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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

HGBRANK Det 1688694 *8-17-44*
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)
381 Gp 534 Sq
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT
CO-PILOT
NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER
RADIO OPERATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER
BALL TURRET GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. *June 15-44*

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
South of Bay - East of Bordeaux.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?
No landing or fire. No 2 falling.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?
1600 ft alt.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?
none.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?
all members all chutes opened.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?
burned - no explosion so far as I know.

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

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?
no.

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by 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?
(Answer above)

18 Aug 1944

1 to 41. Published in extract form.

42. O, CMP, listed below, are reld from asgmt to Western Base Sec, Guard-house, are asgd to Hq Base Sec #2 for dy w/PM Sec:

1st Lt DAVID A. DANIELS, 0461792 2d Lt CHARLES E. MASGROVE, 01557646
TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 60-136 P 431-02 A 212/50425.

43. EM, Signal Depot S-800, APO 559, listed below, are trfd in gr to 3110th Signal Sv Bn, APO 206:

Tec 5 ARRO BAIL, 39542112 Pvt TILMAN FOMNESBECK, 39835297
TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for qrs and rat while on travel status is atzd in accordance w/Cir 63, this hq, cs, as amended. TDN. 60-136 P 431-02 A 212/50425.

44. VCCG, 17 Aug 1944, assigning O, AC, listed below, to Hq US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, and placing them on temp dy w/Hq Comd, European T of Opns USA, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. Upon completion of this temp dy they will report to CG, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe:

Capt MOSES J. GATEWOOD, 025613 1st Lt FRED L. SHANTZ, 0745197
Capt DONALD A. REHMER, 0659484 2d Lt LEONARD J. SCHALLEHN, 0818032
Capt WILLIAM M. DAVIS, 0789887 2d Lt EDWARD J. VESLEY, 0812907
1st Lt ALFRED H. RICHTER, 0724355 2d Lt HERMAN F. BUSSE, 0758151
TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement not to exceed \$4.00 per day is atzd if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta, and alws of \$1.25 per day is atzd if govt messing facilities are not available. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

45. VCCG, 17 Aug 1944, assigning EM, listed below, to Hq & Hq Sq, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, and placing them on temp dy w/Hq Comd, European T of Opns USA, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. Upon completion of this temp dy they will report to CG, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe:

S Sgt HAROLD C. BROOKS JR, 16088694 Sgt RALPH J. WORKMAN, 16038167
TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for qrs and rat while on temp dy is atzd in accordance w/Cir 63, this hq, cs, as amended. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

46. VCCG, 17 Aug 1944, assigning EM listed below to orgn as indicated, and placing them on temp dy w/Hq Comd, European T of Opns USA, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. Upon completion of this temp dy they will report to proper sta:

Asgd to

Pfc STANLEY B. CLEVER, 13092670 Hq Co, 101st AB Div
Pvt ROBERT A. BURKS, 19097942 Hq Co, 101st AB Div
Pvt MICHAEL GERVIN, 33151121 Hq Co, 82d AB Div
Pvt NICK G. DALLAS, 36660020 Hq Co, 101st AB Div
Pvt ROCCO J. MOREA, 39302815 Hq Co, 82d AB Div
TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for qrs and rat while on temp dy is atzd in accordance w/Cir 63, this hq, cs, as amended. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

47. O, Ord, listed below, now on temp dy w/Ord Depot O-617, are reld from asgmt to this hq, APO 871, (Ord Sec) are asgd to orgn as indicated but will remain on temp dy w/Ord Depot O-617:

Asgd to

Capt ALFRED P. HEINTZ, 0371029 264th Ord Sv Composite Bn, ...
APO 871

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(SO 231, European T of Opns USA, 18 Aug 1944, contd)
(Par 47, contd)

1st Lt ROBERT E. HOWELL, 01548078 Asgd to
3051st Ord Sv Composite Co,
APO 871
2d Lt CLARK E. CUMMINGS, 01573831 228th Ord Sv Composite Platoon,
APO 871

48. VCOG, ordering 2d Lts, AUS, listed below, now at 3d Combat Crew Replacement Center Gp, Eighth Air Force, to EAD, DP, effective 14 Aug 1944, and assigning them to 3d Combat Crew Replacement Center Gp, Eighth Air Force, for dy w/AC, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. They will rank from 14 Aug 1944. Auth: WD Cable WAR 70587, 26 Jul 1944:

ROBERT EARLE HARTENSTEIN, 0557204 GEORGE ROBERT LEE, 0557051

49. VCOG, ordering 2d Lt ROBERT DEAN KOHLER, 0557759, AUS, now at 3d Combat Crew Replacement Center Gp, Eighth Air Force, to EAD, DP, effective 14 Aug 1944, and assigning him to 3d Combat Crew Replacement Center Gp, Eighth Air Force, for dy w/AC, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. He will rank from 14 Aug 1944. Auth: WD Cable WAR 72772, 29 Jul 1944.

