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SHEET I

P.O.W. REPORT

1. NUMBER... VX 34319..... RANK (ACTG) Pte..... NATIONALITY... Australian.....
 (WS)
 (TEMP)

SURNAME... Prosser.... CHRISTIAN NAMES.... Raymond... James.....

UNIT... 2/24 Bn... A.I. DATE AND PLACE . 1-5-41..... Tobruk... Libya.....
 OF CAPTURE

DATE AND PLACE OF FINAL ESCAPE... 11-9-43... Vercelli..... DATE OF ARRIVAL IN SWITZERLAND... 22-11-43.....

2- BRIEF CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE In the first German attack on Tobruk, Pte Prosser's Platoon was surrounded. They surrendered after running out of ammunition.

3.

WHERE IMPRISONED			HOW EMPLOYED
CAMP NO AND PLACE	PERIOD		
		FROM	TO
Benghasi	7-5-41	11-12-41	Unloading & Carrying stores -----
Brindisi	13-12-41	31-12-41	
Gruppnano PG 57	1-1-42	25-4-43	-----
Vercelli PG 106/16	26-4-43	11-9-43	Farm Work.

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ATTEMPTED ESCAPES

WHERE FROM	DATE	BRIEF DETAILS
Vercelli PG 106/16	11-9-43	The Italians left the camp.

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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 organisation or helpers must be entered in Appendix C and not mentioned in this report)

After leaving the camp at Vercelli, went to live on a farm (name and address unknown but in the vicinity of Oschieno)
 Stopped there until approx. 11-10-43. Then went towards Alessandria. About 11-11-43 turned back as far as Crova, near Vercelli. Stayed there (see app. A) until 22-11-43.

DATE...11th July 1944.....

PLACE...Adelboden.....

J. H. Linn
14/11/44
S. H. R. Pugh
 INTERROGATING OFFICER

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APPENDIX A

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SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	ADDRESS (Give Province)	TYPE OF HELP GIVEN (Give dates and Period)
Leone	Ernesta	Crova, Vercelli	Provided food lodging and civilian clothes 11-11-43 - 22-11-43 She found and provided guides to Switzerland.

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7. ESCAPE INFORMATION.

To include : (a) Last part of journey to Switzerland which is not mentioned in main report.
(b) Information of organisation.
(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 areas from each camp)

(a) From Crova, left by train for Domodossola with guides provided by Signora Ernesta Leone on 22-11-43.
Took mountain railway to St. Maria, and then walked, entering Switzerland at Camedo about 22.30 hrs.

(b) No further information about organisation except that they had helped a lot of others.

(c) - - - - -