

AG 383.6

Hq ETOUSA

9 April 1943.

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By command of Lieutenant General ANDREWS:

Ralph Pulsifer
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RALPH PULSIFER,

Colonel, AGD, Adjutant General.

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Name (Print) HOUSE, WALTER L Signed Walter L House

Rank T/SET ASN 35484983 Date 4 Jan 1944

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SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
PW and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. *HOUSE, WALTER LAFAYETTE - 1/SET - 35484983*
2. Decorations. *AIR MEDAL*
3. Unit or Squadron. *546th Bomb Sq. (H)*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *384th Bomb Gr. (H)*
5. Date of Birth. *3 SEPT 1914*
6. Length of Service. *5 1/2 YRS (4 YRS US NAVY)*
7. Private Address. *1752 NORMAL DRIVE, BOWLING GREEN KENTUCKY.*
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? - *UNKNOWN*
RAID AGAINST STUTTGART GERMANY - 6 SEPT 1943 - DEPARTURE APPROX 0800
LANDED IN FRANCE IN PROVINCE OF EURE APPROX 1215 6 SEPT 1943
9. What was your position in aircraft? *RADIO OPERATOR*
10. Were you wounded? *SLIGHTLY IN LEFT HAND.*
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *NO*
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? *FRENCH (SLIGHTLY)*
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 experiences. Where and when? *DICTATED REPORT TO BR. INTELLIGENCE AT GIBRALTAR. 1 JAN 1944*
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? *YES - MADRID - 26 DEC 1943*
GIBRALTAR - 1 JAN 1944
UK - 3 JAN 1944
USA - 4 JAN 1944
17. Date of arrival in Spain. *- 21 DEC 1943*
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *31 DEC 1943*
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *AIR 3 JAN 1944*
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *3 JAN 1944*

met Fred Huntziger + his plane ² 126 had worked near there - been there
couple days before.
Attend full moon - to Paris - not by air plane.
Woman from Paris whom I met met - went by train with Valois from
Amicaux to Paris. Marie Christine Bodin. met by 2 more
girls - one whom lived with. Mme B - in bygone Bosniens-
nurse.
& Marie Betbeder - Mativet - Eng prof

9 to Marie Christine - 38 Rue de Petit Champs - then 6 Oct
met Sgt Davis RAF - 29 days their Purple comes & goes.
Fred to Marie B-11

Seemed that Marie Christine's father agent - found out later
her chief been looked to by for special institution.

She not seen yet any financial support can I see.
Been out with 5 sons on train 12 Sept - for some reason
not take her, though she with them. Trying very means know.
get is not.

1 Oct later on pretended have epileptic in jail - got came in -
escaped - from Marie Christine & all 5 eggs and to be out.
While there she went to country, but back 84 Zone spent with one
of her employees - she & husband was landlady.

Curb later to country - responded to big 5 - but only 3, a Cordier,
Sgt Weatheridge, 2 others from 384 bomb sq 544 Sq. one 7/18
Puri - other his bombadier.

more not - people staying with called in by P. & caught. Puri & bombadier
Weatheridge said 6 other members Price's crew caught Vezard
all six walking down street.

Last day to have meeting with some get is out - note that 200,000 for a
betwined over to Dostiga - knew looking after. She had got me
another GIP

Kaufmann
She asked to us - told us we must leave.

Huntziger on had been moved to country to home of M. Isayard
When she found we had to leave - we out alone - meet them on it comes - walk
to Marie's apt - 2 Isayard's up & ask at directions - In looking
up answer just in time.