50. Announcement is made of the temp promotion of 1st Lt WILLARD YOUNG, 01287807, Inf, 82d AB Div, to the gr of Capt, AUS, w/rank from date of this order.

51. EM, Hq Det, Hq Comd, European T of Opns USA, APO 887 (G-2 Sec), listed below, are placed on DS w/Hq MI Sv, European T of Opns USA:

Tec 4 NICHOLAS R. DOLIDA, 32420332 Cpl LOUIS S. LOLL, 33344259

52. Civilians, listed below, are attached to Hq MI Sv, European T of Opns USA, for dy:

Mr. GERALD L. BEATSON

Mr. CARL F. FLEBIG

53. 2d Lt CLYDE W. TOWNLEY, 01285141, Inf, is rel'd from asgmt to MP Platoon, Hq VII Corps, from temp dy w/European T of Opns Reclassification Center #1, APO 871, is atchd unasgd to 16th Replacement Depot for reasgmt. TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDM. 60-136 P 431-02 A 212/50425.

54. O, Hq & Hq Det, O of Strategic Sv, European T of Opns USA, listed below, are temporarily promoted to the gr indicated in AUS w/rank from date of this order:

1st Lt to Capt

OWEN D. JOHNSON, 02044809, AUS

ERNEST F. FLOEGE, 02044516, AUS

VICTOR J. LAYTON, 01114613, CE

55 and 56. Secret.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

R. B. LORD,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Deputy Chief of Staff.



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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

TARGET:

Date mission in action: 6-5-44

Date arrived in UK: 8-17-44

HARRIS KE S/Sgt 16088694
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
one (No. of missions)
534 (Squadron) 381 (Group)

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

Indicate what
happened to each man
and how you know.

PILOT C.H. KELLY (2nd Lt.) OK. we all got together
CO-PILOT R.C. DISBROW (2nd Lt.) within a few
NAVIGATOR F.H.O. CHAMP (W/O) days after
BOMBARDIER SIMON J. WILCZEK (Sgt.) building
RADIO OPERATOR HAROLD C. BROOKS (Sgt.) more
TOP TURRET GUNNER CHAS. BRASHEAR (Sgt.) injured
BALL TURRET GUNNER RALPH J. WORKMAN (Sgt.)
WAIST GUNNER RADIO (ABOVE)
WAIST GUNNER ALFRED M. CAMPBELL (Sgt.)
TAIL GUNNER DONALD G. GRAHAM (Sgt.)

Decorations: NONE

Date of Birth: 1-4-23

Private Address: 2111 MILLS AVE N. MUSKEGON, MICH.

Length of Service: 1 yr. 9 mos.

Job as Civilian: AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION GRINDER OP.

From what field did you take off? Take off time.

318th Bwp take off 4:30 A.M.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

no plane burned when crashed

Were you wounded? Give details.

no.

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much?

Do you speak FRENCH? SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE?

Did you have identity papers?

none but English
only dog-tags

(over)

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

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

no
Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?

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.

none I know off

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

*CHAS. KELLY 2nd Lt.
ROBT. DISBROW 2nd Lt.
FRANK CHAMP. P/O
CHAS. BRUSHHEAR Sgt
DONALD GRAHAM Sgt
SIMON WILCIE Sgt
ALFRED CAMPBELL Sgt*

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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.

GERTIFICATE

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) HAROLD C. BROOKS JR.
Rank S/Sgt A. S. N. 16088694
Unit 381 Bys 534 Agdn.

Signed H. C. Brooks Jr.
Dated 8-12-44
Witness Witness in 1st 2nd

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UNITED STATES ARMY
OFFICE OF THE A. C. OF S., G-2

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DATE: 18 August 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, JAMES E. O'BRIEN, Capt., AC, O-566338

HEREBY CERTIFY that I have known and have been associated with

HAROLD C. BROOKS, JR., S/Sgt., AC, 16088694

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.

Harold C. Brooks Jr.

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



James E. O'Brien

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

HAROLD C. BROOKS, JR., S/Sgt., AC, 16088694, 381 Bomb Gp., 534 Sq.
previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

F. S. VERTY,

SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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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.

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

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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) HAROLD C. BROOKS JR. Signed H.C. Brooks Jr.
 Rank S/Sgt A.S.N. 16086694 Dated 8-14-44 Place Gibson
 Unit 381 Bomb Grp Witness any Horace W. Forster

HORACE W. FORSTER,
 Colonel, G.S.C.,
 U. S. Mil. Lia. Off. 24-88065-124

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APPENDIX "B" TO E AND E REPORT NO. _____

List all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defenses, AA batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.,.....)

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