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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

REINER, R.J. SGT. 13152107  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: AIRFIELD NEAR  
PARIS

Date mission in action: 8/12/44

5 (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: 8/30/44

506th Bomb (Squadron) 44th Bomb Gp (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

- PILOT LT. TAG. Mc GUIRE - 2d Lt - 817721 MIA
- CO-PILOT LT. TITUS, Dudley H - 2d Lt - 0-556131 MIA
- NAVIGATOR LT. CRAWFORD - SAFE - U.K. - MET - HIM - HERE
- BOMBARDIER LT. TURLEY, Merle G. 2d Lt - 6-716997 MIA
- RADIO OPERATOR S/SGT. CULLIVANE John C S/SGT 12126106 MIA
- TOP TURRET GUNNER - S/ REINER - U.K.
- BALL TURRET GUNNER - S/ NOKES PRISONER - MACQUI - STATED - SO.
- WAIST GUNNER S/ DANIELS, Carl E Sgt 32669213 MIA
- WAIST GUNNER - S/ S. KRAME R, Edward S/SGT 31308781 MIA
- TAIL GUNNER S/ HANSEN, Joseph L Sgt 36738150 MIA

Decorations:

Date of Birth: FEB. 28, 1923  
Private Address: 1635 N. 29th ST, PHILA. PA. U.S.A.  
Length of Service: 21 MONTHS  
Job as Civilian: STUDENT

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

SHIPDHAM -

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

Were you wounded? Give details.

BAD - ANKLE - SPRAIN

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much?

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

Did you have identity papers?  
YES (French)

(over)

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

*By British Intelligence in Bayeux*

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

*Int. report at the front & at the rear.*

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.*

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. *France - 8/30/44 - Air*

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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1944

Sgt. Reiner

APP. C

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Sgt. Reiner came down on 12 August 1944 near GENNEVILLE (S of HONFLEUR). He was picked up at once by several young Frenchmen who took him to the house of M. & Mme. GEORGES PERRÉE (GENNEVILLE PAR LA RIVIERE ST SAUVEUR, CALVADOS). Here F/O DILLWORTH, RCAF, was also brought in. The two evaders remained here a week, and then members of the local maquis moved them up towards the advancing Allied lines. They were kept in a barn for two days; but, since the battle became so heavy in this region, the maquis moved them back to the home of PERRÉE. On 27 August word was brought that the British had entered GENNEVILLE. The two evaders went into the town to report. The next day a British sergeant of Intelligence got them transportation back to the H Q near Lisieux. From there Reiner was sent back to BAYEUX where a British Intelligence officer questioned him briefly and gave him orders to report to 63 Brook St. He was sent by air to U.K. on 30 August.

The following are the names of some of the members of the maquis who helped Reiner while he was staying with the PERRÉE s:

MICHEL GOGIBU, Le Vieux Cedre, SAHURS, S.I.

RENE DUTOUN, MAISON RIDEL, SAHURS, S.I.

M. & MME. JARDIN, 20 RUE CACHIN, HONFLEUR, CALVADOS

EDMOND KUKLA, TORUN, POZNUNSKA 32, POLAND.

SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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E & E REPORT NO. 1220  
EVASION IN

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Proof by*

(Date)

Robert J REINER, Sgt, 13152107

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

5 Missions

TARGET: Airfield near PARIS

506 Bomb Squadron, 44 Bomb Group

(Squadron) (Group)

MIA: 12 August 1944

Arrived in UK:

30 August 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

			Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-817721	2d Lt Thomas J McGUIRE	MIA	
	0-556131	2d Lt Dudley G TITUS	MIA	
CO-PILOT				
NAVIGATOR	0-717392	2d Lt Peter G CRAWFORD	E&E RPT 1185	
BOMBARDIER	0-716997	2d Lt Merle G TURLEY	MIA	
RADIO OPERATOR	12126106	S/Sgt John C CULLINANE	MIA	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	13152107	Sgt Robert J REINER	NARRATOR	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	33733393	Sgt James C NOKES	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	32669213	Sgt Carl E DANIELS	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	31308781	S/Sgt Edward KRAMER	MIA	
TAIL GUNNER	36738150	Sgt Joseph L HANSEN	MIA	

Were you wounded?

E&E RPT.  
Sgt. Robert J. Reiner

SHORT OF GAS On the way back from the target our gas was running low. We were ordered to put on our chutes ~~and to bail out~~ and to jettison guns and equipment. Near Le FLAK Havre we ran into heavy flak. ~~and~~ The order to bail out was given.

