANT	(Navigator)	
F/O. SHIELDS	(Bomb-aimer)	
P/O. PITMAN	(Wireless Operator)	
Sgt. AINSWORTH	(Flight Engineer)	
Sgt. NASH	(Rear Gunner)	

2 Dec 44,
Shot down
near WEILER.

We took off from SKIPTON ON SWALE in a Halifax aircraft about 1930 hours on 2 Dec 44 to bomb the marshalling yards at HAGEN (GERMANY). We bombed the target successfully, but on the return journey the aircraft was hit. I lost consciousness and do not know whether it was hit by flak or attacked by a fighter. When I regained consciousness I was wandering around on the ground, badly burned about the head, face and hands. I could not see any trace of my parachute or mac west and came to the conclusion that we must have crash-landed, though I did not see the aircraft nor did I meet any members of my crew.

/About 0300 hours.....

INTERVIEWED BY: I.S.9(W) }
O.R.S. Bomber Command, R.A.F. } 20 Jan 45.

Distribution of this report by M.I.9:-

D.D.M.I.(P/W). M.I.9. I.S.9. I.S.9(WEA)(2).
I.S.9(W) I.S.9(X). I.S.9(A.B.).
I.S.9(D). M.I.19. M.I.5. (Lt.-
Col. Scyner). M.O.1(S.P.)(Lt.-Col.
Butters). A.I.1(a) P/W. A.L.O., M.I.9.
P.W. & X Det, MIS, ETOUSA. Lt.-Col.
H.B.A. de Bruyne (3 copies).
C.I.O. H.Q: Bomber Command, R.A.F.
Fighter Command, R.A.F.
Tactical Air Force, R.A.F.
38 Group, R.A.F.

Historical Section, Air Ministry (Mr. J.C. Nerney).
G-2, Div. S.H.A.E.F. W/Cdr. G.H. Doble RCAF.
File:

APPENDIX D.

Distribution:- I.S.9. I.S.9(W).
A.L.O., M.I.9. I.S.9(WEA)(2).
P.W. & X Det, MIS, ETOUSA.
File.

- 2 -

Received help
from farmer.

About 0800 hours (3 Dec 44) I met a farmer who took me to his home on the outskirts of WEILER (FRANCE), (GERMANY, 1:250,000, Sheet K 48, V 51) where I was given a meal. The same night a man who could speak English came for me and took me to his farm where my burns were dressed by a nun and where I was provided with civilian clothing.

I remained at this farm for four days during which time the Germans searched the house. I was hidden in the cellar, however, and they did not find me. At the end of this time I was taken to a house in WEILER and the next day French troops entered the town.

Contacted
French troops
which entered
WEILER.

I was sent by the French to a first-aid station and then to a French hospital in BELFORT where I remained for one night. From here I went to BESANCON and stayed there for two days after which I was moved to No. 461 American General Hospital, where I remained until 12 Jan 45. That day I was sent to PARIS. I left by air for the U.K. on 19 Jan 45.