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HEADQUARTERS
442ND TROOP CARRIER GROUP

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SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 115)

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APO 133, U. S. Army
27 August 1944

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2. Fel named EM, 749th Bomb Sq, 457th Bomb Gp (H), Sta 130, having rptd to this Sta enroute to home sta, W/P fr US AAF Sta 447 to USA Reception Center, 63 Brook St, London, rptg upon arrival to the Asst Chief of Staff, A-2, VIII Air Force;

Sgt Gordon B Long 15097529
Sgt John M Miller 16074005

TDN by GMT, rail (TCTNT), or M/A. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: VOGG VIII Air Force). Travel directed is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr, Hq European T of Opns USA, 24 May 1944.

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By Order of Lt Colonel SMITH:



FRANK B. SHANNON JR,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Adjutant.

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Sgt Gordon B LONG, 15097529, 749/457 Bomb GP (H), MIA 14 June 1944
Sgt John M MILLER, 16074005, ibid
Intrvd 28 Aug 1944

near (Seine et Marne)

Long and Miller landed W of Chenoise (Provins), about half a km part.

A French boy soon took Long to a farmhouse. Three Frenchmen led Miller to a thicjet where he lay in his underwear for about half an hour while a French girl got him clothes. He was then taken to a farmhouse. The two men were left in a field of wheat for the day. That night they were taken by car to a garage in BANNOST (S et M). They stayed three days and threentght. They were told that their RP, BTG, and LWG were safe. They met Mme Riest who spoke English and had been a teacher. They were given pistols and were taken by truck to a chateau or farmhouse with resistance men. The next day a half English and half French resistance leader gave the men the A/C story and took photographs. They went by truck with the same driver to NANGIS, staying at an old sugar factory near the railway tracks for five days and five nights. A Belgian brought food.

Pierre de Morge, 19, leader of the resistance group at Montigny le Guesdieu took them to this town, where the other members of their crew seem to have been with them. They stayed two days and then because they were so many the RO and LWG were taken elsewhere. Long and Miller did not see them again. The other three men stayed two weeks. The Gestapo then arrested two Frenchmen who had a radio transmitter, so Pierre said that the men must move. About 12 July Pierre took them by truck to Lagny where they spent the night with a baker and went the next day to Paris by train. They went to Mme Develay, 91 Rue d'Alesia, Paris 14^e. They stayed three weeks to the day. Three other Americans whom they did not talk to or see again were on the train. In Paris the BTG was taken by some woman, and they did not see him again. At the house above they received new clothes.

A girl took the two men to a truck. They saw a Frenchman whom they had seen before, and they went with two women to Leuville sur Orge where they stayed

with Georges Dubois at his store. They met Georges Gillard, a resistance chief from some other place. At Gillard's home they met a navigator and three other Americans, 2 F/O's and one S/Sgt. The N was from their own group, a name like Hogeous, flying deputy lead N with another flight, down N of Paris about 14 June. Col Cobb was his P. The col broke his leg and was taken P/W. (Can we identify?) The other three Americans were from B₇24's.

They met a captain of resistance Armand Nion, 8 Rue Jean Jaures, Leuville sur Orge (S et O).

About 23 Aug the two men came again into American control and had the usual confusion in returning to England.

DEE

[Faint, mostly illegible text follows, appearing to be bleed-through or very light print. Some words like "DEE" are visible.]

(Prouis)
W Cheiron - boy & Miller - c 1/2 hr quiet

At 21,000' - got flash - accurate - got control cables - 1st control -
out 17,000' - out tail & wait down - delay left - landed in
here - Bush Fr around working - out here in 5 mins

Saw little Fr - motion over - long to Fr - saw me in with hi - I got
cht down & being with MW - walk in flying clothes - hot in clothes -
hid in - I more c 200 yds to another place - hot food - took to
farmhouse - c 10 min there

Miller - delay - sprayed sublet hitting - land in str. and being patch -
3 min to take clothes & buried in woods - I by c 30 min in between
in thicket - girl bring in clothes - Met Chinese - take in to farm-
house.

To open field of wheat - part in center - by 1/2 flat out - Prouis in
T. house - Barnest - garage there - 2300 to house - told
had 3 comrades - RO, BCG, LWC.

Can't
see
in
people

3 days 3 nets Mame Priest come - up g - been teacher
Give pitob - take in truck to old chateau/farmhouse with winter
men

Next at a half Fr / Eng residence led by girl SIC story - take photo
Go to Nanqis - another truck - same driver - to old sugar factory near
end of tracks - Tom's gun & grenades.

5 days & 5 nets there: Belgian bring food.

See SIC story again 3d net - then M-

Com L de Resistance of Montigny le Guésches - boy 19 Pierre De Moize
To

had
photo

SJ is there 2 days - then say too many - RO & LWC(7) go elsewhere -
not see again.

