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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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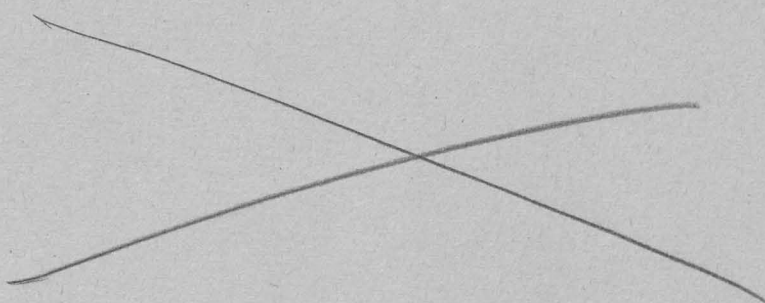
Aug. 19, 1944
(Date)

306 B.G. 423 Sgd.
(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.

February 11, 1944, 1330 hrs., Ameyville, Department of Oise, France.

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

Engine, fighters, damaged motor and shot out all the gas.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

approximately 7,000 ft.

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

yes, the ball turret gunner.

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

only 3 of 3, the 2 waist gunners and navigator. Their parachutes opened and we landed.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

yes.

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

the 2 waist gunners were alive and

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.

a week later I saw the pilot, co-pilot, and tail gunner.

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?

The bombardier & navigator I have neither seen nor heard of. The engineer was wounded and taken to a French hospital and I believe is now a P.W.

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T/Sgt Clyde E HEWITT, 35562132, 423/306 Bomb Gp (H), MIA 11 Feb 1944
Intrvd 19 Aug 1944

On 11 Feb 1944 HEWITT landed S of St Just en Chausee possibly at Amyville, except that no such town can be located. He and Bergeron, ⁴⁸⁸E&E, were close together, and both joined Golden, ¹⁰⁰⁰E&E. They were put in a hayloft and then went by cart to another family. They met a Maire and another man, possibly Gaston, and went to Clermont to Gaston Chez Odette (who must therefore be Sauvage). They went by truck to Gravoux. Bergeron dropped off. Golden and Hewitt went ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~gether~~ with an English girl and an Italian boy, possibly named LAUREL. He was asked to look up someone at 88 Wynchgate, Southgate, London M 13.

After a week ~~they~~ he moved to Blancourt and stayed with the schoolmaster Pierre. He ate down the street with Andre, wife, and two children. Golden and he walked to Neuilly en Thelle and stayed three weeks with a doctor, M ANDRIEUX. Louis, 22, was there; a brother 15 was away at school. The Germans moved in. It seems that eight Americans were there then, including ⁹⁶²DiBetta, ¹⁰¹⁰Gerono, and Solomon, E&E.

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Not long after Easter they went to Bernel where they were told that they were with a different organization. After two days they went to Jouilly en Thell, staying with a professor of a school in Beauvais, his wife, and two children. The wife gave the address of her father, Precepteur M Garcin, Fort de France, Martinique. After three weeks they went to Chaumont, stayed there a night, and the next morning entrained for Pontoise, eight strong. Two women met them with a truck and took them to Argenteuil. DiBetta and Hewitt went to Mme Villeneuve ~~Patti~~ who ran a Patisserie at 5 Rue Hilaire (questionable). They stayed for two or three weeks. A resistance chief, M Bennet, said that they were leaving for Spain. A young fellow with glasses took DiBetta, Goff, and Hewitt by train to Paris. They stayed a couple of hours at a flower shop and saw a big blond woman and an older woman. They went then to Philip's (Lake). Annie took them to her apartment over night. and on to Chateaudun in the morning. They met a guide, 5'7", glasses, and went to a farm where there was a boy 22 and

woman 34. Lucien, who had been a Spitfire P and who had come up from Sp in with Francois came and eventually took them to a camp which was under the charge of Pete, an RAF F/Lt. When a new camp was started six men moved first; Hewitt was in the next five. He thought that Jeab was excellent, that Lucien was not around much/enough, that too much depended on Pete. He saw one parachute operation on which a radio was dropped.

One day Lucien came over in a V-8 and a man from the other camp came in a jeep. The men waited around on the road all day. The next day they did the same thing. Four men went to get food, telling DiBetta that they were going. When they returned everyone had gone; they were told that the tanks had picked them up. The group with which Hewitt was got in a truck convoy to Lemans, were told to go to Laval, and somehow got with Louis, Jean's asst. The next morning Moraud directed them to Laval where no one knew what to do with them. So the party went down to the beach, as mentioned elsewhere in reports, and finally got clearance to England.

DEE

c 7000' not want door - no duty
Last S S - 1st in Chaussee - Smileyville (?)

Soon as landed - Bergen & I not far apart - to
for where Golden -

Put in by left - in cant to another family - no small children.

