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1. NUMBER S X 6967 RANK (ACTG) Cpl. NATIONALITY Aust.
 (WE) (TEMP)
 SURNAME PLANT CHRISTIAN NAMES Clyde Day
 UNIT 2/43rd. Btn. A.I.F. DATE AND PLACE OF CAPTURE El Alemsein 17/7/42
 DATE AND PLACE OF FINAL ESCAPE 10/9/42 Camp 106/XV1 Italy DATE OF ARRIVAL IN SWITZERLAND 25/9/43

2. BRIEF CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE
 I tried to help a wounded comrade back to our lines after we had been ordered to retire during an attack near El Alemsein on the morning of July 17th. My company had advanced beyond the ridge which was our first objective and whilst I was rounding up about 80 prisoners my officer commanding ordered us back with them to the ridge because enemy tanks were approaching. We were surrounded by hostile A.F.Vs before we could get away.

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WHERE IMPRISONED		HOW EMPLOYED	
CAMP NO AND PLACE	PERIOD		
	From	To	
Benghasi	21/7/42	23/9/42	Nil
C.C. 75 Bari	27/9/42	28/10/42	Nil
C.C. 57 Gruppigano	30/10/42	25/4/43	Nil
C.C. 106/XV1 Verzellli	26/4/43	10/9/43	Working on Farm (Rice)

Certified correct. *G. Plant*

Interrogating officer... *A. M. ...*

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ATTEMPTED ESCAPES.

WHERE FROM	DATE	BRIEF DETAILS

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- 5. DETAILS OF FINAL ESCAPE and SUBSEQUENT JOURNEY UNTIL TAKEN OVER BY ORGANISATION.
 - (Names and addresses of helpers must be entered on Appendix A and not mentioned in this report)
 - (Escape plans and other information which would jeopardise security or identification of organisations or helpers must be entered in Appendix C and not mentioned in this report.)

When news of the Armistice reached us at the Working Camp I cut the wire at the rear of our quarters preparatory to escape but by the time I did go the Italian guards had dressed in civilian clothes and disappeared, so I just walked out of the main entrance.

Until near the frontier when with a party of about 50 we were guided over Mt. Moro by an Italian soldier, I, with a party of 7 other Australians made ~~my~~ own way with the help of the Italians on the route

Certified Correct *C. Plant*

DATE..... 13/7/44

PLACE..... Turbenthal

[Signature]
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INTERROGATING OFFICER

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SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	ADDRESS (Give Province)	TYPE OF HELP GIVEN (Give dates and Period)
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I did not take the names of any helpers for fear of reprisals on them if I had been recaptured.
Apart from that, we paid with money for services which were rendered us.

Certified Correct... *C. Plaut*...

Interrogating Officer... *[Signature]*...

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ESCAPE INFORMATION

To include : (a) Last part of journey to Switzerland which is not mentioned in main report.
(b) Information of organisations.
(c) Escape plans in or outside camps during capitulation (This will only be given by camp leaders and the senior officer or N.C.O. present in area from each camp)

(a) With a party of about 50 and led by a Guide, I climbed over Mt. Moro and after descending on the Swiss side for approx. 2 miles we were met by a Swiss guard who then took command of us. The whole of the journey I made on foot.

(b) None.

Certified correct..... *C. Plant*.....

Interrogating Officer..... *[Signature]*.....