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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

THOMAS L. BOGGAN 2ND LT 0691612
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: 1 Aug

10 (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: 19 Aug

328th (Squadron) 93RD (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT CAPT.

CO-PILOT

2nd Lt James S. Anderson, 0712748 - R+D

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER 2ND LT THOMAS L. BOGGAN - Navigator

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER -> Edwin W. Ritter, Sgt 16070712

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

Only three listed by PWIB.

Decorations: AIR MEDAL

Date of Birth: 11 FEB. 1917

Private Address: 535 Victory Drive, Weswego, La

Length of Service: 2 yrs + 2 mos.

Job as Civilian: INSPECTOR

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

HARDWICKE - 12:00

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? TO THE BEST OF MY

KNOWLEDGE, YES

Were you wounded? Give details.

NO

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? YES 1000 FRANCS

Do you speak FRENCH?

SPANISH?

GERMAN?

ITALIAN?

OTHER LANGUAGE?

Did you have identity papers?

NO

(over)

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

YES, BY G-2 OF 15th CORP AREA

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, HERE 63 BROOKE ST., LONDON

20 AUGUST, 1944

Date of arrival in Spain: —

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: —

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. BY AIR FROM T-2

19 AUGUST, 1944

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

NONE

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

NONE

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

THOMAS L. BIGGAN 2ND LT. 0-691612
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

20 AUGUST, 1944
(Date)

328TH SQUAD. 93RD GROUP
(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. 1 AUGUST, 1944

16:00 NORTH OF PARIS, SOMEWHERE AROUND ST DENIS

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

NO. 3 ENGINE OUT NO. 4 ENG. SHOT UP AND GOING OUT. RIGHTWING FULL OF FLAK HOLES LOOSING GAS EXCESSIVELY

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 17,000

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

NO

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? I ONLY SAW TWO CHUTES OPEN PRESUMABLY THE NAVIGATOR + NISE GUNNER

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? I THINK SO

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 IN WATER

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? I THINK EVERYONE GOT OUT, EMERGENCY

BELL WAS RANG IN ADEQUATE TIME FOR EVERYONE TO GET OUT.

2dLt Thomas L BOGGAN, 0691612, 328/93 Bomb Gp (H), MIA 1 Aug 1944
Intrvd 20 Aug 1944

Boggan landed N of Paris, he's not quite sure where, but it seems to have been N of St Denis. At any rate it was near a small village five stops before the Gare du Nord. No sooner had he landed than a French woman and two children grabbed him and kissed him, motioning for him to go to the woods. There a Frenchman took him about a mile up a hill to a hole in the rocks. He returned with food and a note to the effect that he should stay there, since nothing could be done until morning when civilian clothes would be brought. In the morning the same man came with another, bringing clothes and shoes. He put the clothes over his uniform, thinking that the Germans would surely recognize him as an evader if they caught him, took a bag of food, and followed one man about six or seven miles to a small station. There he had to run to catch the train and was left on it with a ticket and two slips of paper, one reading Gare St Lazare and the other Mont de Gausincourt. In Paris he walked out of the Gare du Nord, approached a Frenchman, told him that he was an American, and showed him the slips of paper. The Frenchman took him to the Metro and showed him how to get to Gare St Lazare. He made the change necessary and walked through the station before he realized where he was. He decided then that Mont de Gausincourt must be another railroad station, so he tried to get a ticket, but the window which seemed to be the one for the line he wishes was closed. He ate some bread from his food packet and drank some coffee and sat around for 3½ or 4 hours with Gestapo and Germans all about. He was sitting near the ticket window. A young fellow about 5'8", 165 lbs, well built, dark hair, dark eyes, sat down by him. He decided to ask his help, and asked, "Pouvez vous me cacher?" The man took him to a Metro to a place where there were a number of people. They walked around a market section and finally to a cafe. They went then by metro to the Pantin vicinity and went to a daryman or cab man named Heilys (doubtful spelling) a former boxer. Boggan went to his gymnasium and saw a colored man who had been in the United States.

