

AG 383.6

Hq ETOUSA

19 October 1942

SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

TO : Personnel concerned.

1. It is the duty of all Americans to safeguard information which might, either directly or indirectly, be useful to the enemy.
2. It is an offense, carrying heavy penalties, to publish or to communicate to any unauthorized person any information which might be useful to the enemy.
3. Information about your escape or your evasion from capture would be useful to the enemy and a danger to your friends. It is therefore SECRET.
4. a. You must therefore not disclose, except to the first Military Attache to whom you report, or to an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations:
 - (1) The names of those who helped you.
 - (2) The method by which you escaped or evaded.
 - (3) The route you followed.
 - (4) Any other facts concerning your experience.b. You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the Press.
c. You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.
d. You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4a.
e. No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of the War or Navy Department.

By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

(signed) RALPH PULSIFER,
Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

CERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

I understand that any information concerning my escape or evasion from capture is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the American Military Attache to whom I first report, or an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name(Print) RUBY, EDWARD C Signed Edward C Ruby
Rank T/SGT A.S.N. 11038128 Date Oct 2, 1943
Unit 384 Bomb GP 544 BOMB Witness Grady Lewis
Major

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Name (Print) EDWARD C RUBY Signed Edward C Ruby
Rank 1st Lt ASN 11038128 Date Oct 6, 1943
Unit 389 Bomb Gr 544 Bomb Sq Witness _____

~~SECRET~~ - AMERICAN
~~MOST SECRET~~ - BRITISH
MIS(X)

HQ, ETOUSA

OFFICE OF AC OF S, G-2

MIS DETACHMENT

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. *EDWARD C RUBY T/SGT 11038128*
2. Decorations. *NONE*
3. Unit or Squadron. *544 Bomb Sq*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *384 Bomb Sq*
5. Date of Birth. *MARCH 30, 1920*
6. Length of Service. *1 year nine months*
7. Private Address. *163 HANCOCK ST. EVERETT, MASS*
8. If in A.F., on what operation were you engaged? State place, date, and time of departure. Where and when did you come down?
Were Aircraft and all instruments and papers destroyed?
Grafton - Underwood - July 14, 1943, 6:05 AM.
5 miles North of CHARTER, July 14, 9:10 AM
AIRCRAFT AND PAPERS crashed in flames
9. If in AF, give names of other members of crew and what happened to them.
10. Give details and full story of your trip on attached sheets.
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *NO*
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? *NO*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? *YES*
14. Have you been questioned before to-day on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom? Have you given anyone a written report on your experience? Where and when? *YES, IN GIBRALTAR, British intelligence*
NO written report
15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? *NO*
16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when?
AL HAMA DE ARAGON SEPT 29, GIBRALTAR OCT 3, 1943
17. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.
GIBRALTAR, Oct 4, BY AIR
18. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
Bristol, Oct 5, 1943

11
Order 630. Out Blackwell - Woodstock - I came into waist
+ stood next to Green + went over to door + when we went into spiral +
went out - saw Johnson come out of BT - 8000 ft -
5000 ft - saw Blackwell + Woodstock land + two
others + counted about 8 chutes - saw plane crash +
burn - Hit in tree in wood - got to ground + unbuckled
chute - In presents - paper with 4 phrases - finally got at
it - took of clothes - flew egg - gave 4 presents - took
me to Lt Munday + then Green came over -

On 20 August I was ^{separated} ~~moved~~ from Lt. Munday at Whilaudier - to
park - met a guide taking ^{"7th prince"} us to Foix - a Lt. Turner +
Harry Eastman, + Canadian Sgt. Dave, took in int -
with Turner as far as SEO DE VRGE -

Couldn't telephone consul - went to police station - Turner
stayed outside to get in touch consul - in jail 5 nights -
then to LERIDA - given freedom - ^{only 4 days} In Andorra we
picked up Polk + McKernan + Englishman ^{Stockman} ^{5 French}
In LERIDA - 15 days - Sp AF took us to Saragossa
for night + met ^{RAF} Middelhof - Conrad -

SECRET
EQUALS BRITISH

~~MOST SECRET~~

APPENDIX "B".
MIS(X).....

