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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

SCHAEFER, WALTER C. T/SGT 35788415
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

8-26-44
(Date)

585TH B.S. 394TH B.G.
(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. CRASHED 2
KILOMETERS S. OF ST MARTIN DE LA LIEVE ON ROAD TO FARVAUXES

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

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 8000 FT.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? YES - I WAS
INJURED BY FLAK

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? ALL BUT
CO-PILOT - ALL CHUTES OPENED BUT ENGINEER, GUNNERS

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? UNKNOWN

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?
YES - COLLENS (ALIVE)

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. YES - I WAS TOLD
PILOT & TAIL GUNNER & NAVIGATOR WERE ALIVE AND CO-PILOT &
ENGINEER HAD BEEN KILLED - ENGINEER WAS IDENTIFIED

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? PILOT, TAILGUNNER & NAVIGATOR ARE ALIVE -
ENGINEER WAS KILLED WHEN CHUTE FAILED TO OPEN,
PIECES OF ARMS AND BODY WERE FOUND IN SHIP WHICH
GIVES REASON TO BELIEVE COPILOT WENT DOWN WITH SHIP

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

TARGET:

SCHAEFER, WALTER C. T/SGT 35788415
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Date mission in action: 8-7-44

Date arrived in UK: 2-27-44

49 (No. of missions)

585th B.S. 394 B.G.
(Squadron) (Group)

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

Indicate what
happened to each man
and how you know.

PILOT

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

REFER TO 1ST LT. COLLENS
REPORT

Decorations: AIR MEDAL WITH EIGHT CLUSTERS - PURPLE HEART

Date of Birth: 4-24-21

Private Address: 807 SETON AVE. CINCINNATI 15, OHIO

Length of Service: 1 1/2 YRS.

Job as Civilian: AIRCRAFT ENGINE TESTER

From what field did you take off? Take off time, HOLMSLEY SOUTH - 1130

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? UNCERTAIN

Were you wounded? Give details. YES! HEAD INJURY BY FLAK - FRAGMENT
STILL IN HEAD

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? YES - 2000 FRANCS

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

Did you have identity papers? No

(over)

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

YES - BRITISH INTELLIGENCE AT BAYEUX

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 - BRITISH INTELLIGENCE AT BAYEUX

Date of arrival in Spain: _____

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: _____

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

BY AIR AT AIRSTRIP #1A

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.

1/3 LT. DONALD M. THLE
S/Sgt. EUGENE KLINZING

I landed in a cow pasture and eight people immediately took me to the little farm. Here I was given first aid and put into civilian clothes. Then I followed a man, at 10 paces, to an apple orchard where I hid in a bush for two hours. Then the man (M. Raymond Frouard of St Martin de la Heul Salvados) related to his wife, a nurse. She gave me whiskey and food, and cleaned my wound. He gave me a pitchfork and burflap bag and he set off on his bicycle. I followed on foot.

We went $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi to the "family house" I was fed and spent the night in the attic. This is the home of Marcel and Jeanne Legendre and is also at St Martin de la Heul. (P.O. St Martin) I lived here four 14 days and received excellent care. On 21 August they woke me up - the tanks of the 7th Armored Division had arrived.

Art Stauffer

I heard the blast & felt
the sheep loose. altitude
I ran & was out in the lead
& called it over the inter-com
to her & went out. Looked back
& saw that gunner long for
date. but mine on & followed
him out the window 8000 ft.

Waited till slowed up
before pulling up - cord. I landed
in a cow pasture. Gathered clute
of hid in bush. turned & 8 people
were running to meet me. called
american 2 bed-hen. They took
me on the run & a little
farm. Here I sat and for around
took all jewelry & clothes gave
pieces & put them on my
Just breaking hand & worn out.
Told to follow man at 10 paces.
Went to apple orchard. Her hid
in bush for 2 hrs. Ret with
his wife - a nurse. Scuffed
wound & gave & fed me & whiskey.
Gave me pitch fork and
curtains back. He set off on
bike I followed on foot
1 1/2 hrs to "The family house".

here cleaned wound. again
Food again whiskey etc. Put in
attic for night. Continued
to live here for 14 days
with most excellent care.

On 21 August got me out
of bed again. The 22 were
here. The tanks of 7 to
ambulance division were around
Spent day with them as help
I couldn't get back to lines
That night of 26. 10 night
here & next day to Bougainville
Here stuck outdoors on ground
in tent.

