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P.O.W. REPORT.

1. NUMBER..QX 2285..... RANK (ACTG) Pte..... NATIONALITY... ~~British~~ Australian
 (WS)
 (TEMP)
 SURNAME... Burnett..... CHRISTIAN NAMES... Thomas William
 UNIT... 2/32 Bn AIF..... DATE AND PLACE OF CAPTURE... 17.7.42 El Alemain Egypt
 DATE AND PLACE OF FIN.L ESCAPE... 10.9.43. ~~Vercelli~~ Vercelli..... DATE OF ARRIVAL IN SWITZERLAND... 7.10.43.....

2. BRIEF CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE The Bn Officer and the Bn Sgt were both badly wounded and ja had been sent back wounded to RAP. 4 or 5 runners were sent back for orders but none returned. We fought with LMG's. Only 15 of us, against German armour, until we were forced to surrender.

3. WHERE IMPRISONED

CAMP NO AND PLACE	PERIOD		HOW EMPLOYED
	FROM	TO	
Transit	17.7.42	25.10.42	Farm
Tahuna	25.10.42	Dec 42	
Suni Ben Adam	Dec 42	23.12.42	
Capua 66.	23.12.42	26.1.43	
Udine 57	26.1.43	Apl 43	
106/3. Vercelli <u>Vercelli</u>	Apl 43	10.9.43	

4. ATTEMPTED ESCAPES

WHERE FROM	DATE	BRIEF DETAILS
Nil	Nil	Nil

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INITIAL

5. DETAILS OF FINAL
ESCAPE and SUB-
SEQUENT JOURNEY
UNTIL TAKEN OVER
BY ORGANISATION.

(Names and addresses of helpers must be entered on App 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)

On news of Armistice we were told to wait but on 10,943 the Italian Officers told us to go--every man for himself. I went to my old farm with 11 others. After a week we were taken by an Italian Major up to near Biella to join Partisans. 200 of us waited there for 4 days waiting for food and equipment. An Italian girl informed the Germans. We were warned, but too late and were surrounded by Germans. I and two others got out but about 80 were captured. We wanted to make South but went first to Vercelli for food, We were chased about by German and met men who had tried to make South, but who had been forced to return. Three of us made off for Switzerland, picking up a few others on the way until we had a party of 11 British. We walked to Monte Moro pass and came into Switzerland.

DATE 25. Aug 1944

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PLACE Camp d'Internement Militaire
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[Signature]
INTERROGATING OFFICER