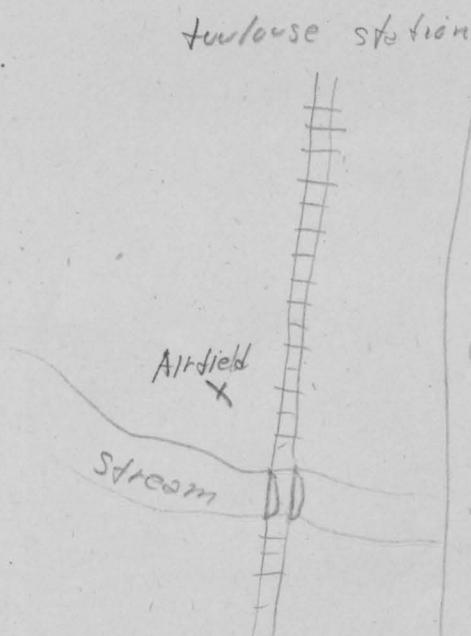
The following information has been obtained from our interview with
T/Sgt. Edward C. Ruby..... (.....) who escaped
after capture by the enemy/evaded capture by the enemy after being
in enemy/enemy occupied territory.

Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so
it is important not to divulge any particulars of source.

Statement of information covering period from July 14, 1943..

to Oct 5, 1943

5 Kilometres south of Toulouse, Large Airfield, 4 hangars
Large repair depot - Ju-88's FW 190's

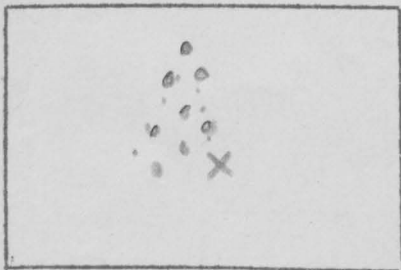


DID NOT RECOGNIZE ANY GERMAN
UNIFORMS DURING TRIP. SAW numerous
Germans in PARIS, but concentration,
their clothing seemed to be inferior.
Recognized different issues of uniforms.
The latest issue seemed an attempt
to save material, short tight tunics
with small pockets.
Germans I sawed appeared either very
young (16) or old for fighting men. (over 40)
IN PARIS Vincennes section (SW) EVERY
there WAS MACHINE GUN practice that could
be plainly heard.

MIS(X).

NAME EDWARD C RUBY RANK T/SGT ASN 11038128 REPORT NO. 108

SQ 544 GROUP 384 A/C NO. 330 11038128 Letter _____ Load 10-300 Date Oct 6, 1943



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing: No observed results

Enemy Fighter Tactics: From my position came in high 7 o'clock
Markings: and fell off under tail. No visible markings

Our Tactics: two engines out at time, tried to join a lower formation
missed, tried to get to deck, when they got other engines

Our Fighter Support: None at time of engagement.

Flak

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>8:45</u>	<u>APPROACH &</u>	<u>quite thick</u>
<u>LIGHT</u>		<u>OVER & LOCKING</u>	
		<u>TARGET</u>	

Technical Failures

Motors: OK.

Armor: OK

Armament: LOWER BALL - in op.

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

bailout bottle - not needed
black oil - no -

~~SECRET~~

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 7/SGT EDWARD C. RUBY

Unit:- 384 Bomb GP 544 Bomb Sq.

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and comments will help others to evade capture or to escape.

1. AIDS BOX

- (a) Did you use your aids box? yes
- (b) If not, had you one on you?
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use?
Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.
- (i) Horlicks tablets. Lying up first night
- (ii) Chocolate traveling first day
- (iii) Milk (tube).
- (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue)
- (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).
- (vi) Matches. SMOKING cigarettes
- (vii) Adhesive tape.
- (viii) Chewing gum.
- (ix) Water bottle.
- (x) Compass checking direction for evading capture
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
If so, in what respect? NO
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box?
HID IT IN WOODS
- (g) Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger?
SAW did not seem to be too useful.

