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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

TARGET:

KLINZING, EUGENE B. SGT. #620091  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Date mission in action: 8-7-44

56 (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: 8-27-44

585 Bomb. SQDN 394 Bomb. P.  
(Squadron) (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT - J. D. G. S. L. b. - Bailed out the nose well and escaped.

CO-PILOT - S. E. D. Raven - went to bomb bay and he started to jump. We were shown one door in plane.

NAVIGATOR - S. L. Callan. bailed out the bomb bay and escaped all night.

BOMBARDIER - Walter C. Decker. - followed me thru night window saw his chute open and how we failed to open. We were wounded but made out back to him.

RADIO OPERATOR - Sgt. Ralph C. Wetting bailed out but chute stuck in the doorway.

TOP TURRET GUNNER - Sgt. Ralph C. Wetting bailed out but chute stuck in the doorway.

BALL TURRET GUNNER - Sgt. Ralph C. Wetting bailed out but chute stuck in the doorway.

WAIST GUNNER

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TAIL GUNNER - Sgt. Charles K. Brining. left ship by waist window opening and crawled back to him.

Decorations: air medal and other chutes and other Bronze Clusters.

Date of Birth: December - 24 '1920

Private Address: Solon Springs, Wisconsin

Length of Service: 4 years & 1 1/2 months.

Job as Civilian: Student from High School.

From what field did you take off? Take off time. Somerset both at about 11:30 am.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes.

Were you wounded? Give details. no.

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? yes. 200 francs - escape money from kit.

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

Did you have identity papers? yes.

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 - was told by Lt. dble about this*  
*He talked to Capt. Juvic at 9th A.A.F. Hq, Aug 26, 1944*

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

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

*Home by air Aug 27 1944*  
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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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

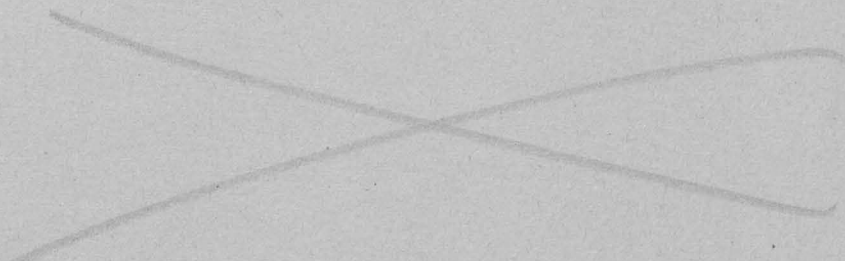
August 28 '44  
(Date)

585 B. mb. SQDN, 394 Bomb. Gp.  
(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. August 7 '44  
12:30 pm. near Suresnes

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
Thought maybe it was a fire when I bailed out. Controls were out of control and was hit several times by  
At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 12,000 Ft.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? Radio op.  
was slightly wounded, none other were hurt.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?  
All but the co-pilot. Engineer chute didn't open and my chute had a patch stuck to it.  
Did the plane explode on striking the ground? yes I think it did.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?  
yes. I met my pilot after landing and saw one else who had a parachute. They met and talked.

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. Red cross from  
Red cross and from 1100. signed by their names.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?  
Red cross gave me people. The engineer chute  
the wreckage was scattered over a couple of fields.

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?

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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) KLINZING, EUGENE, B.

Signed Eugene B. Klinzing

Rank S/SET. A. S. N. 16020091

Dated August 28 '44

Unit S 85 Bomb. SQDN - 394 Bomb. GP.

Witness Charles A. Byron

1st Lt. A.C.

AG P BR HQ SCS 2-44/2M/22472

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Farne crew on U-146

I went out put through the left waste  
window. Relayed my chute <sup>proper 12000</sup> until quite a while  
<sup>for about</sup> 6000 feet. Landed in field near St Martin  
had chute may meet a frenchman (farmer)  
<sup>camp up to me</sup> and me in a hedge brought food at 2:30 <sup>PM</sup>. At  
3 PM brought clothes and later took me to his  
house after an hour another frenchman  
came. I followed him and they took me  
to Syverke house near U-146.

at Syverke we met FRANK COONE  
and a <sup>English</sup> commando called Edward from  
Ipsal. They were staying with Mure PILOT  
in the same area. They came to talk to  
us at Syverke house. He apparently  
radioed to England and was  
organization. Coone took our names  
and serial number.

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name: - *1/5501. Eugene B. Whitzing*

Unit: - *585 Bomb. Sqdn. 394 Bomb. Gp.*

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. - *used on a day walk.*

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *did not use no electricity*

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *then.*

Matches.

Adhesive tape. *used while walking one day used tape for blisters.*

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass. - *kept track of directions off mountain*

Sewing kit. - *used hole in sock for needle stitching*

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *no.*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *Buried by the G.I.s after using it in a hedgehog.*
- 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?

*Compass could be improved by being*

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *yes.* State color of stripes and letters. *black stripes with letters*  
If NOT, State why not.

- b. Did you use the purse? *yes.*

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones?

*The French map was used. (don't  
on a large enough scale.*

Compass, *yes.*

File (hacksaw), *no.*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money?

*French money,  
helped us, going to provide needs*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps, *burned maps,*

Compass,

*broke our compass and gave it to the  
thatcher.*

File (hacksaw),

*not broken so just threw it away.*

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?

If so, how many?

*yes,*

*6*

b. Did you use them?

*no*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

*yes, a few days before  
being shot down by Lt. Palawicki at Anselmy, south  
of*

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, to wear sun tan*

*clothing if intending to escape. Wear these  
under flying clothes.*