Walk across Paris to Marie in. Place Square Porte Royale.
met couple school teacher friends there - Marie Christine still
trying find my out for. (Sgt who's there, Thurs - 4th &
few days on Sun. M.C. find my

Tide
c 0700.

for 2 boys to go - not really trust man when find - He & Suzanne going
Davis & me - Then decided do not go & neither J is. I had / sent
young in & 2 men - they to meet Renard - Davis say run c 50,
dinner on awful lot - that why MC not trust - Belgran -
Suzanne going instead of her. Met at Peds de Monton
across st from Gare d'Orly - catch early train for Toulouse -
Renard to him 3 other airmen - for a Brit - Marie B-B had had
18 with her - that like to see him - left for station - had borrowed friend's
flashlight. Marie not show y'all dy. at 2100 find in - from whom
borrowed flashlight. She moved in to her apt - 1st floor - then to
another school teacher's apt for next nt. W. asked them go MC - neither
she or husband at shop - all looked bad.

Moved across Paris to another school teacher's apt - 2 nts.
Marie's for brother learned that Marie in Fresnes - & that
MC & Suzanne in Fresnes & MC's husband in Clerch-Midi.
We completely lost - Fresnes for women not so bad - central but J-
school teachers not have [Fresnes better J-
any contacts. On hot bath a week. ? 2.]
Marie told us Fresnes is prison.
Clerch-Midi when go get but yes when
want short

At MC lost weatheride to Paris women waiting at apt to
take him & plan to stay - Celange - school teacher also. They
ask her to take us. She took us to St Maur - Weatherid got
there. More de Mirbach - c 70, Edits c 35.
Meanwhile Celange trying find way out for us - see months before
she had arranged for airman - went to same contact - to take car for.
Told her bring 3 J's into Paris - meet her at metro station - go to
another metro - back to house. We decided 3 J's are suspicious - re-
fused go. Turned out man we wanted 2. Asked girl in house to go in,
meet man, tell him all 3 J's not go together - he understood because
asked for 2 only.

At Dr M's other photos for new H.P. C 2 days later would
though Celange bring 2 boys ready leave Paris - each of others
dark eyes than I, and I stayed. C 2 days by myself. 18 Dec
used him in. Train - met boy in Metro - War to AF - young
blond haired, very nice looking - rather small. Had a leather coat.
Took me to his apt - that evening after dark to be across Seine not far
from Notre Dame - met woman, 2 men & Sgt Combs. Man told me woman
to guide - fairly good sized woman.
Man wanted me R, S, N.
Sgt Combs, girl, & I on alone - then c 1930. To cafe, eat, go.

Food in fields. Ate chocolate, milk.
Little stream ran in just dry last water before food left - 4 days
without water.

Pretty hungry for Thurs - stole carrots from garden - took tops in yard.

A Near Mammerville shepherd supposed to have fed 3 boys who asked for
help then called in police. No shot in work. This early in day.

Raspberries - last afternoon found some black berries - wet from rain - drinking
rank from tops of bunches.

Thurs aft. to hill near Queens - lying there planning go on at dark - after walk
at noon. Shepherd drove back up - sleep all around me. I figured to stop for
me. I crawled & walked up to him. 'I was curious and I told him I was
& that' - ask if help - He showed me empty pockets - point to valley - I said
not want go to valley. He pointed to another hill, valley, walked further - asked
if go now - I said yes - indicated indirect road - then early afternoon. I
approached. I was near barn saw me. Whistled - on not look at me - in.
Approached back of house - saw woman - to woods - berries. Rain - misheard 'what
the hell.' Woman in garden gathering vegetables - woman passed me. I got go - but
who I was - she finished and asked if I back of house. 'I told him fine'

Thurs
nt. To attic gave me food - felt not bed. Valet, Queens }
Next day hot girl to see me - I 1st airman there. No mother yet - girl
had note. 'This was place here' Rogers }

mi She said Marie area - school teacher - had long ration tickets -
to 2 families in area.

Sat nothing. Saw girl back - gave me clothes - shoes, regular suit.
Took my own clothes. Marlene

Sun not walk to school teacher's house in Rogers. Berdereau

13 days there.
Boy who been at in Car came to see me - asked me about crew

Had something to do with airman.
medium build, dark hair, c 29 - little guy. - Had known Mrs

P - her husband killed in war.
I had lost A/C crashed in vicinity.