U.K. 25 Aug

Frouard St Martin de la Pierre

M. Raymond of Bougainville
originally hid me, husband
of nurse, fed me & took me
to family house

Marcel & Jeanne Legrand kept
me 14 days at St Gervais de la Pierre
Calvadoc

P.O. St Martin

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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.

GERTIFIGATE

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) WALTER CARL SCHAEFER
Rank T/SGT. A. S. N. 35788415
Unit 585TH/B. SODU. 394TH/B. GRP.

Signed Walter B. Schaefer
Date 8-26-44
Witness Henry C. Smith Capt HQAC

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 35788415 T/Sgt. SCHAEFER, WALTER C.

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? *I WAS WELL TAKEN CARE OF BY FRENCH PATRIOTS IMMEDIATELY UPON LANDING.*
- 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? *BURIED IT!*
- 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?

No

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *YES*
State color of stripes and letters. *DONT REMEMBER*
If NOT, State why not. *WITH INTELLIGENCE AT BASE*
- b. Did you use the purse? *No*

(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? FRENCH - 2000 FRANCES - GIVEN TO FRENCH FAMILY WHO HID ME.

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

BURIED AT ST MARTIN DE LA LIEUE

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

No

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? No
If so, how many?

b. Did you use them? No Forget

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? YES
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. THROUGHOUT AIR CORP CAREER.

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

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)
EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country).....

For All Personnel.

- 1. No. 35788415 Rank T/Sjt Name Schaffer, W.G
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 49
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details Yes - skull wound from Flak (Fragment still in back of head at present.)
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 394 Bomb Grp 585 Bomb Sqn
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) USAAF 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Radio Op/Gnr
- 7. Date of Birth 24 Apr 21 8. Length of Service 18 months
- 9. Peace time occupation Aircraft Engine Tester 10. Private address 807, Seton Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A.
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dog tags, crash bracelet.
- 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 Radio operator and waist gunner.
- 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.
PILOT
- CO-PILOT
- NAVIGATOR
- BOMBARDIER Refer to 1st Lt L Collens Report
- RADIO OPERATOR
- TOP TURRET GUNNER
- BALL TURRET GUNNER
- WAIST GUNNER (R.)
- WAIST GUNNER (L.)
- TAIL GUNNER

- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B.26 St. Martin de la Lieve, 1235 hrs, Aug. 7, 44.
- 18. Where and when did you come down? St. Martin de la Lieve Aug. 7 44
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Hid parachute in hedge, French patriots disposed of other equipment
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Uncertain.

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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G-2 Div., SHAEF
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No. 35708415 Rank 1/sgt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) SCHAEFFER Walter Coral

Unit 394 ~~Squad~~ Bomb Gp. 585 Bomb Sqn USAAF

has been fully/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 24 Aug 19 44

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

for Major.
 GS

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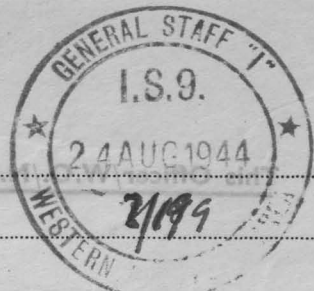
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- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) USAAF Job Pl. Comd. Rm. etc. Radio Op/Gnr
- 7. Date of Birth 21 Apr 21 Length of Service 18 months
- 9. Peace time occupation Aircraft Engine Tester Private address 807 Seton Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A.
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph, or dog tags, crash bracelet.
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FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS

WHO BALE OUT

- 15. Post in Crew Radio operator and waist gunner.
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- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B. St. Martin de la Mer, 1255 hrs, 7 Aug 44
- PILOT
- CO-PILOT
- NAVIGATOR
- BOMBARDIER Refer to 1st Lt I Collins Report
- RADIO OPERATOR
- TOP TURRET GUNNER
- BALL TURRET GUNNER
- WAIST GUNNER (R.)
- WAIST GUNNER (L.)
- TAIL GUNNER

- 18. Where and when did you come down? St. Martin de la Mer, 7 Aug 44
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and Mae West? Hid parachute in hedge
- 20. Were all report papers and equipment destroyed? Uncertain

Attached:
Appendix "B"
"C"
"D"

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 24 Aug 44

Disposal: UK

Major