Mari was with another man in (Boston). Clermont.

To Boston Chy. Odette (Savage?)

Well treated &

Left

Truck to Savoy - Bergen drop off - Golden & I
together with 8' girl & Italian by (think names
Lancel) to look up.

88 Weymouth gate, Smith gate, London N13 -

c Wb the - began my spot with Italian fellow
at cafe - didn't last now.

Moved to Blauvont - stay with school master Pierre - ate down
it with Andre - wife & 2 children.

T. Naville in Thelle - walk - Golden & I walk -

To M. Andreux - a doctor - c 3 weeks with him
his 22, brother's age at school.

Is more - - 8 the the - Wenzel, Dittler, Gern, Bore,
Hilman, Schum.

To Bernel - not by after Costa - 2 days - all a diffy
2 days to Grubly in Thelle - with 1st school in
Beauvais, wife, 2 children.

Left by train to meet father ^{Reception} M. B. Bore
Fort de France, Martinique.

c 3 weeks - the Chamant - but - next on train to Protonne

8/11 - two women - Met truck - to Argentine

Dittler & I to Mrs Villanueva - Battistini - Run Bileva

2-3 weeks then - resit on chief in bag for 8 years
Train to Paris with D. Bette & G. M. - with you folks with
glass - stay at flower shop capt. has - saw big blond
woman & old man.

Then to Phil's -

Annie come - to be got over at
Train to Chateaudun with Annie -

Finally met guide - 5'7" - glass - folks - like
with D. Bette to Jan. - b. 22 girl 34

Told if no food here - but Lucca - then spirit for pilot - came
for spirit with Francis.

By met 2 or 3 times that we trying to get away - Lucca - then took us
to camp - where Pete - RAB F/4.

Then 6 to in our camp - I in next - 5.
Gear excellent - Lucca not around much - too much with in Pete.

Saw only 1 p. h. + question - also in @ radio dropped.

Lucca on - V-8 - by for with camp - jump

Wanted and a road all day.

Next day same - I go get food - tell D. Bette - when back
no body go - you Bette stands.

Everybody good here.

2nd. time went to Lucca - told go to Lucca. Went out look over.

When go go in bag we return & go.

hour - Jean's not there.

Og 20 next day - M. and direct to Lucca. Nobody here
what do.

W. last time down - take to back - by and 2 hr.

Went day & 1/2 for Lucca. Jean & Bette made way to get
AF.

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 883.6 (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 883.6 (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.

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Rank T/Sgt. A. S. N. 35562132
Unit 306 BG., 423 Sgd.

Signed Clyde E. Hewitt
Dated August 19, 1944
Witness L. M. C. (Sgt. M)

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

TARGET:

Date mission in action: Feb 11, 44

Date arrived in UK: Aug 18, 1944

Hewitt, C. E. T/5gt 35562132

(Name)

(Rank)

(ASN)

15

(No. of missions)

423

(Squadron)

306

(Group)

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

Indicate what
happened to each man
and how you know.

PILOT G. DiBetta - Successfully evaded
CO-PILOT E. Wolfe - Successfully evaded
NAVIGATOR Felbrech -
BOMBARDIER Sanders -
RADIO OPERATOR C. Hewitt - Successfully evaded
TOP TURRET GUNNER F. Chiccarelli - Wounded - taken to German hospital - never any news after that
BALL TURRET GUNNER Coleman - Killed
WAIST GUNNER L. Bergeron - Successfully evaded
WAIST GUNNER G. Golden - Successfully evaded
TAIL GUNNER E. Wasloch - Successfully evaded

Decorations:

air medal

Date of Birth:

March 8, 1921

Private Address:

12251 East 25th Avenue - Gary, Indiana

Length of Service:

1 yr. 10 months - Came in Oct 24 '42

Job as Civilian:

Law student - clerk in steel mill

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

Wharleigh - 8:30

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

Most of them.

Were you wounded? Give details.

No.

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

No

Do you speak FRENCH?

SPANISH?

GERMAN?

ITALIAN?

OTHER LANGUAGE?

Did you have identity papers?

Yes 1105 T865 21/P

(over)

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

No.

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?

No.

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

No.

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

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

T-2 somewhere

in France Aug. 18, 1944 - 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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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

Unit:-

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? *No.*

b. If not, why? *It was necessary to give it up to members of the organization*

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).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

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?

Include a toothbrush & razor.

2. PURSE

a. Did you carry a purse? *Yes*
State color of stripes and letters.
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?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money?

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?
If so, how many?

b. Did you use them?

5. LECTURES

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

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

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

Yes. It is good to be taken into an organization and be oriented to your new environment by people who understand the situation, but as many of us have found out you can't expect too much from that organization. I had tried to do over organization. I tried to get out of the country by myself.