Young girl came see me - asked me some questions: School teacher say they
little afraid of me.

Man who wanted to see women came see me. One Pozzo de Borgo.
Sent me all sorts of things. Apparently his report says find them.

M Valet but did suit - took his suit, but back.
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To St Denis - Le - 8 - Titus's home 3 days there. Man who drove
me up with camera.

Vallée's arm - took me by cycle to abandoned factory near Mammerville -
his home. I was there. Recd 2/1/1

Trig over mounted - do not recall much flash - Cloud over ~~P~~ -
C hr 1/2 back - dropped bombs off P - small vly - eggs not bomb-
we individually.

Trumble in No 3 eye - neuronal laser formation - but alt rapidly
yellow more silver for 190's - 5 or 6 - white fighting - ran us over
sun flash - to you - hide in low clouds. Ship fairly badly shot up -
P & W-P discussing whether of the No 2 - seem to be granted low altitude
for good. Decided bail out in try & continue - first attacks are
of WG hit. 20mm blew up at side radio - knocked fire extinguisher
off - CO₂ all over me. N called send SOS - QRM coming home. Ship
headed E when jumped but I figured. Making contact - 20-mm blew
transmitter. I call N - B says it's gone - P told me check remainder ship
see who still left - & gives me W bail out. Saw W6 enter yellow -
P W6 lying, I mt. BT up mt) turned - opponent of it out - I
asked P if he wanted me to begin getting equipment together. 'Yes' -

saw Jfr almost dead I mt. Blast of hell - no. in shortly - Called P -
said guns better bail out. T. W - B/B doors not opened. B6 TRT
jumped left W6 - no lead phos - I grabbed him - clutch - I try
shove him to door - I thought I would a frightened - couldn't get him -
W, both fell to floor of ship. Ship lurched - I that into drive - crawl
out door - looked out door saw people below < 150' - pulled cord
immediately. Chute opened just about time I landed in tree stream
man's garden - couldn't reach anything + get down - would have
dropped 75' - cut harness to get swing to branch. Took Jfr
maenest, harness, remaining boot, dropped 2 to me & 2 women below -
to back - fell 30' flat on back. To ask me if I hurt - said no. Broke me
other boot. 'On sent his Allmonds' - he pointed - that he meant air field.

I wanted get out there. I saw him bring. Started Jfr. B6 gave
me 'allie' signal - I took Jfr to E - to road - turned mt. Took Jfr
flying suit - turned inside out. Opened escape kit, took out cables,
buried box & tools for guns - smeared mud of electric shoes. Decided
but to hide - mine buried in - crawled up to lay in tree - good hiding place -
had no targets on both roads - not see by 5. Day under log, moked. There
up at c 2200 - moon up. Tried figure places to be SE - that near Amers.

I had been instructed to make for Paris - was advised
S-2 had told go Paris - make way to nearest station & buy ticket.
Walked in night - slept in haystack at day - slow progress.
Watched people working around - W-up farms too big to approach
Moss. Thurs. Carried electric suit in blanket wrapped in jerry sack

Failed
near
Samaras

Just as
landed
the
bugged
chute

A

I said I prefer not go to restaurant - she insisted no dogs. I had food in my pockets finally to tobacco shop. Ate sandwiches - drank. To Amsterdam - train for Bordeaux. On train my card found at Monet. Unwontful ride, That night - Exchanged cards on train - that I could talk.

At Bordeaux & another station - next train short f. She print out guide. Then picked up Belgrain O. W. & get M. when guided printed out.

at Dax c 1130. Picked up men with bicycles, 50 km. Joniel Ashcroft's Whetton - Combs had to be parked - couldn't ride bike. Combs ran into 25 miles in lakes - they picked up.

To Bayonne - not upstairs over restaurant. Of next evening in lakes.

