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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

Sept. 15, 1944  
(Date)

BRIXIUS, JOHN. 2nd Lt. 0-722790  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

MARSHLING YARDS IN TOWN  
5 MILES WEST OF FRANKFURT 4  
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: Sept. 9, 1944

Returned to UK: Sept. 14, 1944

755 Bomb Sq. 458 Bomb Gr.  
(Unit)

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

PILOT - PAUL W. STONE BURNER - LAST MAN IN SHIP BEFORE CRASHING - DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.

CO-PILOT - CHARLES A. LEWIS - HE IS ENROUTE TO UK - FOUND Okay.

NAVIGATOR - JOHN L. BRIXIUS - Returned to UK.

BOMBARDIER - SHELDON WEINER - BAILED OUT - NOT FOUND AS YET.

RADIO OPERATOR - J. JAROBBS - BAILED OUT - NOT FOUND.

ENGINEER  
TOP TURRET GUNNER - LAWRENCE I. SMITH - BAILED OUT - ENROUTE UK VIA MEDICAL DEPT. US ARMY 28 DIV.

BALL TURRET GUNNER - BAYL OLNEY - BAILED OUT - NOT FOUND.

W/ST GUNNER - JOHN FERRANDO - BAILED OUT - RETURNED UK Sept 14

W/ST GUNNER -

TAIL GUNNER - JOSEPH AGLIATA - BAILED OUT - NOT FOUND

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. Sept. 9, 1944 1145  
50°N 06°E

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
No. 2 Engine OIL PRESSURE DROPPED OFF - PROP WOULD NOT BE FEATHERED  
PROP "RAN AWAY" - No 1 Engine cut "in and out" - No 2 PROP UNCONTROLLABLE AND  
At approximately what altitude did source bail out? THREATENED TO COME OFF.

13000

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

No

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

I WAS EIGHTH MAN TO BAIL. - AS "Far as I Know" all chutes  
opened - No information about ninth man (Pilot)

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 - "~~SEVERAL~~" ~~other~~ ~~men~~ ~~have~~ ~~been~~ ~~found~~; ~~(3 men)~~

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 names given - but,  
one man captured by enemy - and one other man still  
hid. - The man captured had broken leg & wrist.

(over)

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TOP SECRET

Questionnaire for Service Personnel.

- 1. No., Rank and full name: 0 - 722790 <sup>2nd.</sup> Lt. BRIXTUS - J.L.
- 2. Decorations four missions
- 3. Squadron. 755 Sqn. 458 Gp.
- 4. Command 8 airfield,
- 5. Date of Birth
- 6. Date of Enlistment 10 June 1942
- 7. Peacetime Profession student - mining engineering
- 8. Private Address 1808 South 66th Street - WEST ALLIS - 14.  
LIENAMFEUSCON
- 9. Which type of aircraft were you flying P.24
- 10. Left from ... HORSHAM ... on .9 Sept.44 at 0600 hrs
- 11. Baled out (~~xxxxxxx~~) at . DEYFELDT Belgium at 1145 hrs
- 12. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?  
..hid it in hayfield.....

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 address of those who helped you, with appropriate dates of their help and a very brief summary of what they did for you.

Write out this information the following way:-

- 14 - 16 Jun 44 Pierre FRANCE Food and shelter  
60 rue de 14 Juillet, Contact with Resistance  
Suippe (Marne) Group.  
France

*See Lewis*

On Sept 9th (0600) we took off for a marshalling yard five miles west of FRANKFURT. Over the target area our No. 2 engine started to "run away" with No. 1 giving similar trouble, but not as bad. We couldn't feather the engines so we lost altitude rapidly.

We all baled out over the northern tip of LUXEMBOURG and I landed at DEYFREDT, Belgium. Immediately upon landing, the underground took care of me, hiding me in a forest, feeding and clothing me.

On Sept. 11th, the 28th Div. of the U.S. Infantry caught up to us and brought us from the front to Brussels.

Details of the crew so far as I know :

STONEBURGER, P.W. - pilot - ~~not found~~ RTD  
LEWIS, C.A., - pilot - ~~O.K. (found)~~ RTD  
BRIXIUS, J.L. - ~~found~~ RTD  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
SMITH, L. I. - found  
WEIMER, S. - not found  
JACOBS, J. - ~~not found~~ RTD  
FERRANDO, J. - found RTD  
AGLIATA, J. - not found  
OINNEY, B. - not found

Those who helped me while in German-held territory are : -

FELIX DELVOUX (and family), DIEKRICH, LUXEMBOURG. (mostly fed in)

CAMILLE HUART, SCHMIEDE (PORTULFLINGAN). Gave civilian clothes.

ADOLF GERARD, DEYFREEDT, BELGIUM.

PIERRE SCHEUREN, HULDINGAN, LUXEMBOURG. Link with underground and gave American forces locations of other American evaders.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-722990 Rank 2/11

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) BRIXIUS T. I.

Unit 755 Sqn 458 Gp

has been fully/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 13 Sep 47 1947.

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should/should not/be re-interrogated.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Major.  
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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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1. Because disclosures of information regarding evasion from capture, escape, details of imprisonment, release from internment, and repatriation have been made, the lives and services of fellow soldiers and those who help them have been lost or endangered. All information which you possess on these subjects, including the experiences of others as well as your own, briefings and equipment for evasion and escape, and preparations and other activities in connection therewith, constitutes MILITARY INFORMATION which is classified SECRET by the War Department.

2. You will therefore disclose no information whatever, beyond the fact of your return to duty from "missing in action" or "prisoner of war" or "internment", to anyone except the following military officials:

- a. The first Military Attache to whom you report;
- b. An officer designated by the Commanding General of an overseas Theatre of Operations;
- c. The Prisoner of War Branch, MIS, Washington, D.C., the interrogating agency designated by the A/C of S, G-2, War Department General Staff;
- d. Certain other officers holding written authority from the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, to interrogate you.

3. You will particularly guard against disclosure of SECRET information to relatives, friends, representatives of the press and radio, and military officials, except as noted in a, b, c and d above.

4. In order to protect yourself against disciplinary action, any question involving publicity must be referred BY YOU PERSONALLY to the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, Washington, D.C.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have read and fully understand all of the foregoing and the Directive of the Secretary of War, 6 Aug 43 (on the reverse side), and will at ALL TIMES hereafter comply fully therewith.

I understand that all information concerning escape, evasion from capture, activities and equipment in connection therewith, and details of imprisonment or release from internment, is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone except the military officials specifically designated. I further understand that disclosure to any other person will make me liable to disciplinary action for failure to safeguard MILITARY INFORMATION.

I realize that publicity concerning my experiences, by word of mouth or otherwise, will endanger the lives of many persons and therefore it is my duty to take all possible precautions to prevent it.

I further certify that I have received a copy of the foregoing.

Name (Print) BRIXIUS, JOHN L. Signed John L. Brixius

Rank 2nd Lt. A.S.N. 0-727790 Dated Sept 15, 1944 Place .....

Unit E 755 Bomb Sqdn. 458 Bomb GP. Witness .....

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