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SHEET I

P.O.W. REPORT.

1. NUMBER.....SK8681..... RANK (ACTG) Pte. NATIONALITY Australian
 (WS) DORNAN.
 (TEMP) Joseph ~~Francis~~, Frances.
 SURNAME..... CHRISTIAN NAMES.....
 UNIT.....2/48th Btn. A.I.F. DATE AND PLACE OF CAPTURE.....22.7.42. El Alamein. Egypt.
 DATE AND PLACE OF FINAL ESCAPE.....10.9.43. Umm - Vercellese, Tronzano DATE OF ARRIVAL IN SWITZERLAND.....7.10.43.

2. BRIEF CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE
 Carriers following infantry, struck a land mine. Impossible to carry on. While attempting to crawl to own lines picked up by Germans.

3. WHERE IMPRISONED

CAMP NO AND PLACE	PERIOD		HOW EMPLOYED
	FROM	TO	
Benghazi.	27.7.42.	15.8.42.	Farm work.
Bari. P.H. 75.	19.8.42.	24.9.42.	
Udine. P.G. 57.	25.9.42.	25.4.43.	
<u>Udine</u> P.G. 106/2.	26.4.42.	10.9.43.	
<u>Tronzano - Vercellese.</u>			

ATTEMPTED ESCAPES

WHERE FROM	DATE	BRIEF DETAILS
<u>Tronzano, Umm Vercellese, P.G. 106/2.</u>	10.9.43.	Italians let the camp out.

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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 leavin camp went to farm and worked there until 15.9.43 . Then went to the mountains and started walking towards Switzerland without guides , but with a map.

Route . Crova - Santhia - Tronzono - Arro . At Arro was lent a bicycle by an Italian - name unknown - who took them to Biale , approx , 30.9.43 . Stayed in Biale area until about 4.10.43 with some partisans .

Went to Rimasco where met a guide on 5.10.43.

DATE..... 12.7.44.....

Adelboden.

PLACE.....

J. K. Lint
 4/11/44
 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)
Francesi.		Casa Christo. Crova Vercelli.	Supplied food and lodging 10.9.43 - 15.9.43 . Also supplied civilian clothing maps and Lire 150.

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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). Left Rimasco about 06.00 hrs on 6.9.43 with 20 others and one guide (name unknown). Arrived Ceppo Morelli at 21.00 hrs . Left at 05.00 hrs 7.9.43 . Entered Switzerland at 15.00 hrs at Monte Moro Pass.

b). No information about organisation.