On in 2's. After worded men stopped by 2 guardsmen.

Pair in front stopped by 15 staffed asking directions - pair pushing up!

Started walking - "As miss something to eat" just keep on walking. Use good psychology "just little ways" - on & on.

not gentle with you. And you - But I allow you to rest as frequently as want passably not get there.

Walked to c 0230 - passed near to port - guide said - crossed little stream they said further.

To Jauruham - next night - Carabinieri very active at now.

In Paris
low OX jobs
would take
est - glass
but not dead
I always kept
G1 shoes in
A/C to look in
chute - but in
mess looks for
blue suit have
time

We waited in next morning - over into for day - I was not in show. Left in day hour. Man asked for V, R, S, W, took us to late that night - left in day sleep shed & 4 hrs which look another place to stay. 2 nts there in lane. Men were.

look us to another sleep shed - told last by walk. I met the Chris we - 2 men get us - down then into to road - 15 mile drop -

Then either go by a sleep shed - went back over into - told at house we lost them - c 0130 men back - asked us follow -

met car - 'Taxi'. On men looked at Whitlow page signed in into.

To St Sebastian 0530 Chris morning. That night & next day. Arr to MA MADRID came back to us. Over out - met Mrs Gusswell.

To Madrid - B. Embassy. Sign security certificate.

Around Madrid - left at 30.

Interrogated at Soto by Gen J Darling's men - minutes Darby's not Capt 2nd.

Nothing of interest in next question.

Lt Merle Johnson - had seen name on list in Paris -
Massie Christie's.

B | Had very lot of trainees coming in ^{Sept} around Los Angeles - organized
to be from E S - very old & young.
O & NCO must from Russia.
Some cavalry around St Denis.

B | Gp at Beauvais ^{train} ~~train~~ at Abbeville - 2nd

B | Lt Philip - rather tall fellow - short hair cut - told about new style
engine - Fw - fighter-bomber - added runway - carries 4-250kg bombs -
2 place plane.

B | ~~Some country of~~ Antilles - factory making 'things' for S.
Is giving 10,000 for month for guy from so as to work later -
know of 125 who had gun.

B | Most of soldiers and Dax had left in prison.

[INSERT A]

MOST
IMPORTANT
ADVICE

At one place where I was staying with some French helpers another American
Our French hosts
evader there complained about the food he was receiving. ~~The/French~~ were ex-
tremely annoyed at his complaints and at his lack of understanding of the dif-
ficulties which they face in helping allied airmen at all. Still another
American who was staying with me became impatient because our French helpers
were not moving us on quickly enough. It seems to me that aircrews should
be made to realize that Frenchmen are staking their lives when they aid allied
airmen, ^{that} and a man should be grateful for anything which he receives from these
people---and make clear his gratitude. He should be told to ask no ques-
tions whatsoever once he is in the hands of real helpers, and he should also
be told to be satisfied with whatever he receives. If he is getting poor
food, he is receiving the best which can be secured for him. If he is not
moving, there is good reason for the delay---it may mean that some of his
helpers have been shot. It seems to me that it is just as important for an
evader to create a good impression with the French as it is for him to get
back.

(Over)

HELPFUL
GERMANS

At one time a group of us were riding along on bicycles, strung along the road like a convoy. One sergeant with us could not ride a bicycle at all, and while he was making ^{an} attempt he ~~fell~~ wobbled right across the road in the dark and ran into a couple of German soldiers on bicycles. We thought we had lost this sergeant and ~~w~~ would be lucky if the rest of us did not get taken. But these German soldiers ~~p~~ picked the sergeant up, placed him on his bicycle, and helped him to get on his way again.

WITHOUT
A THOUGHT

As if this incident were not nerve-racking enough, later we were walking along in pairs, pushing our bicycles. A couple of German officers in a staff car stopped our lead pair to ask them for road directions. While they were talking away, the rest ~~of~~ of us passed them, pushing our bicycles along, two by two. What they thought we were I could not imagine. The only solution was that they did no thinking.

