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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

LEONARD WEINSTEIN T/Sgt 12090440
(Name) (Rank) ASN

30 August 1944
(Date)

558 Bomb Sq (9AF) 387 Bomb Group.
(Unit)

E&E # 1230

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT <i>CAPT Bob HARMON - 0731863</i>	MIA
CO-PILOT <i>Lt Edwin McFadden 1st Lt - 0742338</i>	→ KIA
NAVIGATOR	
BOMBARDIER <i>Lt Hewitt, Robert C 1st Lt 0666039</i>	→ MIA
RADIO OPERATOR 12090440 T/Sgt Leonard WEINSTEIN	RTD
TOP TURRET GUNNER <i>S/Sgt Cely, Raymond 14062277</i>	→ P/W
BALL TURRET GUNNER	
WAIST GUNNER	
WAIST GUNNER	
TAIL GUNNER <i>S/Sgt Thompson, George S/Sgt 11023579</i>	→ MIA

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

29 May 1944; 1145 hours; Triel sur Seine;

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

Flak knocked on engine out and it started fire;

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

& 7000 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?

People told me that pilot, co-pilot and myself came out;

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?

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.

Yes pilot and co-pilot by people;

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?

Three other members could not get out, as plane was spinnign too violently to move.

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

WEINSTEIN, L. T/SGT-12090440
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: CONFLANS

Date mission in action: 5-27-44

51 (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: 8-30-44

558 BS. 387 B.G.
(Squadron) (Group)

B-26

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT CAPT. HARMON - 0742338 PERSON TOLD ME
1st LT ELWIN J. FADDEN 0742338 " " " BROKEN LEG

CO-PILOT 1st LT ELWIN J. FADDEN 0742338 " " " BROKEN LEG

NAVIGATOR 1st LT HEWITT, Robert C - 0666039

BOMBARDIER 1st LT HEWITT, Robert C - 0666039

RADIO OPERATOR T/SGT L. WEINSTEIN - EVADER

TOP TURRET GUNNER S/SGT CELY, Raymond E., 14062277

BALL TURRET GUNNER X

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER S/SGT. THOMPSON, George E. 11023579

Decorations: D.F.C. AIR MEDAL 8 CLUSTERS

Date of Birth: DEC. 18, 1923

Private Address: 1171 ELDER AVE - BRONX, N.Y.

Length of Service: 26 MONTHS

Job as Civilian: STUDENT

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

FROM CHIPPING ONGAR AIRDROME.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

Were you wounded? Give details. - YES - PIECE OF RICOCHET FLAK IN LEFT SHIN. HOLE THROUGH BOTTOM LIP. WOUND ON LEFT WRIST. TORN

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

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

Did you have identity papers? NO - LOST DOG TAGS COMING

DOWN. —

FR. I card ✓

(over)

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

W.F. By ORGANIZATION

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

YES - CAPT. McMANERA - STARS & STRIPES

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 B BOOK (BOOK H) 5100016

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

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

FRANCE - AUG 29

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

LT. McFADDEN 1053

DEC 7/18 FRONT 2 101012

226 104012515

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

226 104012515

1053 - 101012 - 101012

LT. McFADDEN 1053

COB. 101012 - 101012 - 101012

226 104012515

301 PG

21

101012 - 101012 - 101012

101012

101012

- 1230

T/Sgt Leonard WEINSTEIN
12090440
558 Sqn, 387 B Gp

31 August 1944

group

~~I bailed out on 28 May~~
On 29 May, I bailed out near TRIEL-SUR-SEINE and landed ~~in a~~ ^{group} ~~field amongst some~~ French workers. I changed clothes with one of them and ran about a mile. ~~I met 2 boys, one of them French-African.~~

I met 2 boys, one of them French-African. They took me to a small cafe where I was given medical aid. I then hid in the barn at the home of the French-African lad. I was guided to a house nearby and asked to send a note to Capt HARMON. A man came by in a car and drove me to TRIEL-SUR-SEINE where I remained two days.

On 1 June I went on the train to PARIS and was taken to a large warehouse near Gare St. LAZARE. We left hurriedly because of the Gestapo, and I was taken back to VILLENES-SUR-SEINE. I think the man's name was Marcel BOUGE, VILLENES-SUR-SEINE.

I worked with the Resistance movement here until 4 June. We cut telephone wires, ~~and~~ changed road signs, etc. I walked to POISSY with one of the French ladies and took the train to GARE ST LAZARE. ~~and~~ We went to 14 and 15 Rue Passey, near the ARC de TRIOMPHE.

From here I was taken to the home of Mme Jeanne DE GONDE, 4 Ave Daumesnil, PARIS, XI. Here I found Sgt Edward REEDY, a Canadian, and an Englishman. Mme DE GONDE speaks English. She has 3 sons, and is divorced. She works at the Assistance Publique. ~~M MICLOT was an officer in the resistance for this district.~~
Mme DE GONDE said that S/Sgt Joe GARONO and Lt Emmett BONE had stayed with her until 23 May.

~~Between August 19 and 24, I saw the German SS troops and Hitler Youth start shooting anyone on the streets. They took bicycles from the French, gave them 80 francs in exchange, and rode off in retreat.~~

Lucien LEROY, 4 Rue de Passey, a helper in the resistance, was arrested by the Gestapo around ~~the~~ 8 July. It was reported that he had been shot. ~~Another helper, M MICLOT~~ was an officer in the resistance for this district.