I delayed my jump for a long time, and when I pulled the ripcord I saw CAUGHT IN TREE HELP IN four other chutes in the air. I landed in a tree, ~~from which I could not get~~ my chute swinging me far off of the ground. Several young Frenchman ran up to me at once, and one of them climbed up the tree and cut my harness. I fell to the ground, spraining both ankles badly when I landed. The young men hurried me off to a haystack where they made me change into civilian clothes and then led me a JOURNEY ARRANGED mile down the road to a barn. From here my journey was arranged.

APP. B

No military information.

*Compiled by:  
Lt Chernis*

Sgt. Keiner

APP. D

AIDS BOX: Immediate aid rendered use unnecessary.

PURSE: I had a red purse. I used the map of France and the compass and gave the 2000 French francs to my helpers.

PHOTOGRAPHS: I had 9 photographs which were used on French identity papers.

LECTURES: I heard S2 officers lecture on evasion at Lincoln, Neb. and at my base in N. & Ireland in June and July, 1944. The lectures were useful to me.

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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 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) ROBERT-J-REINER

Signed Robert J. Reiner

Rank S.G.T. A. S. N. 13152107

Dated August 30<sup>th</sup> 1944

Unit 506<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq. - 44<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq.

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Military Intelligence Service

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

REINER - SGT. 13152101

8/30/1944

(Name)

(Rank)

(ASN)

(Date)

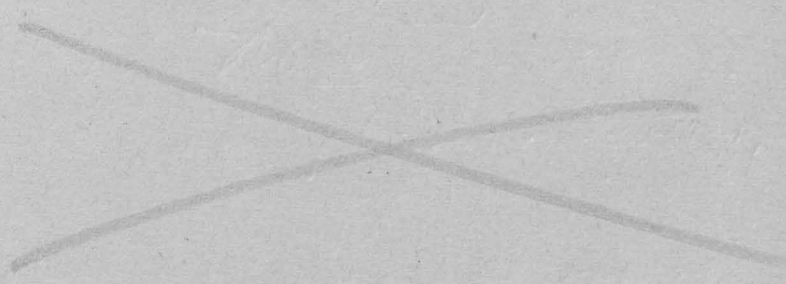
506<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq. 44<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

(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.

*Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> - app. 13:00 - near Genville, France.*

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

*Gas gone - no damage otherwise*

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? *11,000*

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

*No.*

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

*Tail Gunner, Top Gunner, L. & R. Waist gunners, Bombardier*

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

*yes.  
saw 5 open.*

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.

*Sgt. Nakes - supposed  
to be a German Prisoner.*

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?

*I believe that most of them are either  
prisoners or O.R. because the plane continued on course  
after I bailed out.*

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country).....

**For All Personnel.**

- 1. No. 13152107 Rank Sjt Name Reiner, R.J.  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 5
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details Right ankle, bad sprain
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 506 Bomber, 44 Bomber Gp
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 44th 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.)
- 7. Date of Birth 28 Feb 23 8. Length of Service 21 months
- 9. Peace time occupation Student 10. Private address 1635 N. 29th St.  
Phila. P.A. U.S.A.
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Yes
- 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 Top Turret 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 <u>Lt Thomas, J. McGuire</u>    | Saw four chutes<br>Leaves 5 of crew<br>unaccounted for.<br>Resistance said ship<br>blew up in mid-air |
| CO-PILOT <u>Lt Titus</u>              |   |
| NAVIGATOR <u>Lt Crawford</u>          |   |
| BOMBARDIER <u>Lt Turley</u>           |   |
| RADIO OPERATOR <u>S/Sjt Cullinane</u> |   |
| TOP TURRET GUNNER <u>S/Sjt Reiner</u> |   |
| BALL TURRET GUNNER                    |   |
| WAIST GUNNER (R.) <u>Sjt Daniels</u>  |   |
| WAIST GUNNER (L.) <u>Sjt Noakes</u>   |   |
| TAIL GUNNER <u>Sjt Hansen</u>         |   |

- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure Liberator, Shiddham, Aug 12, 44
- 18. Where and when did you come down? Nr Genville, Honfleur, 1300 hrs approx
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Took them along and hid them
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Don't know

Interviewed by 9 (WEA)  
Date

Appendix "B"  
"C"  
"D"

1  
Burst from target. gas running <sup>& leaking from engines</sup> low. Order to  
prepare to bail out. We started for Cherbourg  
& jettisoned everything. Hear he ~~had~~ heavy  
falls. Bail out order. I jumped. Fell a  
long way before pulling cord. Saw 4 chutes  
opened. Landed in high tree + couldn't  
get down. Some children ran to me, climbed  
tree + cut me down. I fell + sprained  
ankles. They led me to farm house

Gonneville  
57  
HONFLEUR

(Germans about 800 yds away). There hid  
+ they put civilian clothes on me.  
in haystack + then they took me

a mile or so further to another ~~farm~~  
farm house. Hid in barn here + they  
brought in an RCAF man (F/O Dillworth).  
We stayed here in barn for a week.