Our trip to STUTTGART was uneventful. I do not recall much flak.. It was cloudy over the target, and we did not bomb as a group. Our bombs were dropped on a small village off the target. Trouble with number three engine forced us to leave the formation. We lost altitude rapidly. Five or six silver FW 190's with yellow noses came after us. While we were fighting them, they ran us over some flak areas. We tried to hide in low clouds without too much success. The ship was pretty badly shot up. In the first attack one of the waist gunners was hit. A 20-mm shell blew out the right side of the radio and knocked a fire extinguisher on the floor, spilling carbon dioxide all over me. I heard the pilot and co-pilot discussing whether to feather number two engine. They seemed to take it for granted that we would have to ditch for lack of gasoline, and I heard them deciding whether to bail out or to try and continue.. The navigator called for me to send an SOS and get a QDM for our course home. While I was trying to make contact, a 20-mm shell blew out the transmitter. I heard the pilot call the navigator, and the bombardier replied that the navigator was gone. *PP* The pilot ordered me to check the remainder of the ship to see who was left, for he had given no order to bail out. I discovered that the waist entrance had been jettisoned. One waist gunner was lying on the floor, the other seemed to have left. The ball turret gunner came up out of his turret; apparently it was not working. I called the pilot and asked him ^{whether} he wanted me to begin jettisoning equipment in order to lighten ^{the plane;} ~~us~~ he answered, "Yes." I saw a fighter almost on the end of our wing just ^{blasting} ~~shooting~~ us to pieces with not a gun of ours firing at him. When I called the pilot, he said that we had better bail out. I went to the waist. The bomb bay doors were not open. The ball turret gunner had his head-
the left
phones off and was trying to operate a waist gun. He seemed wounded

LEFT FORMATION
ATTACKED BY
FIGHTERS

CONFUSION

CONFUSION

and frightened, uncertain what he was doing.. He had his parachute on, and I tried to help him out of the plane, but he seemed unwilling to go. We both fell to the floor of the plane as it lurched, going into a dive, I thought.. I crawled to the door, saw people below, went out at about 1500 feet, and pulled the rip cord almost immediately.. My chute opened barely in time, and I landed in a tree, hanging about 75 feet from the ground. I could not reach anything by which to get down, but I was carrying a belt knife, which I think every airman should have, and I managed to cut the shrouds and swing to a branch.. While I was taking off my mae west, harness, and boots, dropping them to the Frenchmen below, the branch broke, and I fell about 300 feet to the ground, coming down flat on my back. The French people thronged around me and asked whether I was hurt. I managed to say, "No."

When I could talk, I asked the French, "Ou sont les allemands?" One man pointed and said something I could not understand.. I handed him my knife and wanted to get away. A boy gave me the old "Allez" signal of which I saw a lot later, and I started off, heading east to a road and turning off it.. Soon I opened my escape kit, and took out its contents, buried the box and also some tools I always carried for my guns. I smeared mud over my electric shoes and ^{walked on} started off. I saw that I was in a cul de sac of roads and decided that I had better hide until night.. I found a log in some good cover and hid. Soon I heard motorcycles on the surrounding roads, but I did not see any Germans. I lay and smoked, carefully dispersing the smoke so that I would not be spotted.. I remained where I was until about 2200 when it was dark and the moon was up..

In S-2 instruction on evasion and escape I had been advised to ^{head for} go to Paris, if necessary going to the nearest railroad station and buying a ticket. I thought I was near AMIENS, so I decided to

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WALKED THE NEXT FOUR DAYS

head southeast, going on foot.. I walked for the next four days, making pretty slow progress across fields and through the woods, carefully keeping off the roads. I went only at night, sleeping in piles hayfields during the day. I found a gunny sack in a field,, and I carried my electric suit in it, using the suit as a blanket while I slept. I saw a number of people working in the fields, but the farms seemed to be cooperative, and I was never able to find a man off by himself so that I could approach him. I was afraid to approach any group.