The next day two young resistance men came; one of them, Pierre Durafour, spoke good English. He took Boggan to his house across the street from La Petite Parisienne. A woman who worked for the US government in the last war and whose husband was an artist took care of him for three days. He met a young resistance man and was told that he was going to a camp at Chateaudun. A courier for the Chateaudun chef de resistance, a wrestler named Michel, and apparently another man took him to the camp. They took a subway to the edge of Paris, rode on a truck with some people going out to get food, walked some distance, flagged a ride on a German artillery truck within about 15 miles of Chartres, walked through Chartres and on to Bonneval. where they stayed in a barn. The next day they walked, found one more ride, and reached Chateaudun in the afternoon. Michel had mail for the chief, and the others went rowing while he delivered. That evening they went to the chief's house. Boggan received a pair of black shoes that had just been parachuted, and stayed there all night with Michel. The next morning they bicycled to No 1 camp near Cloyes. There he saw Peter Berry, F/Lt in charge, and a British colonel (sic), Lucien Bedford, who was running the place.

In the later afternoon of 11 Aug a British camp and other rank came to the camp in a jeep and said that they would send someone for them, tanks and trucks apparently. They waited all day the 12th and no one appeared. Lucien came and gave instructions to take down the twnts. The British capt came, put on civilian clothes, and went to Paris, leaving the jeep behind. ~~They~~ ~~then~~ ~~waited~~ ~~all~~ ~~the~~ ~~day~~ ~~at~~ ~~13/18/44~~ they In the afternoon saw explosions over toward Chateaudun. That night they had to sleep as best they could. They returned to the camp next morning, but there as still no news. By 1100 there was still no word from Lucien so Berry and a cook named Joe got in the jeep to go look for Lucien. When they could not find him they told the other men to stay and wait or else to leave on their own. The men waited until 1300. Then a girl said that three trucks of Gestapo had come into Cloyes, so Boggan and two RAF men pulled stakes quickly, walking cross country 25 or 30 miles (sic) to a village festooned with flags and

full of jubilant French. The Americans were supposed to be at Montbleu, so the evaders were taken over in a car. From there Boggan went through MP hands and saw a lot of G-2's along the way to XX Corps where the G-2 turned him over to the air liaison officer who seemed again to turn him over to MP's. He was supposed to go to a P/W cage. He got to some place where he met some more evaders and apparently reached a P/W cage. After waiting around there without finding out what to do they eventually hopped a ride back to England.

DEE

handed N Paris (N St Paris) small obj. (c 55 tops before Ban du Nord)
 With fly flash - took No 3 - got 9P - got 15 - box - No 4 - my money -
 fuel back through my - No 3 - start up - fly 4 - got 1 started fly 3 -
 this is good to go out - got no gunners part of for fire - N full
 down for engine down - had back to go out - jump first -
 Out c 17,000 - white falling saw 2 chits above. Let full
 out it clear to go - look for woods - saw trees to left - brief
 edge woods. Got full chit from trees - French lady & 2 kids
 in across field - grab him - intention go to woods - he chit
 French com - saw follow - ran a mile - up hill - have
 stay in hole in rocks - throw back over - I understand this
 have stay in hole back at night - but coffee with milk in g - I can't
 do anything until am - stay tonight - big in clothes
 Saw trees to plain pass over; At dark ventured to believe
 self. Stayed in hole all night.

He & another man come back c 0700 - but talk & show.
 Took to woods to day. Put clothes over uniform. Saw big food
 left all equipment - biggest Ek compass & knife. Follow on me.
 go 6-7 miles to small station - had in to catch train - I get
 ticket had 2 slugs paper - Saw St Leger.
 Mont de Bannier

To Ban du Nord - walk out - approach a French man - my son -
 show slugs - He take me to station - show he get to Ban
 St Leger - had make me change - Then ask about Mons de
 Bannier - I walked through station - before valley
 where was.

Didn't get chit for & got ticket - but line closed - sent -
 at hand - don't ask - 3 1/2 - 4 hrs. there - Get you & B
 all around. Sit of ticket with when you stop with
 by me. Finally down ask his help.
 Praying me - Catcher - He took to Metro - to place with no people

5'8" 165 lbs
 well built, dark
 hair, dark eyes

12 Ben follows - walk around a market section - finally to a
cafe. Give him some money to take care of me.
Metro - following him - to Paris vicinity

To Dragman a cab Heilys Heilys (?) - a boxer.

Took to his gymnasium - colored man here to be.
His wife took out - stayed at his place. Next an hour 2 yrs.
resistance - among the Paris ^{Dunfong} ~~Dunfong~~ (?) yep good.

To his home on some street La Petite Parisienne (29
at across st)

Met M who worked for US govt last war - her husband an artist.

SL took care of me for 3 days.

Met no guy resistance man. Told go to camp at Chateaudun.

One of the boys in camp for Chateaudun chief de resistance.

95kg hair, elderly, short, painted face. (last saw 8 hrs - day
went to camp.)
Looks like 1st fellow - another - Michel.
2 days to get down - Sunday to day of Paris - truck with for people
getting food.