(M. + Mme <sup>Georges</sup> PERRÉE, Gonneville par  
La Rivière St. Sauveur, Calvados.) The  
Germans were getting thick. So ~~they~~ <sup>the maquis</sup>  
led us up toward the front. A mile  
or two away we hid in a barn for ~~one~~  
~~night~~ two days. But battle was heavy  
here. So they took us back to Perrée's.

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German had been at Perrées' meanwhile  
to take their horses. We stayed in their  
house & barn at night. Saturday (26 Aug)  
we heard that British were in  
Gouneville & we went in to see them.  
They had no transp. for us. So we  
stayed at Perrées that night. Next  
day a British Sgt got us a ride to  
a HQ near hiseux & next morning they  
sent me back to Bayeux where  
I was taken to British Intelligence.  
They questioned me briefly & gave  
me orders to 63 Bn & sent me  
by plane to U.K. 30 August.

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Helped also by:

MICHEL Gogibe

Le vieux Cedre, Sahara, S.I.

Edmond Kubla, Torun - Poznańska 32  
Polska

Rene Dutourn, Maison Ridet, Sahara  
S.I.

M. et Mme Jardin + son Claude,  
20 Rue Cachin, Houffleur  
Calvados, France.

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MOVEMENT ORDER FOR EVACUATION TO U.K.

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~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

13152107 Sgt. REINER. RJ. 506 Sqn. 44 Bm. Gp. USAAC.

You are directed to travel by the route and method which will be indicated to you, and to report immediately to an Officer of PW & X, M.I.S. Det, 63 Brook St., London. W.1.

This movement order will be handed to the Officer Commanding P.W. & X, MIS. Det: on arrival

Sgt Reiner is travelling without an identity card.

30 Aug 44.

I.S. 9. (WEA)  
att 33 R.H.U. 101 Rft Gp:.,  
B. L. A.

*Bob Row*  
Capt: For  
Major G.S.



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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? *Because I received aid shortly.*
- 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?
- 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. *F. 2 stripes - Blue line.*  
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 N. France.*

Compass, *yes.*

File (hacksaw). *no.*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *2000 French francs*

How did you spend the money? *Used some of it gave some to some helping people.*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *not disposed*

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

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? *YES*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *YES*

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

*LINCOLN, NEB. - JUNE 44. - N. IRELAND - JULY - 44.*

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?

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MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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.,.....)

Troops moving back - artillery and infantry using horses. Quite a few horses have been taken by the Germans.

Enemy morale is poor - The French citizens morale was always very high.

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~~G-2 Div., SHARP~~

~~(Less App. NCU & NDU)~~

File

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.

CONFIDENTIAL.

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 13152107 Rank SGT.  
 Name (BLOCK LETTERS) ROBERT J. REINER  
 Unit 506<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq. 44<sup>th</sup> Bomb G.P.



has been ~~fully~~/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 24 1944  
 and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

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*Cherniss did further*  
*Interrog*

Major. *[Signature]*

IMPORTANT.

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)  
AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF PW. & X. DET.  
M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

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- 7. Date of Birth 28 Feb 23
- 8. Length of Service 21 months
- 9. Peace time occupation Student
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- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure  
Liberator, Stopham, Aug 18, 44
- PILOT Lt Thomas, J. McGuire
- CO-PILOT Lt Titus
- NAVIGATOR Lt Crawford
- BOMBARDIER Lt Turley
- RADIO OPERATOR Sgt Collins
- TOP TURRET GUNNER Sgt Reiner
- BALL TURRET GUNNER
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) Sgt Daniels
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) Sgt Hoskes
- TAIL GUNNER Sgt Hansen

few four chutes  
leaves 2 of crew  
unaccounted for.  
Resistance said ship  
blew up in mid-air

*Reiner*

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 28.8.44

18. Where and when did you come down? Took them along and hid

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

19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and misc wess? Don't know

20. Were all parachute equipment destroyed? Major

*Major*