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E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)/8/80/258

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I.S.9 (WEA)

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE

For All Personnel.

1. No. 39547763 Rank S/Sgt Name Charles D. MIDDLETON
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Air Medal - 2 Oakleaf Clusters
3. Were you wounded? Give details. No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 535 Bomb Sq
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 381 Bomb Gp 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Toggler
7. Date of Birth Oct. 16, 1922 8. Length of Service 21 months
9. Peace time occupation Machinist apprentice 10. Private address 6509 Rita Street
Huntington Park
California
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags.
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

13. No. and location of O.T.U.
14. No. and location of Conversion Unit

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS

WHO BALE OUT

15. Post in Crew Toggler
16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.
N.B.—Airborne and Parachute Troops: list below names and units of other occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.
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| PILOT | A. Gordon Claytor | Safe |
| CO-PILOT | 2d Lt. Roy A. Rice | Present |
| NAVIGATOR | 2d Lt Chisholm | Prisoner |
| BOMBARDIER | Narrator | |
| RADIO OPERATOR | Williams | Supposed dead |
| TOP TURRET GUNNER | Sango | Prisoner - sold by French for
20,000 frs. |
| BALL TURRET GUNNER | Souder | Present |
| WAIST GUNNER (R.) | Connable | Present |
| WAIST GUNNER (L.) | | |
| TAIL GUNNER | Raymond Vitkus | Present |
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17, from Ridgewell; 0630 on 25 April 1944
18. Where and when did you come down? Between Mouy and Clermont, 25 April 1944
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Gave them to French
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

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We were in an old ship with more than 30 missions to her credit on 25 April. The target was Metz. We had two new engines, but when we were hit by flak near Clermont we had to feather one, and another was windmilling. I was killed by the burst of flak (Williams). The others got out. We heard later from the French that Chisholm and Sango were sold by the Frenchmen who picked them up to the Gestapo for 20,000 frs apiece.

I hit the ground O.K. and stowed my chute. There were 15 or 20 Frenchmen already there in the field, and we had been told not to contact large groups, so we ran away. Soon after Lt. Rice (E&E Report No. 8/81) came to a field where there was a man working alone. He was a Belgian. He helped us to a house nearby where we found the pilot and co-pilot. We stayed there that day while a woman contacted the local Resistance people.

Later we were separated into two groups. Lt. Rice and I went to stay at Haudivilliers with a young girl and her family. She was wonderful to us - got us tobacco and gave us money. There was an 18 yr. old boy there, too, who had blown up a German radio station, and 12 trains.

After about a week we were moved to Paris, where the underground took care of us. On 27 May we were sent to the country near the camp at Cloyes. We stayed there in various farms until the camp opened.

At first there were only about 10 in the camp. More came until at the end there were over 150. A second camp for Americans was formed about 2 miles away. In general, discipline, food, and guards were all right. The Germans knew somebody was in the forest, but they had no time to chase us up.

I stayed through the whole time at the camp and liked it pretty well. I think the men who ran it deserve a lot of credit, if only for holding the boys together under difficult conditions.

The dropping operations were not always well arranged. The last time they dropped supplies and arms too near the Germans and everything fell into their hands. There was no reason for this as there were plenty of other fields nearby.

(No "B" Report)

Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.
N.B.—Airborne and Parachute Troops: list below names and units of other occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.

PILOT	A. Gordon Claxton
CO-PILOT	Sd Lt. Roy A. Rice
NAVIGATOR	Sd Lt. Chisholm
BOMBARDIER	Williams
RADIO OPERATOR	Sango
TOP TURRET GUNNER	Sango
BALL TURRET GUNNER	Sunder
WIAST GUNNER (R.)	Gonnelle
WIAST GUNNER (L.)	Gonnelle
TAIL GUNNER	Raymond Vickers

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Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 15 August 1944

Attached:

Appendix "B"

" "C"

" "D"

I grade this evasion 5.

Disposal: Returned to unit

Theodore M. Purdy
Capt CE Major

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APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)/8/80/258

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No. 39547763 Rank ~~XXXX~~ S/Sgt Name Charles D. MIDDLETON

Date of Interview 15 August 1944 (Evaded in France)

We came down near Audouville and stayed there at first. At Haudivilliers we stayed with the Dumont family. The daughter was the leading spirit in the Resistance.

When we went to Paris it was with Philip and Paul and their organization. They sent us to Chateaudun on May 27. We stayed at Busloup until the camp was ready. Lucien Belgrave and John the Belgian were already there. B/Lt. Berry (see E&E Report 8/59) arrived a week or so later. Two Frenchmen, M. Ducros and a boy named Rene also helped very much in taking care of us and setting up the camp.

I thought John the Belgian was the best man in the camp. Lucien was too superior to do much work, and as result the boys had to take care of things themselves. The American part of the camp was better run than the British. (The nationalities were not separated, actually, it was just that there were more Americans in the newer part of the camp.)