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? No, just the money.
If so, state COLOR. Brown.
If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? No
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?
Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
- (i) Maps. — Which ones? Lower France & Spain, Large France.
- (ii) Compass. yes

- (iii) File (hacksaw). *NO*
- (iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money.
Cigarettes. Gave some to French + Food
- (d) How did you dispose of:-
- Maps. - *HID it under rock when taken by Spanish soldiers*
- Compass. *SAME*
- File (hacksaw).
- Surplus currency. *None*

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+)
(*Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.) *NO*

- (a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?
If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE
- (i) Round compass. *yes - while evading capture & crossing MTS*
- (ii) Stud compass. *NO*
- (iii) Swinger compass. *NO*
- (iv) Fly-button compass. *NO*
- (v) Pencil clip compass. *NO*
- (vi) Tunic button compass. *NO*
- (vii) Pipe compass. *NO*
- (viii) Pouch
- (ix) Special flying boots (and knife). *NO*
- (b) Were they satisfactory? *YES*
- (c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions which would improve the above equipment? *NO*

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

- (a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? *yes*
If so, how many?
- (b) Did you use them? *NO - French took other photos claimed mine*
State how. *there were two AMERICAN looking. Used theirs for identity card*

5. LECTURES

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape?
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *yes AT BOWLINGDON. - British*
- (b) Did you find the lectures of value? *yes*

HQ, ETOUSA
Office of AC of S, G-2
MIS Detachment

E & E REPORT NO. 108
EVASION IN FRANCE

Oct 6, 1943
(Date)

EDWARD C. RUBY 1st Sgt 11038128
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

544 Bomb 384
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 23

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 12 9 mo

HOME ADDRESS: 1634 HANCOCK ST
EVERETT, MASS

MIA: 14 July 1943

Arrived in Spain:

Arrived in Gibraltar:

Arrived in UK:

OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-665707 1st Lt James S. MUNDAY	E&E RPT 104 EVADED
CO-PILOT	0-736542 2d Lt Frederick TO MARSTON	MIA EVADED (HERCAY)
NAVIGATOR	0-670142 2d Lt Billy J. LANSFORD	MIA <u>9w</u> CAPTURED (HERCAY)
BOMBARDIER	0-733068 2d Lt Robert L. OLSON	MIA EVADED (HERCAY)
RADIO OPERATOR	11038128 T/Sgt Edward C. RUBY	NARRATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER	18080847 T/Sgt James E. MILES	MIA CAPTURED (HERCAY)
BALL TURRET GUNNER	37203355 S/Sgt Lloyd E. JOHNSON	MIA CAPTURED (HERCAY)
LEFT WAIST GUNNER	37225023 S/Sgt Francis M. GREEN	E&E RPT 105 EVADED
RIGHT WAIST GUNNER	32431805 S/Sgt Joseph S. WOODSTOCK	E&E RPT 96 EVADED (HERCAY)
TAIL GUNNER	33212942 Sgt George F. BLACKWELL	E&E RPT 97 EVADED C " "

Were you wounded? — yes.

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I delayed my jump from 8000 feet to 5000 feet and watched Sgts Blackwell and Woodstock land. I counted about 8 chutes and saw the plane crash and burn before I landed.

My chute was hung in a tree. Several Frenchmen ran up to help me get it down. ~~Then~~ I took off my heavy flying clothes and gave them to ~~them~~ a Frenchman. I had a paper in my pocket which had French phrases and English translations on it. This I showed to the French and pointed to the questions I wanted to know. One of the Frenchman led me a short distance to join Lt MUNDAY. The rest of my story is the same as Lt MUNDAY, E & E Report No. 104.

app. B. same as Munday

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By Authority of
A.C. of S. G-2.