On 19 Aug

Sgt REEDY left on 17 July, but I was too sick to go with him. ~~Between August 19 and 24,~~ the SS troops and Hitler Youth began shooting ^{into} houses and killing anyone on the streets. I saw a 6-year old girl shot as she ran from her mother in a doorway. The German soldiers were giving the French 80 francs for a bicycle and riding off toward the rear lines.

On 24 August, I met two American officers in a jeep in PARIS. I introduced Mme DE GONDE to them, and they took me along to their hotel. I later met some flyers and was taken to ^{the} 9th AF HQ where transportation was arranged for 8 of us to fly back to the UK on 30 August.

Handwritten signature

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- T/SET, LEONARD WEINSTEIN - 12090440

Unit:- 538 B.S. 387 B.F.

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. *WAS IN WOOD + STARTED TO GET HUNGRY*

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *Neither*

Milk (tube). *None*

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *Used, N.G. Fell asleep*

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *Water purifier*

Matches. *—*

Adhesive tape. *—*

Chewing gum. *gave to Frenchman*

Water bottle. *✓*

Compass. *✓ Gave to Frenchman*

Sewing kit. *None*

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *—*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *KEPT IT AT FRENCHMEN'S HOUSE*
- 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? *NO*
State color of stripes and letters. *—*
If NOT, State why not.

- b. Did you use the purse? *YES - GAVE TO LADY I WAS WITH.*
Aids Box - DIDN'T NEED IT
(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. FR. 2,000 FRANCS

How did you spend the money? - GAVE TO PERSON I WAS WITH.

d. How did you dispose of:- GAVE TO FRENCH MEN.

Maps.

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? *3*

b. Did you use them? *YES*

5. LECTURES

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

AT BASE - JUNE 43 - APRIL 44 - BY P.W. OFFICERS.

b. Did you find the lectures of value? *VERY MUCH*

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers?

USE YOUR OWN JUDGEMENT A LITTLE BIT. IT HELPS A LOT.

SECRET - AMERICAN
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.,.....)

ALL THE INFORMATION + OBSERVATIONS BY
MY SELF WAS MADE IN TERRITORY NOW
HELD BY THE ALLIES.

near Triel-sur-Seine
(546)

↑

Blak at Achères, opened bomb bay. In bomb run, hit. Could
hit - into spin. Out waist gun window. 7,000 ft.

Pinned to side, Fin cleared ship. Opened the chute - jolt.

Landed mid of field, farmers why, took chute + hid. All pointing -
can't see. Changed coveralls to farmer, Ran, Germans searching.
Blue coveralls. Ran 1 mi, Fr + Fr-African boy stalked down rd
crossed Seine on ferry. (German health clubs) Got medical
attention at out of cafe. To home of Fr-African boy. Staid in barn. Told
to remain. Fed. Civilian clothes. Lay down - searchers arid, must
leave immed. Boy started off with him. Lay in woods 4 hrs, used
escape kit. Met another boy. Re-crossed Seine in
rowboat. To house - sent note to Capt Starnson. Came
back to man in car. Drove to Triel-sur-Seine May 30 + June
1 at home there. Took rr to Paris, Le Gare St-Lazare. To big
warehouse. Left Gestapo

Back to Villennes sur Seine, worked to Resistance. Stayed
till June 14. cut phone lines, changed road signs, etc.
man who spoke Eng. Stalked to Poissy with lady.

Train to gare St-Lazare
June 14 + 15
passerby nr Arc de Triomphe. To another house
stayed with lady (can Eng) (Jeanne) (with Reedy)
Mrs de Londe (spoke English)
(son in Apr Le Clair) # Ave daumesnil
3 sons - 1 in Paris (diriged) PARIS XII given 5000
1 taken Cherbourg (with assistance) Antiquaire francs
man - Michel - officer in recio district.

Gestapo caught some. (S/sgt Edw. Reedy - left July 17th) had been
sick - could not go with may 23 } Sgt Joe Garono (2nd) helped by
St. Emmett Bone } M de Londe

In Paris

Aug 19 - Aug 27

German atrocities
SS troops + Hitler youth

12 o'clock - started shooting up houses
up hands - 6 yr old girl ran for mother, shot
shot anyone on streets.

80 francs for bikes - inf. rode away

Lucien Leroy - helping in org. ^{appx} July 8th
4 Ave de Passy - capt by Gestapo.

Reported shot.

jeep - saw ^{cognac} drunk capt m^e Mares + Col. Curry
3+ stripes Spec Serv.

come to them. Introd body to, stayed at hotel

met flyers to Laval - 9th AF Hqs 8 tog.
flew back 30th left -

Marcel Bougé } (not cert.)
Villaines sur Seine }

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

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AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

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 **SEGRET**.

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 **SEGRET** 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) WEINSTEIN, LEONARD
Rank T/SGT A. S. N. 12090446
Unit 558 B.S. 387 B.G.

Signed Leonard Weinstein
Dated AUG. 31, 1944
Witness Edwin Henry, Capt, MAC

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L. WEINSTEIN - T/Sgt. 12090440
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
558 BS. 387 B.G.
(Unit)

AUG. 31 - 44
(Date)

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TAIL GUNNER

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

MAY-29-44 - 1145 AM - TRIEL SUR SEINE.

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

FLAK KNOCKED ONE ENGINE OUT + IT STARTED ON FIRE
At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

7,000 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?

PEOPLE TOLD ME THAT - PILOT C/P. + MYSELF CAME OUT
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?

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. - YES - PILOT - BY

PEOPLE.

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?

- 3 OTHER MEMBERS. COULDN'T GET OUT. AS PLANE WAS SPINNING TOO VIOLENTLY TO MOVE.