4 boys go with

C 25 miles on truck - about walk - go in distance -
Tough time - feet in bad. bit - the traffic on highway.

Got out through truck pass - in fly - rode c 15 miles before Charles
walks through Charles - for 7 feet - walk to Bonnard
Paris - 2 fly from in baggage with -

Then stay with farm in base. Next am walk - on main
ride - to Chateaudun outskirts - in pm.

To go to chief's home - Michel had mail for him. We all
by hole while M go to home.

Didn't go over - I think too dangerous go morning - arrived in
main -

c 1845 back to home with Michel - 1900 chief in bike - had in
new black shoes -
Michel - other boys were - chief sent them back to get rest of boys - they left

Next am to bid to camp - truck out for No 1 Camp below Choyes

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Saw Peter Barry - P/lt
Lucien Budjnet - Br Col

To stay until Gus's coming.

Then went down of 13 (On 11, late pm, Br Cpt & GM come
to camp - jeep. Told they need somebody for is.

To send tanks & tank for us.

All next day nobody show up (12)

Finally Lucien come - (12) - He say take down tent

The Br Cpt seem to return - put on civ clothes - go to Paris -

leave jeep with us

wait all the get day

Next you saw lot of explosion over in Chateaubriant.

They told sleep as usual that night.

A/lt is find 2 hours to stay.

Next am back to camp promptly - still no wind - want

c 1100 - no wind Lucien. Peter Barry & cook for get in jeep
to look for Lucien - couldn't find - told us we stay & wait for

you if you can.

We wait until 1300 - find you from Clys - say 3 tanks

Just you with Clys.

2 RAF boys & I take out to go through line - walked
cross country; W - SW - ES - 30 miles to ref. - only

you saw all fly - but for want ground - been
liberated. Saw at Montebien - over in car - c 2300

Met reunion eat at hotel.

Got MP - want for him to be picked up - 2 fly jeep for info - but I got
one - G-2 & CIC jeeps - to please when contact had with been
Lenny.

From the XX Corps - G-2 contact air base in O - stopped

G-2 not in sight. MPs here stay with 511 MP Co -

sleep in jeep.

To go to P/W cage (Sawal?) list to M.V. camp - the witness
fellows - 19 - started all of look like do with - went by see
F.A. Col - being at night with him - Dist.

Next air - my need of plane went go - I my want get S.

Then go to see air strip - took to St James - appeared
to P-47 field - but P-47. They said - t. Run.

Then that it - all next day - or next night
w/ flight permit to T-2 go of Fairchild - Over 50 miles &
back to Gregory.

Met & correspond of first who got any from to. with
another.

They at some I may's day.

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 388.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

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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 supercedes letter, AG 388.6 (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) THOMAS L. BOGGAN
Rank 2ND LT. A. S. N. 0-691612
Unit 328TH BOMB. SQUAD. 93RD BOMB. GRP.

Signed Thomas L. Boggan
Dated 20 Aug 1943
Witness [Signature]

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- THOMAS L. BOGGAN 2ND LT. 0691612

Unit:- 328th SQUAD 93RD GRP.

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? _____
- 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. ~~NO~~ **YES**

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. **YES** ATE SOME 1st NIGHT + THE REST

Milk (tube). **NONE** IN KIT. **NEXT DAY**

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). **USED ONE** IN ORDER TO STAY AWAKE

Halazone tablets (water purifier). **NO** **1st NIGT DOWN**

Matches. **YES**

Adhesive tape. **NO**

Chewing gum. **YES**

Water bottle. **NO**

Compass. **YES**

Sewing kit. **NO**

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? **YES, WATER BOTTLE**

e. How did you finally dispose of the box? **YES**

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? **FRANCE**

Compass. **YES**

File (hack saw). **NO**

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money? **2000 FRANCS.
1000 FRANCS TO GUIDE 1000 FRANCS MISCEL.**

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. **BURIED**

Compass. **LOST**

File (hack saw). **BURIED**

Surplus currency. **NONE**

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

NO

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

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

b. Did you use them? **NO**

5. LECTURES

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

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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? **YES, IF JUMPING FROM**

**ALTITUDE, ALWAYS MAKE A DELAYED JUMP. TRY TO WORK
YOUR CHUTE CLOSE TO SOME WOODS IN ORDER TO
HIDE IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU HAVE TIME HIDE CHUTE
& GET AWAY FROM THE VICINITY AT ONCE.**