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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

BARR, S.K. f/s T-61270
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Aug 19-1944
(Date)

448 Bomb Gpe
(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.

March 20, 1944 Neat Dieppe, Fr. approx. 1330

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

aircraft was out of control Direct Hit by flak.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

normal
13,000 ft

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

NO

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

All bailed out all chutes open

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Not Known

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

NO

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.

NO

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.

Not Known

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

Not Known

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL,
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

FRANKFURT

TARGET:

20/4/44

Date mission in action: _____

Date arrived in UK: 18/8/44

BARR, S.K. F/O T-61370

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

15 (No. of missions)

714 448

(Squadron) (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT - M. WAHNEE
CO-PILOT - S.K. BARR
NAVIGATOR - Goldberg
BOMBARDIER - W. MASZEWSKI
RADIO OPERATOR - L. REEP
TOP TURRET GUNNER - W. FARMER
BALL TURRET GUNNER - CORDRAY
WAIST GUNNER - COPPOLA
WAIST GUNNER - ELLIOTT
TAIL GUNNER - McGRAW

Decorations: (Nov.)

Date of Birth: 11-5-18

Private Address: 1906 W. Hunting Park Ave, Phila., Pa.

Length of Service: 4 years

Job as Civilian: NONE (Student)

From what field did you take off? Take off time, Seething 0930

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? 1

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?

Did you have identity papers? yes

(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?

Yes, attached to this questionnaire

Date of arrival in Spain: *None*

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: *None*

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. *9th A.F. FRANCE 5-18-44*

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

None that I know of.

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

None

Barr.

On return from target (had not dropped bombs) directly hit by flak bet. 18 + 22000 ft. Plane out of control so that we could not hold it level. I salvaged bombs. Then order to bail out. Crew I checked that ship was clear. Gas pouring down bomb bay, got to flight deck + when pilot came out + motioned me out + I went out. Left at 13000 ft. Delayed jump until 1000-1500 feet. I ~~hit~~ landed on barbed wire fence

1330

D. South
Newville
(near
Dieppe)
N. of
Argues
lez
Bataille

near forest, threw chute in a hole + covered it. A lot of French came out + I motioned them to burn chute which they did. I then went 500 yds into forest + hid until 1800 hrs. I then approached a farm about a mile away. The farmer gave me trench coat + old shoes. + gave me food + let me stay overnight + left at 0600 next morning with 3 hard boiled eggs. I walked all day, all night + all next day until 6 PM next evening. ^{1. Bet. Argues + Forges} Two men came along in a car + picked me up about 16 kms past G150RS (2 men about 35 yrs old). They took me to a cafe-garage in LEFAYEL. There I stayed 3 days in bed (a family of father, mother, and young son). Here they brought a girl who could speak a little English

who questioned me. They gave me civilian clothes. Then I was taken to SAN COURT by a friend of this family where I stayed with M. TETAR (an old man with hare lip + moustache who speaks good English) for 4 days. He then took me to M. GEORGES VALOIS in ~~ROUVILLE~~ ^(small town, 35 people, not now called in) + I stayed with him for a month. ~~He gave me 1/c~~ ^{He gave me 1/c, taking}

married + 4 children caretaker of a national glue factory member of organization

picture taken by some man who came to see TETAR. On 22 ~~the~~ April ~~the~~ Georges VALOIS took me to SERAFONTAINE to get train + took me to Paris. He there introduced me to M. PHILIPPE who introduced me to a Canadian (British captain, short, sandy thin hair, moustache) + he turned me over to YVONNE who took me by metro to

2 Rue Ernest Renan

Mme. LEMMONIER + daughter ^{ANITA} with ^{photo for} ^{plus 2 photos} ^{other daughter not there} wa movie actors) whom I stayed. Sitters was brought in the same day. Stayed with them until 13 June when Sitters + I left for the forest.

A young man, dark eyes + hair, 21, horn rimmed glasses, PIERRE, took us by train to DOURDAN + then walked with us to CHATEAUDUN. There a truck picked us up + took us to the forest (FORET FONTAIN near CLOVES). There was a camp - here about

31 evaders. British col. LUCIEN in charge of the camp + the Belgian, JEAN (tall, blonde). When camp reached 60 in number, they formed another one about 11 kms. away. First camp served as receiving + distributing center.

(~~1~~ GILBERT, 21, French helper here).

10 Aug

Finally Lucien came in + said all the Germans had evacuated the area. I went down to farm to get wine + 2 British officers in a jeep drove ~~up~~ ^{up} (Capt + private). They told us that they'd been hunting for us. They met Lucien who traded clothes with the captain + we were told to break camp + he would get transportation.