Initials *W.S.H.*
Date *7/10/43*

6 October 1943

E & E REPORT NO. 108
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Edward C. RUBY, T/Sgt, 11038128
544 Bomb Squadron, 384 Bomb Group

AGE: 23 years
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 9/12 years
HOME ADDRESS: 163 Hancock Street
EVERETT, Massachusetts

MIA: 14 July 1943
Arrived in Spain:
2 September 1943
Arrived in Gibraltar:
2 October 1943
Arrived in UK:
5 October 1943

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

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NAVIGATOR	0-670142 2d Lt Billy J. LANSFORD	P/W
BOMBARDIER	0-733068 2d Lt Robert L. OLSON	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	NARRATOR	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	18080847 T/Sgt James E. MILES	MIA <i>changed to P/W</i>
BALL TURRET GUNNER	37203355 S/Sgt Lloyd E. JOHNSON	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	37225023 S/Sgt Francis M. GREEN	E&E REPORT NO. 105
WAIST GUNNER	32431805 S/Sgt Joseph S. WOODSTOCK	E&E REPORT NO. 96
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PLANE CRASHES
AND BURNS

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JOINS CREW-
MEMBER

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Compiled By:

John F. White, Jr.
JOHN F. WHITE, JR
1st Lt, AC

Approved By:

W.S. Holt
W.S. HOLT
Lt Col, AC
Commanding

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Same as E & E Report No. 104, 1st Lt James S. MUNDAY, O-665707.

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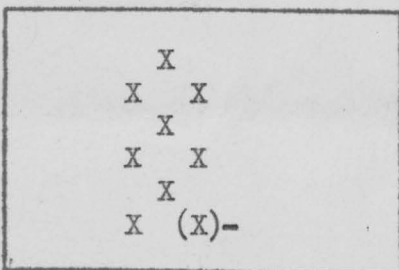
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Appendix E ~~Here~~ report # 108

NAME Edward C. RUBY RANK T/Sgt ASN 11038128 REPORT NO. 108

SQ 544 GROUP 384 A/C NO. 330 Letter _____ Load 10-300 Date 14 July 1943



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Dash indicates position of aircraft.

Observed results of Bombing:

No observed results.

Enemy Fighter Tactics: From my position they came in high, 7 o'clock, and
Markings: fell off under tail. No visible markings.

Our Tactics: Two engines out at time, tried to join a lower formation but missed.
Tried to get to deck, when they got other engines.

Our Fighter Support: None at time of engagement.

Flak

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
8:45	Approaching, over and leaving target	Quite thick.

Technical Failures

Motors: okay

Armor: okay

Armament: Lower Ball, inoperative.

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

|| DID YOU USE BALE-OUT BOTTLE: Not needed. ||

|| DID YOU BLACK OUT: No ||

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Unit:- 544 Bomb Squadron, 384 Bomb Group

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1. AIDS BOX

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- (b) If not, had you one on you?
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use?
Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.
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 - (ii) Chocolate **Traveling first day.**
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 - (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).
 - (vi) Matches. **Smoking cigarettes.**
 - (vii) Adhesive tape.
 - (viii) Chewing gum. (-)
 - (ix) Water bottle.
 - (x) Compass **Checking direction for evading capture.**
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
If so, in what respect? **No**
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? **Hid it in woods.**
- (g) Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger?

Saw did not seem to be too useful. (File is in Purse)

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? **Yes**
If so, state COLOR. **Brown**
If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? **No**
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?
Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
 - (i) Maps. Which ones? **Lower France and Spain, Large France**
 - (ii) Compass. **Yes**

- (iii) File (hacksaw). No
- (iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money. Cigarettes, gave some to French, bought food.

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps. Hid it under rock when taken by Spanish soldiers.

Compass. Same

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency. None

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+)

(*Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

Not issued.

(a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?

If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE

- (i) Round compass. Yes, while evading capture and crossing mountains.
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- (iii) Swinger compass.
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- (v) Pencil clip compass.
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4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? Yes
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5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? Yes
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

Bovingdon by British.

(b) Did you find the lectures of value? Yes