FOOD

I ate the chocolate and milk from my escape kit.. I also ate some raw potatoes. Thursday, 9^{??} September 1943, I stole some carrots from a garden, sticking the tops back in to surprise the owner when he came to pull up his carrots. That afternoon I found some blackberries. I found the second day that the farmers took a long lunch hour, so I walked while they stopped to eat. The day I came down I had water from a little stream, but I came across no water after that. By Thursday I was getting pretty thirsty. It rained Thursday afternoon, and I got some water from the drops on the blackberries and also from some little puddles which collected on top of the fences.

BUT NO WATER

APPROACHED SHEPHERD

By Thursday afternoon I was getting disheartened. While I was lying on a hill after my mid-day jaunt, a shepherd drove ^{ap} his flocks. ~~up the hill.~~ I figured that it was just a matter of time before his dogs found me, and he was by himself, so I crawled up toward him, and said, "Je suis aviateur americain." He did not seem very surprised. I told him that I was hungry and thirsty and asked him if he could help me. He showed me his empty pockets and pointed to a village some distance away. I indicated that I did not want to go to a village. He pointed to a house on another hill. When I asked him $\frac{1}{2}$

whether I should go there immediately, he pointed out an indirect route of approach.. I followed his direction.. When I neared the house, which was a regular French farmhouse with house and barns around a court yard, two men near a barn saw me. I whistled at them, and one came out, looked at me, and went back in the courtyard.. I approached the back of the house and saw no one. I got rather frightened and walked right on to the nearby woods. Pretty soon it started to rain, and I felt miserable.. I began to feel as if it did not make any difference one way or the other. After a time a woman who had been gathering vegetables passed me.. I got up and told her who I was. She hurried me back to the farmhouse, saying, as her first words, "Italie est finie!" She took me to the attic and fed me, and fixed a bed. I fell sleepily into it..

From there my journey was arranged.

Crossing the Pyrenees the guides kept saying, "45 minutes and you'll have something to eat." Then we just kept on walking. They were forever saying, "Just a little ways more" and we walked on and on. They are not gentle with you and keep pushing you to get on,, but I am afraid that if they let you stop as frequently as you feel like stopping, you would never get to Spain..

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Commanding

Appendices A-E

Appendix B

1. The following information has been obtained in an interview with a sergeant who evaded capture by the enemy after being in enemy occupied territory.

2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but in that case it is important that no information be divulged about the source.

Statement of information covering the period from

DIRECTED
TO A HOUSE

UNCERTAIN

SOUGHT
HELP

INSERT A
ATTACHED

JOURNEY
ARRANGED
CROSSING
THE
PYRENEES

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
P/W and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

E & E REPORT NO. 299
EVASION IN 4

(Date)

(Name)

(Rank)

(ASN)

TARGET:

Stuttgart

(Squadron)

(Group)

MIA:

Arrived in UK:

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWID)

Official
Disposition

Narrators
Disposition

Position	Name	Rank	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	James P. Brunsby	2nd	0794606 - MIA	
CO-PILOT	Robert L. Stoner	2nd	0677306 - P/W	
NAVIGATOR	Charles C. Carlin	2nd	0738819 - P/W	
BOMBARDIER	Wilbert J. EYE	2nd	0735224 - P/W	
RADIO OPERATOR	Walter L. House	T/SGT	35484983 RD	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	Bruno E. Edwan	T/SGT	36198223 - P/W	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	James H. Redway	S/SGT	35474320 - MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	Gifford M. M. Hammer	S/SGT	14120019 - 391	
WAIST GUNNER	Olen M. M. BRANT	SGT	18135581 - P/W	
TAIL GUNNER	Theodore L. Dandelin	S/SGT	11068163 - P/W	

Were you wounded?

