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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

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Name (Print) SAMUEL DEUTSCH
Rank T/SGT. A. S. N. 6667757
Unit 384 BOMB. GP. JVS BOMB GP.

Signed Samuel Deutsch
Dated 7-31-44
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Signed Samuel Deutsch
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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
OFFICE OF THE A. C. OF S., G-2

845
DATE: 1 AUGUST 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, HAROLD J. NESS, SGT. AC 34384937

HEREBY CERTIFY that I have known and have been associated with

SAMUEL (NMI) DEUTSCH, T/SGT. AC 6667757

prior to his being reported missing in action over enemy territory.

The person whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon is the individual referred to above.

Samuel Deutsch

Harold J. Ness

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as SAMUEL DEUTSCH

T/Sgt. 666 7757 AC 545 Bomb Squad. 384 Bomb Group

previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

J. F. CARROLL
CONFIDENTIAL

J. F. Carroll
SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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1. Because disclosures of information regarding evasion from capture, escape, details of imprisonment, release from internment, and repatriation have been made, the lives and services of fellow soldiers and those who help them have been lost or endangered. All information which you possess on these subjects, including the experiences of others as well as your own, briefings and equipment for evasion and escape, and preparations and other activities in connection therewith, constitutes MILITARY INFORMATION which is classified SECRET by the War Department.

2. You will therefore disclose no information whatever, beyond the fact of your return to duty from "missing in action" or "prisoner of war" or "internment", to anyone except the following military officials:

- a. The first Military Attache to whom you report;
- b. An officer designated by the Commanding General of an overseas Theatre of Operations;
- c. The Prisoner of War Branch, MIS, Washington, D.C., the interrogating agency designated by the A/C of S, G-2, War Department General Staff;
- d. Certain other officers holding written authority from the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, to interrogate you.

3. You will particularly guard against disclosure of SECRET information to relatives, friends, representatives of the press and radio, and military officials, except as noted in a, b, c and d above.

4. In order to protect yourself against disciplinary action, any question involving publicity must be referred BY YOU PERSONALLY to the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, Washington, D.C.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have read and fully understand all of the foregoing and the Directive of the Secretary of War, 6 Aug 43 (on the reverse side), and will at ALL TIMES hereafter comply fully therewith.

I understand that all information concerning escape, evasion from capture, activities and equipment in connection therewith, and details of imprisonment or release from internment, is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone except the military officials specifically designated. I further understand that disclosure to any other person will make me liable to disciplinary action for failure to safeguard MILITARY INFORMATION.

I realize that publicity concerning my experiences, by word of mouth or otherwise, will endanger the lives of many persons and therefore it is my duty to take all possible precautions to prevent it.

I further certify that I have received a copy of the foregoing.

Name (Print).....SAMUEL DEUTSCH..... Signed.....Samuel Deutsch.....
Rank.....T/SGT..... A.S.N. 6667757..... Dated.....28 JUL 1944..... Place.....GIBRALTAR.....
Unit.....5Y5BAMBSQD, 384 BOMBGR..... Witness.....H. W. Forster.....

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HORACE W. FORSTER,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
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E & X REPORT NO.
EVASION IN

8-1-44
(Date)

DEUTSCH T/SGT. 6667757

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

23 (No of Missions)

TARGET: SWIN FURT

Date Missing in Action: April 13 1944

Date Arrived in UK: 7-31-44

(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

THE PLANE CRASH LANDED

Indicate what happened to
each man
and how you know

PILOT 1ST LT. HEFFLEY - WOUNDED IN THE LEG AND LEFT THE PLANE O.K.

CO-PILOT 2ND LT. MADE - ESCAPED WITH ME

NAVIGATOR 2ND LT. CARINI - WOUNDED IN THE HEAD LEFT THE PLANE O.K.

BOMBARDIER 2ND LT. BETALATTI - NOT WOUNDED AND HE ALSO LEFT PLANE O.K.

RADIO OPERATOR T/SGT. SHADE - LEFT PLANE O.K.

TOP TURRET GUNNER T/SGT. DEUTSCH

REAR TURRET GUNNER S/SGT. BECHTEL - ESCAPED WITH ME

WAIST GUNNER S/SGT. GATZMAN - WOUNDED IN THE FACE LEFT PLANE O.K.

WAIST GUNNER S/SGT. ALLEN - WOUNDED IN THE BACK WAS WITH US FOR
A WHILE BUT HE LOST HIS HEAD AND DROVE AWAY WHEN THE GERMANS WERE
IN THE VICINITY

TAIL GUNNER S/SGT. ALFETER - WOUNDED IN THE FACE LEFT PLANE O.K.

Were you wounded? YES

TOP SECRET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Samuel Deutsch T/SGT. 6667757
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

8-1-44

(Date)

384 Bomb. 845 Bomb Sq.
(Unit)

844

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

4-13-44 at 4:00 P.M. in Ramcourt the plane crashed
landed

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.
Was it on fire, etc?

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

8 Members were injured before the plane landed

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so give detailed furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

yes by the young French men said that 5 of them
became P.W. and 2 others went to Italy.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its conditions?

I saw the plane in a photo and it was
had the left wing burn off and the fuselage to the R.O. compartment.

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *T/Sgt. Samuel Deutsch 666 7757*

Unit:- *354 Bomb. Sq. 545 Bomb. Sq.*

Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training 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, why? *because I was picked up by the French immediately.*
- c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".

Horlicks tablets.

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube).

☒ Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *for climbing the mt.*

☒ Halazone tablets (water purifier). *for mt. snow.*

☒ Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass.

Sewing kit.

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box?
- f. 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?

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *yes*
State color of stripes and letters. *yellow.*
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? *yes*

(over)

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones? *Northern France and Southern France*

Compass. *yes*

File (hacksaw). *no*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *The amount in the escape kit.*
How did you spend the money? *I gave a french farmer about 600*

d. How did you dispose of:- *francs.*

Maps. *Spanish authorities has mine*

Compass. *lost.*

File (hacksaw). *threw away*

Surplus currency. *Spanish authorities*

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? *yes lost*
nails for my shoes

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? *yes*

If so, how many? *3*

b. Did you use them? *yes*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *yes*

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *Station 106. Before going on ops by*
an evader.

b. Did you find the lectures of value? *yes*

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers?

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MIS (X)

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. *Samuel Deutsch T/5BT, 6667757*
2. Decorations. *air medal with 3 clusters*
3. Unit or Squadron. *545 Bomb Sqd.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *384 Bomb. Sq.*
5. Date of Birth. *12-21-44*
6. Length of Service. *4 yrs 9 mos.*
7. Private Address. *1184 Andrews St Akron, Ohio*
8. Job as civilian. *Student*
9. From what field did you take off? *Station 106*
10. Take off time. *around 9 A.M.*
11. Date and target. *4-13-44 - Sevington*
12. Where did you land? *hand*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *do not know*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *T.T.*
15. Were you wounded? *yes*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *no*
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? *no*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *yes*
19. 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?
yes by the British authorities in Sit. about 3 days ago.
20. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? *no*
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *yes Spain Sit and ETO*
22. Date of arrival in Spain. *6-15-44*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *7-28-44*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *Sit 7-30-44 by air*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *Bristol 7-31-44*