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Middleton, Charles D. 5/59/ 39547763
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: 24

Date arrived in UK: Aug 16

24 (No. of missions)

535 (Squadron) 381 (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (Please list names next to positions)

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT	CLAYTOR	EVADDED WITH ME
CO-PILOT	RICE	" " "
NAVIGATOR	CHIS-ADAM	PRISONER ACCORDING TO FRENCH RESIST
BOMBARDIER	MIDDLETON	EVADDED
RADIO OPERATOR	WILLIAMS	DIED IN GERMAN HOSPITAL - FRENCH RESIST
TOP TURRET GUNNER	SANGG	PRISONER + FRENCH RESIST
BALL TURRET GUNNER	SONDERS	EVADDED WITH ME
WAIST GUNNER	CONNABKE	" " "
WAIST GUNNER		
TAIL GUNNER	VITKUS	" " "

Decorations: AIR MEDAL WITH TWO CLUSTERS

Date of Birth: OCT 16, 1922

Private Address: 6509 RITA ST. HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIF.

Length of Service: 21 MONTHS

Job as Civilian: MACHINE APRENTICE & CHIPPER

From what field did you take off? Take off time. RIDGEWELL 2 600AM TO 6.30

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? YES

Were you wounded? Give details. NO

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? NO

Do you speak FRENCH? NO SPANISH? NO GERMAN? NO ITALIAN? NO OTHER LANGUAGE? NO

Did you have identity papers? DOG TAGS

(over)

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?

YES ~~AMERICAN~~ MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, FRANCE

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?

YES MILITARY INTELLIGENCE FRANCE

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?

NO

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When?

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air.

List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans.

List names of American or British personnel believed to be evading.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

KLS/el-2B-939 Pentagon

6 August 1943

SUBJECT: Amended Instructions Concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War, to Include Evaders of Capture in Enemy or Enemy-Occupied Territory and Internees in Neutral Countries.

TO: The Commanding Generals,
Army Ground;
Army Air Forces;
The Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area;
The Commanding Generals,
Theaters of Operations;
Defense Commands;
Departments;
Base Commands;
The Commanding Officers,
Base Commands;
Director, Bureau of Public Relations.

1. Publication or communication to any unauthorized persons of experiences of escape or evasion from enemy-occupied territory, internment in a neutral country, or release from internment not only furnishes useful information to the enemy but also jeopardizes future escapes, evasions and releases.

2. Personnel will not, unless authorized by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, publish in any form whatever or communicate either directly, or indirectly, to the press, radio or an unauthorized person any account of escape or evasion of capture from enemy or enemy-occupied territory, or internment in a neutral country either before or after repatriation. They will be held strictly responsible for all statements contained in communications to friends which may subsequently be published in the press or otherwise.

3. Evaders, escapees, or internees shall not be interrogated on the circumstances of their experiences in escape, evasion or internment except by the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations. In allied or neutral countries, American Military Attaches are authorized to interrogate on escape, evasion and internment matters.

4. Should the services of escaped prisoners of war, evaders, or internees be deemed necessary for lecturing and briefing, such services will be under the direct supervision of the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations.

5. Commanding Officers will be responsible for instructing all evaders, escapees, and internees in the provisions of this directive which supersedes letter, AG 383.6 (5 Nov 42) OB-S-B-M, 7 November 1942, subject: Instructions concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War and other previous instructions on this subject.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J. A. ULIO
J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

1. 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**.

2. 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, or by A. C. of S., G-2, W. D.

- (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. 4.

e No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of A. C. of S., G-2, W. D., or corresponding organization in the theater.

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 agency designated by A. C. of S., G-2, War Department, the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations, or to the Military Attache in a neutral country to whom I first report. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) Middleton, CHARLES D.

Signed Charles D. Middleton

Rank Sgt A. S. N. 3937763

Dated Aug 17 1944

Unit 535 Sqdn 381 Bomb Group

Witness John W. J. Capt

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If any further information is required concerning this report detailed application should be made to I.S.9 (WEA) G-2 Div S.H.A.E.F. giving the E and E Report No.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 39 547763 Rank S/Sgt.
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) CHARLES D. MIDDLETON
Unit 535 SQ, 381 GP

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 15 Aug. 1944
and has signed a Security Certificate.

He ~~should~~/should not/be re-interrogated.

Theodore M. Purdy
Capt CE
for Major. Inf.

IMPORTANT.

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)
AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF PW. & X. DET.
M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

This Officer/W.O./N.C.O. has special information on the following subjects:—

Name (BLOCK LETTERS)

None

Unit

*If returned to UK, report to
63 Brook St., London, W.1*

He should/should not be re-interrogated.

IMPORTANT.

M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.
AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X. DET.
THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)