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E & E REPORT NO. 299
EVASION IN FRANCE France

4 JAN 1944
(Date)

HOUSE WALTER L. T/SGT 35484983
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

546th B.S. (H) 384th BGR. (H)
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 29

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 5 1/2 (4 YRS US NAVY)

HOME ADDRESS: 1752 NORMAL DRIVE
BOWLING GREEN KENTUCKY

MIA: 6 SEPT 1943

Arrived in Spain:

~~21 DEC 1943~~

Arrived in Gibraltar:

~~31 DEC 1943~~

Arrived in UK:

3 JAN 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with FWIB)

PILOT ARMSTRONG J.E. 2ND LT —

CO-PILOT STONER R.L. 2ND LT —

NAVIGATOR CARLIN C.C. 2ND LT —

BOMBARDIER YEE 2ND LT —

RADIO OPERATOR HOUSE W.L. T/SGT —

TOP TURRET GUNNER EDMAN T/SGT —

BALL TURRET GUNNER REDWING J.H. S/SGT —

WAIST GUNNER UNKNOWN —

WAIST GUNNER UNKNOWN —

TAIL GUNNER HAMMOCK C. S/SGT —

Official Narrators
Disposition Disposition

— LEFT IN SHIP

— LEFT IN SHIP

— BAILED OUT

— LEFT IN SHIP

NARRATOR —

— LEFT IN SHIP

— LEFT IN SHIP

— BAILED OUT (?)

— KILLED (?)

— LEFT IN SHIP

Were you wounded?

SLIGHTLY IN LEFT HAND

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

I followed the advice to get away from one's landing place as quickly as possible. I also followed the advice to try and find a remote place to make contact with a lone Frenchman..

The lessons in French which we had in our squadron were most helpful, and probably made me recall what to use when I needed it. Someone with even a smattering of French is far better off than one who knows no French.

SuggestIOns: It is most important that a man realize that he should ask no questions whatsoever once he is in the hands of helpers. He should aslo be told to be satisfied with whatever he receives. I saw a couple of Americans who complained about the food and about other parts of their care. There is no excuse for such dissatisfaction.. The French do for you the very best they can. It seems to me that it is just as important for an evader to create a good impressionwith the French as it is for him to get back.

(OVER)

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GI Shoes: I always kept GI shoes in the plane with me, intending to hook them on my parachute if I had to jump. But on the occasion I had no chance to grab the shoes.

I think every invader should wear GI shoes, but it would be well to cut off the heel so that the maker's name does not show in the footprint.

6 September 1943 to 21 December 1943.

a. Informant was told by Frenchmen in September that a lot of trainees were supposed to be coming into the area of Les ANDELYS from eastern Germany. For the most part they were very old or very young. The officers and non-coms were supposed to be from Russia. (Hearsay)

b. Informant was told in September by Frenchmen that German cavalry were stationed around ST DENIS ~~1~~ FERMENT. (Hearsay)

c. Frenchmen told informant that the Luftwaffe group at BEAUVAIS at the time the airfield was bombed came from ABBEVILLE.

d. A Frenchman told informant that a new style FW fighter bomber is being built with an enlarged wing span. It is supposed to carry four 250 kg bombs.

e. Frenchmen told informant that the Germans were offering 10,000 francs a month to young Frenchmen who would go into the German airforce and bomb London. Sources told informant that they knew of 125 young Frenchmen who had swallowed the bait.

f. Most of the German soldiers whom informant saw around DAX in middle December wore yellow piping.

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *HOUSE, WALTER L. 1/SET. 35484983*

Unit:- *384 BOMB GR, 546 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.