Other 3 then 2 who

But you arrest 2 Fr who had transmitter - Pierre say we must leave -
To Lagay 12 July - Pierre took in truck

13) 1/2

All out with baker at Lagomy - he next on - to air in Paris
with man - to Mme ~~Deval~~ Develay, 91 Rue
d'Alsacia 14^e Paris. 3 other men on train - not
talk to in 20 year

~~In Paris~~
Said take to truck - saw 2 men who had seen before - push bike -
with 2 men - to Leville sur Orge - Georges Dubois, at the
Maison Dubois

On my stop - cut with 2 men.
Met Georges Isillard - a resistance chief from Levallois.

Took photo.
Met N - at ^{his home} - 3 other men - 2 F/O's, one S/O -
N from an org. Hoogeous - fly dptly led N on with f - N Paris
14 June Capt Gille his P - Col looks by - taken photo by G.

Other 3 on B-24's

Met Capt / resistance N was Armand, 8 Rue Jeanne Jeanne
Leville sur Orge.
(580)

23 Aug - Bon hands - on at Gungus - 3 hrs away - resistance boys
not ambulatory to.

Boys been there several days - mostly daily on going over - over with
capt resistance boys.

Capt ^{Ran} ~~Ran~~ - part of 7th Armored Div - to a CIC - they want to see
to PM

Back to army - they want know what do - Miller see it first -

To boy - 34th Evacuation ^{and Brown} ~~Group~~ - they got clothes - then to 12th Evacuation
Center - change for 4 Col.

To air Strip - stranded - talk with - land at 442 Troop Carrier -
S-2 away to me y.

The French people were very kind to us and also had small radio stations that they sent the Americans locations of enemy air fields, etc.

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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-839 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 supercedes 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) JOHN M. MILLER
Rank Sgt. A. S. N. 16874005
Unit 457 BOMB GRP US 749 BOMB SPDN.
A.P.O. 557

Signed John M. Miller
Dated 28 Aug 1943
Witness L. C. ... Capt ...

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

JOHN M. MILLER 16074005

TARGET:

Date mission in action: June 14

Date arrived in UK: Aug. 26

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

three (No. of missions)

749 (Squadron) 457 (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT 1st Lt Roy Allen - safe with French by their word

CO-PILOT 2nd Lt Lewis - unknown

NAVIGATOR 2nd Lt Joe Brusse - unknown

BOMBARDIER 2nd Lt. Anderson - unknown

RADIO OPERATOR Staff Sgt. Smith - safe with us for a time

TOP TURRET GUNNER Sgt. Plum - unknown

BALL TURRET GUNNER Sgt. William Goldbrough - safe with us for a time

R. WAIST GUNNER Sgt John M. Miller - myself here

L. WAIST GUNNER Sgt. Henson - safe with us for a time

TAIL GUNNER Sgt. Gordon B. Long - safe with us

Joe Brusse

Decorations:

Date of Birth: November 26, 1921

Private Address: 809 East Fourth St. Dava, Illinois

Length of Service: two years

Job as Civilian: Crane operator & foundry worker

From what field did you take off? Take off time, Station 130
take off time at 0550

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

Were you wounded? Give details.
yes by explosion

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 DOG TAG

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

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?

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

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

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

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

*10th Aviation air strip August 26, 1944 by air
Col. Cobb was caught by the Germans
and he was from 457th Bomb Group*

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

*1st Sgt Roy Allen
2nd Sgt Smith
Sgt William Goldsborough
Sgt Henson
Sgt E. Gibbons*

APPENDIX "B" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

List all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defenses, AA batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.,.....)

The German soldiers seemed like they were half starved that I saw and in my opinion their moral was very low. The French moral was very high. They (the troops) moved through Paris in very old and worthless vehicles. An airfield for Ju 88 at Boetigny in France was completely destroyed by American & English air force. Germany has Radar installed guns on train cars North of Paris. The Free French always seemed to know where the German installations & ~~enemies~~ camps were and they killed quite a number of Germans. The French Resistance clothed & gave me the best of food. In less than five minutes after I hit the ground the French had me in civilian clothes and my flying clothes were buried.

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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

John M. Miller, Sgt 16074025 August 28, 1944
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)
457 BOMB GROUP 749 BOMB SQDN
(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.

June 14, 1944 at 09:15 near Cherise, France

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

It had been hit by flak through the bomb bay doors and severed controls.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

at 17,000 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 that I saw opened

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?

yes I saw four other crew members

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 saw a picture and name from the French papers of the interior of the plane

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.

crashed on land

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

It is believed all are safe in French hands.

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E 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? *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. *ate those for five days*

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *To purify drinking water*

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass. *To aid in directions frequently*

Sewing kit.

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *no*

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

It should contain a razor with blades and a comb.

2. PURSE

a. Did you carry a purse? *yes*

State color of stripes and letters. *red letter, & black stripes*

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? *Map of France*

Compass, *yes*

File (hacksaw). *no*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *French Francs*

How did you spend the money? *1300 francs*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *I gave them to a Colonel Brewer that used to be my commanding officer*

Compass. *I kept it*

File (hacksaw). *I buried it after I got to American Forces*

Surplus currency. *I have 700 francs*

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? *9*

b. Did you use them? *The French underground took three of them*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

at my group #57 by S-2 officers

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?

I believe that no flying persons should have a short hair cut as all German prisoners have their hair short and you might be taken prisoner easier.