Next day ~~some boys from~~ a French girl came + said 4 truck loads of Germans had come to CLOYES. A Belgian boy went to reconnoitre + came back to say Americans were in CLOYES. Tanks destroyers came to his forest with boys from our other camp. Tanks destroyers picked up all the boys at camp except a few who were to wait for Lucien's buses.

about
12 Aug

We went back to T.D. outfit (818? T.D. Bn.) + next day they got us transportation to LEMANS. ~~There~~ There were 2 British

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captains (one the Canadian from Paris) + in
LE MANS we all stayed together overnight.
The bulk of them went to LAVAL, but some
of us were left in LE MANS by accident.

A truck with an Am. Lt. attached to
British came to pick up those of us who had
been left + took us to Omaha Beach + then
to an engineers outfit for the night. Waited all
day + next night. Then next morning all
Americans went in a truck to see a
Capt Luria at IX A.F. He put us up
for the night + told us not to talk + gave
us orders + arranged for transportation.
Then flown back to Northolt (18 Aug.)
+ reported to 63 Brooks.

- a) N. of Arques la Bataille no installations
except 105 flak.
- b) RR. repair depot at Forges bombed
but missed and in operation (21 March
observation).
- c) 350 German infantrymen in HEBICOURT
(^{observation} Hearsay April) and another 350 in
MANNVILLE. All young, about 15 yrs
old.
- d) In Paris as soon as news of invasion
came Germans were off the streets of Paris
(Obs + Hearsay) German civilians moving out
to Germany.

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e) AT gun emplacements in concrete but
no guns on street corners of Paris
(Observation June)

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *Fp S. K. BARR*

Unit:- *448 Bomb Gpe.*

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? *Lost in parachute jump*
- 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).

Denzadrine 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?

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *yes*
State color of stripes and letters. *Red*
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? *NO*

Compass. *yes*

File (hacksaw). *NO*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *French 2000f.*
How did you spend the money?

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *Gave to french people*

Compass. *retained*

File (hacksaw). *lost*

Surplus currency. *100 f*

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

NO

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

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

Had not yet been delivered.

NO

b. Did you use them?

5. LECTURES

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

Yes. At my base before I was missing by one that had evaded

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?

No

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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-989 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) BARR, STUART K.
Rank F10 A. S. N. T-61270
Unit 448th Bomb Gp

Signed Stuart K. Barr
Dated Aug 19, 1944
Witness _____

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EVE # 1061

F/O Stuart K. Barr.

March

F/O Barr landed on 20 April 1944 N. of ARQUES LA BATAILLE (S.I.). That evening he approached a farmer who fed him, gave him a bed for the ~~night~~ night, and the next morning gave him a ~~set~~ trench coat and a pair of shoes. Barr then walked for two days, until on the second evening two men in an automobile came upon him about 16 kms beyond GISORS and took him to a cafe-garage in LE FAYEL. The family here consisted of a married couple and a young son. They put Barr to bed and kept him there three days. He was then given civilian clothes and taken by a friend of the family's to SANCOURT where for four days he lived with M. TETAR, an old man with a hare-lip and moustache who speaks English well. M. TETAR then took Barr to M. GEORGES VALOIS in ROUVILLE, the caretaker of an abandoned glue-factory and a member of the organization. Barr lived for a month with M. VALOIS who furnished him with an I/C and on 22 April took him to PARIS where he introduced him to M. PHILIPPE who turned him over to a British captain, a Canadian, with sandy, thin hair and a moustache. This man in turn put Barr into the hands of YVONNE who took him to the home of Mme LEMMONIER and her daughter, ANITA, at 2 RUE ERNEST RENAN. (A second daughter, a cinema actress, was not living at this address.) Sitters was brought in the next day, and the two evaders lived here until 13 June. Then PIERRE, a young man with dark eyes and hair and wearing horn-rimmed glasses, took Sitters and Barr by train to DOURDAN and thence walked with them to CHATEAUDUN. There a truck picked them up and took them into the FORET FONTAIN near CLOYES to a camp of 31 evaders commanded by a British officer, called LUCIEN, and a tall, blonde Belgian, JEAN. When the camp had grown to ~~the~~ hold 60 men, ~~and~~ a second camp was started about 4 kms. away. On 10 August two British officers in a jeep arrived at a neighboring farm. Lucien changed clothes with one of them, ordered the men to break camp, and went off to get transportation. While he was away some American tank destroyers came into the forest and most of the men went with them at once back to their Battalion HQ. From here the evaders were given transportation to LeMans, and thence the next day most of them proceeded to Laval; but Barr and some others who were left behind at LeMans got a ride direct to Omaha Beach. They were then sent to IX Air Force HQ where Capt. Luria gave them orders and arranged their transportation to U. K. On 18 August they flew to Northolt and Barr reported to 63 Brook St.

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