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E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA) 8/194/524

TOP SECRET.
I.S.9 (WEA)

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE

For All Personnel.

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- 1. No. 33564473 Rank Sgt Name Wm. C. GOLDSBOROUGH
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Air Medal, 11 missions
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details No
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 749th B. Sqn.
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 457 B.Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Ball Gunner
- 7. Date of Birth 13 August 1924 8. Length of Service 17 mos
- 9. Peace time occupation Glenn L. Martin Co 10. Private address 1319 N. Patterson Pk.
Ave. Baltimore, Md.
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags and photos
- 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 Ball Turret
- 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 1st Lt Roy W. Allen All other crew members with French
- CO-PILOT 2d Lt V.E. Lewis Resistance.
- NAVIGATOR 2d Lt Joseph Brusse
- BOMBARDIER 2d Lt Lawrence Anderson
- RADIO OPERATOR S/Sgt Ernest L. Smith
- TOP TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt Roy E. Plum
- BALL TURRET GUNNER Narrator
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) Sgt John Miller
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) Sgt Leonard Henson
- TAIL GUNNER Sgt Gordon B. Long
- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17, Glatton, Eng. 14 June 44, 0530 hrs
- 18. Where and when did you come down? Provins, 0900 hrs, 14 June 44
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Buried in woods with the help
of a Frenchman
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes, the plane exploded when it hit
the ground.

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EVASION CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE

For All Personnel
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Name Wm. O. GELDSBOROUGH Rank Sgt No 33564473

A. I am an officer in the 1st Parachute Battalion, 6th Airborne Division. I was captured on 14 June 1944 at Viroville. I was held in a camp at Viroville for 4 days. I then went to a camp at ... with ...
I was held in a camp at ... with ...
I was held in a camp at ... with ...
I was held in a camp at ... with ...
I was held in a camp at ... with ...

7. Date of Birth 15 August 1924
8. Length of Service 17 mos
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11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph, or postcards and photos

12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

FOR R.A.F. ONLY

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Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

18. Where and when did you come down? Date 26 August 1944

19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and Mae West? Buried in woods with ...

20. Were all secret parts and documents destroyed? Yes, the plane exploded with it

Richard H. Dana

RICHARD H. DANA
MAJOR

Disposal: Returned to unit.

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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) Gonsourough WMC

Signed WMC Gonsourough

Rank Sgt A. S. N. 53564473

Dated August 31, 44

Unit 457 Bomb GP 749 Bomb Sp

Witness Charles A. Brown
1st Lt A.C.

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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
and QUESTIONNAIRE FOR I.S. 9 (WEL) PERSONNEL

August 31 1944
(Date)

GONDSBOROUGH W^mC SGT. 33524478
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

GERMAN AIRFIELD " "
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: JUNE 14 1944

457 BOMB GP 749 BOMB SQD
(Unit)

Returned to UK: AUGUST 31 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (List names by positions and indicate what happened to each one)

PILOT R. W. ALLEN BAILED OUT

CO-PILOT VERNE E LEWIS " "

NAVIGATOR JOSEPH C BRUSSE " "

BOMBARDIER LAWRENCE ANDERSON " "

RADIO OPERATOR ERNEST SMITH " "

TOP TURRET GUNNER ROY E PRUM " "

BALL TURRET GUNNER GONDSBOROUGH " RETURNED TO U.K.

W.AIST GUNNER JOHN M MILLER " " " "

W.AIST GUNNER LEONARD HENSON " "

TAIL GUNNER GORDON B LONG " " " "

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

14 JUNE 8:30 AM. NEAR PROVINS FRANCE
Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

CONTROL CABLES WERE SHOT OUT
At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

20,000 FEET
Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

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

ALL CREW MEMBERS YES

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: RADIO MAN 2-WAIST GUNNERS & TAIL GUNNER
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. FRENCH RESISTANCE TOLD ME ALL THE CREW WERE SAFE. THEY HAD OUR POINTS ESCAPE

PICTURE.
(over)

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 ALL ARE SAFE THE FRENCH RESISTANCE SAID EVERY ONE WAS SAFE AND I PERSONALLY KNOW 4 ARE.*

Were you wounded?

I WAS CUT ON THE FINGER RUNNING THROUGH WOODS.

Were you in German hands?

NO

Did you kill any Germans in escaping?

NO

Have you previously given the names of your helpers?

NO

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given.

MR. RAYMOND BESSE 22 RUE DES LUAPS NANTERRE SEINE

What security briefing were you given?

A COMPLETE BRIEFING IN FRANCE

What souvenirs do you still possess?

*PICTURES OF THE PEOPLE WHO KEEP ME
2 BAYONETS + 1 HELMET*

Home address.

1319 N PATTERSON PK AVE BALTO MD

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

NO

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

*ROY W ALLEN L. ANDERSON
J. C. BRUSSE
V. H. LEWIS
R. E. PLUM
E. L. SMITH
L. H. HENSON*

DISTRIBUTION:

Capt Devereux, Ops	1
Capt Arnold, 9 AF	1
G-2 FUSA (Less "C")	1
G-2 TUSA (Less "C")	1
File	1
Hq. I.S. 9 (WEA)	3
P/W & X Det. MIS ✓	
G-2 Div. SHAEF	
(Less App. "C" & "D")	
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.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 33564473 Rank Sgt.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Wm C. GOLDSBOROUGH

Unit 457 Bomb Group 749 Bomb Sq.

has been fully/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 28 Aug 1940

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should/should not/be re-interrogated.

Ol. H. Dan
2/LT. CAC Major.

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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CERTIFIED THAT:

This Officer/W.O./N.C.O. has special information on the following subjects:—

Name (BLOCK LETTERS)

Nino

Unit

*I returned to U.K. this afternoon
report to 63 Brook, London.*

Major

CAC

*05.11.50
1/11*

IMPORTANT

M.I.5. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.
AN OFFICER OF M.I.5 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X. DET.
THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)

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BILLETING OFFICE
CENTRAL BASE SECTION
COM Z., ETOUSA

SUBJECT: Assignment of Billet.

30-8-44

TO : Sgt. W. C. Goldsborough, 33564473, 457 Bomb Gp.
(Name, rank, branch and ASN)

1. You are assigned the following government billet:

~~Room 19 A, Lurgan Hotel, 110 Cromwell Road SW 7~~

2. You are responsible for extras which you incur; for example; Laundry, cleaning, food, etc.

3. You will check in and out of the hotel in the usual manner.

4. Officers leaving this station must leave billet and clear with the Billeting Office before 1000 hours on date of departure. This is accomplished by obtaining Hotel Cashier's signature on the space allotted on reverse side and presenting this chit to the Billeting Office. Failure to comply with this directive will be reported to your Headquarters for disciplinary action.

Assignment of Billet.

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5. Officers leaving this station on Temporary Duty or Leave will notify the Billeting Office. Failure to comply will result in termination of billet.

For the Commanding General:

Donald E. Wentzel
DONALD E. WENTZEL
Captain, AC
Billeting Officer

This is to certify that the officer named hereon has paid all bills for extras as outlined in paragraph 2 on reverse side.

Date

31-8-44

P. K. Kamberger
(Hotel Cashier)