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P/W and X Detachment  
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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
and QUESTIONNAIRE FOR I.S.9(WEA) PERSONNEL

AUG. 31, 1944.  
(Date)

BARTLETT, PAUL E. F/O T-61958  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

SOUTH OF PARIS 3  
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: JUNE 2, 1944

Returned to UK: AUG. 30, 1944

489th Bomb GR 847th SO.  
(Unit)

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

PILOT CROSS, E.W. - NO INFORMATION  
CO-PILOT BARTLETT, P.E. - EVADED  
NAVIGATOR WOOD, J.B. - EVADED  
BOMBARDIER LITTLE, B.D. - EVADED  
RADIO OPERATOR HARRIS, R.J. - CAPTURED  
TOP TURRET GUNNER KIEFER, EUGENE - EVADED  
BALL TURRET GUNNER DENTINO, D.M. - EVADED  
WAIST GUNNER LAURENT, J.H. - CAPTURED  
WAIST GUNNER REEVERTS, B.C. - EVADED  
TAIL GUNNER LEBLANC, J.A. - EVADED

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. JUNE 2, 44-2000-  
EAST OF PARIS

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
#3 + 4 ENG were shot out It was not on fire.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 5,000 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? YES  
ALL of crew bailed out.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? NO INFORMATION

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?  
YES.

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.  
NO

(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. *Did not land in water*

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? *French people gave me information*

Were you wounded? *NO*

Were you in German hands? *NO*

Did you kill any Germans in escaping? *NO*

Have you previously given the names of your helpers? *YES*

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

What security briefing were you given? *By S-2*

What souvenirs do you still possess? *NONE*

Home address. *PAUL BARTLETT THERESA, NEW YORK*

List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans.  
*NONE*

List names of American or British personnel believed to be evading. *NONE*

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APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA) 8/176/520

If further circulation of this information is made, it is important that its source should not be divulged.

No. T-61958 Rank SGT. Name PAUL E. BARTLETT.

Date of Interview August 18, 1944

I and my four crew members were helped by:

MARCELLO MARTIN of VILLENEUVE ST. DENIS, 13 yrs., contacted the underground for us.

GASTON PLAQUET, 8 Rue Notre Dame, CORBEIL.

Rue  
JEAN MEHUET, 190 Convention, Paris.

GUILBERT BOURBAIN, 20 Rue Paul Morin, Nanterre, Seine.

ROBERT DAVID, Libraire, LAGNY.

GEORGES GILLARD, 26 Grand Rue, Linas, par Monthery

BERTON CRANE, Lagny.

MICHEL PLACE, Dampmart.

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(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. T-61958 Rank Flight Officer Name Paul E. BARTLETT  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Three
3. Were you wounded? Give details No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 847th Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 489th B. Gp 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Co-Pilot
7. Date of Birth 1 Aug. 8. Length of Service 19 mos
9. Peace time occupation Jr. Eng. Aide 10. Private address Theresa, New York.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

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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 CO-PILOT
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 2d Lt Elvin W. Cross No other information
- CO-PILOT Narrator
- NAVIGATOR 2d Lt John B. Wood Evading, reported in Paris
- BOMBARDIER 2d Lt Bruce C. Little " " " "
- RADIO OPERATOR Sgt Raymond J. Harris Captured (French information)
- TOP TURRET GUNNER Sgt Eugene Kiefer Evaded
- BALL TURRET GUNNER Sgt Dominick M. Dentino Evaded
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) Sgt Bruce C. Reeverts Evaded
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) Sgt James H. Laurent Captured (French information)
- TAIL GUNNER Sgt Joseph A. Leblanc Evaded
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24, Hailsworth England, 2 June 1944  
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18. Where and when did you come down? Cretz at 2030 hrs
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? French disposed of them.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Went down with plane.

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EVASION CAPTURED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE

I came down about 2030 near GRETZ, 2 June. We had received two direct hits from flak and 2 engines were out. I saw 7 chutes in the air coming down. I hid and moved about the country for six days, meeting during this time SGT DENTINO, SGT KIEFER, SGT LEBLANC and SGT REEVES. The five of us were taken in at LAGNY, splitting into two houses. On July 11 and 12 we went in two parties into PARIS, where we stayed until the Americans came in to take the city.

Co-Pilot

8. Length of Service 19 mos  
9. Private address Theres, New York

11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? No

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

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No other information

PILOT 2d Lt. Elvin W. Gross

CO-PILOT Navigator

Navigator 2d Lt. John B. Wood

BOMBARDIER 2d Lt. Bruce C. Little

RADIO OPERATOR Sgt Raymond J. Harris  
TOP TURRET GUNNER Sgt Eugene Kiefer

BALL TURRET GUNNER Sgt Dominick M. Dentino - Evaded

WAIST GUNNER (R) Sgt Bruce C. Reeves - Evaded

WAIST GUNNER (L) Sgt James H. Laurent  
Captured (French information)

TAIL GUNNER Sgt Joseph A. Lefranc - Evaded

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of capture. B-24, Eastworth England, 2 June 1944

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date August 28, 1944

Attached:

Appendix "B"

" "C"

" "D"

RICHARD H. DANA

2nd Lt., CAC

Disposal:

returned to unit.

Major



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## WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

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

6 August 1943

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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) PAUL E. BARTLETT  
Rank F/O A. S. N. T-6 1958  
Unit 489th Bomb Gp. 841st Sq.

Signed Paul E. Bartlett  
Dated 31 August 1944  
Witness Charles G. Brown  
1st Lt. A.C.

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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. T-61958 Rank FLIGHT OFFICER

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) PAUL E. BARTLETT T-61958

Unit 489th Bomb GR 847th Bomb SQ

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 28 Aug 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

*W. H. Darr*  
2 LT, C/AC  
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:—

*None*

*I returned to U.K. this officer  
should report to 63 Bow St, London*

IMPORTANT

M.I.2. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.  
AN OFFICER OF M.I.2 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

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SUBJECT: Assignment of Billet.

TO : BARTLETT PAUL F/O D- T-61958

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(Name, rank, branch and ASN)

1. You are assigned the following government billet:

Room 4 LURGAN HOTEL 115 CROMWELL ROAD S W 7

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(Room No., hotel and address)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

*T. Van der Grinten*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Hotel Cashier)