-Horlicks tablets. *WALKING IN FIELDS BEFORE CONTACTING HELP.*
Stale - all stuck together

-Chocolate. *"*

-Milk (tube). *"*

-Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *"*

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *"*

-Matches. *"*

Adhesive tape. *"*

-Chewing gum. *"*

Water bottle. *"*

-Compass. *←*

- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
If so, in what respect? *BENZADRINE TABLETS - NO EFFECT NOTICED*
Horlicks tablets stale - all stuck together
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? - *BURIED IN GROUND*
- (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? *SMALL VIAL OF IODINE*

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? *YES*
If so, state COLOR. *GREY RED*
In NOT, State why not. *✓*
- (b) Did you use the purse?
- (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.

-Maps. Which ones? *FRANCE*

-Compass. *ATTEMPTED TO DETERMINE POSITION AND SET COURSE*

NO COMPASS IN PURSE

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. 2000 FRANCS (FRENCH)
How did you spend the money? CIGARETTES AND FOOD.

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

GAVE ARTICLES TO FRENCH.

Surplus currency. TURNED OVER TO GUIDE ON LEAVING FRANCE.

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+) *None*
(+Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

OMIT (a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?
If you used any of them state briefly WHEN and WHERE.

Round compass. NO

Stud compass. NO

Swinger compass. NO

Fly-button compass. NO

Pencil clip compass. NO

Tunic button compass. NO

Pipe compass. NO

Pouch NO

Special flying boots (and knife). NO

(b) Were they satisfactory? -

(c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions,
which would improve the above equipment? CARRIED BELT KNIFE. COULD NOT
HAVE REACHED GROUND SAFELY WITHOUT IT SINCE I FELL INTO TALL TREE AND HAD TO CUT

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS SHROUDS ONE SIDE AT A TIME.

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? YES.
If so, how many? THREE

(b) Did you use them? NOT USED SINCE THEY WERE TOO SMALL for the
State how. - Area of Gisors

at least
Area of Gisors.

5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? YES
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. AT STATION BY GR. S-R -

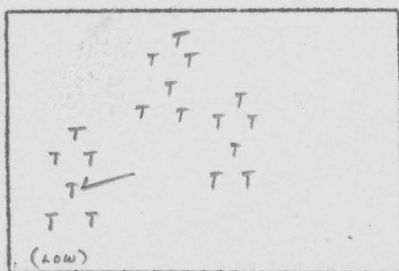
(b) Did you find the lectures of value? YES.

Only valuable suggestion - try & pick remote place to make contact
1 person by self.
GET AWAY FROM LANDING PLACE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
LESSONS IN FR probably made me recall what to use - boys with
smattering of Fr better off than those know none.

Once get with Fr never ask any questions - be satisfied
with whatever you have. AS important to create good impres-
sion as to get back, seems to me.

NAME HOUSE, WALTER L. RANK T/SGT ASN 35984983 REPORT NO. _____

SQ 546 GROUP 384 A/C NO. 220507 Letter H Load 500¹² lbs Date 6 SEPT 1943



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing: NONE - BOMBED TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY IN GERMANY

Enemy Fighter Tactics: BEAM AND STERN ATTACKS (HIGH AND LEVEL) IN PAIRS
Markings: SILVER WITH YELLOW ENGINE COWLS

Our Tactics: ATTEMPTED TO HIDE IN CLOUDS AND EMPLOYED NORMAL EVASIVE ACTION AFTER LEAVING FORMATION.

Our Fighter Support: NONE

<u>Flak</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
MEDIUM	APPROX 1200	ESTIMATED IN VICINITY OF LES ANDLIS, FRANCE	ACCURATE DUE TO LOW ALTITUDE OF $\frac{9}{10}$

Technical Failures

Motors: FEATHERED NO 3 NECESSITATING LEAVING FORMATION - NO 2 LOST PRESSURE POSSIBLY DUE TO FLAK.

Armor: ✓

Armament: TURRETS INOPERATIVE - MODIFIED RADIO GUN AMMUNITION FEED SYSTEM PROVED UNSATISFACTORY

Miscellaneous: ✓

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above: