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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL,
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Ralph Hall 1st Lt
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: Bordeaux
Date mission in action: Jan 5, 44

Seven (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: _____

331st Bomb Sq 91th Bomb Group
(Squadron) (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT 1st Lt. D.B. Johnson
CO-PILOT 2nd Lt. R.K. Patton
NAVIGATOR 2nd Lt. M.L. Church
BOMBARDIER 2nd Lt. Jack M. Sough
RADIO OPERATOR 1st Lt. K.O. Byle
TOP TURRET GUNNER 1st Lt. Ralph Hall
BALL TURRET GUNNER Sgt. J.L. Shuffield
R WAIST GUNNER Sgt. W.A. Morrison
L WAIST GUNNER Sgt. J.C. Viola
TAIL GUNNER Sgt. V.C. Calman

Decorations: one year good conduct & air medal
Date of Birth: May 8, 1920
Private Address: Dadeville, Alabama, Route One
Length of Service: Two year & eight months
Job as Civilian: Section boss in cotton mill.
From what field did you take off? Take off time. Field of 91th Bomb group approx. seven o'clock in morning
Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes
Were you wounded? Give details. small wound on skin of right leg when jumped from plane
Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? No.
Do you speak FRENCH? no SPANISH? no GERMAN? no ITALIAN? no OTHER LANGUAGE? no
Did you have identity papers? no. only dog tags

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(over)

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

*yes in France by Capt Jones 42nd Ordnance 9th Air Force
5th Officer*

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

*yes
42nd Ordnance 9th Air Force, Aug. 27, 1944*

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

*yes, to Capt
Jones 5th Officer of 42nd Ordnance 9th Air Force*

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

no.

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

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

*Leval France
Aug. 30, 1944 - by 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.

OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

P. G. Hall 1st Lt. 34393144 Aug 30, 1944
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)
9th Bomb Group 33180
(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. Jan 5, 1944
1:20 afternoon 25 miles north East of Davis Point

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
Right stabilizer completely shot off, left stabilizer badly
damaged, & controls shot off

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 10,000 ft.

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

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? do not know

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. no

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 thought five were killed because
only saw five parachutes open

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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) RALPH HALL
Rank T/1 Sgt. A. S. N. 3H393144
Unit 94th Bomb Group

Signed Ralph Hall
Dated Aug. 31, 1944
Witness W. J. Cameron (get/80)

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

343931441 - 1/Sgt. Ralph Hall

Unit:-

94th Bomb Group - 331st Bomb Sq

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. *Try to keep H.I. shoes*

1. AIDS BOX

- a. Did you use your aids box? *no*
- b. If not, why? *was not injured to that extent*
- 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.
If NOT, State why not.

- b. Did you use the purse?

*it was lost from pocket
when jumped (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.

How did you spend the money?

d. How did you dispose of:-

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?

If so, how many?

one

b. Did you use them?

yes

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

*yes at 94th Bomb Group, in
November 1943 by S-2 officer*

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?

*after being contacted
by underground, take their address, & be
as nice to the people as you can*

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH AIR FORCE

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APO 696, US Army,
30 August 1944

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : Technical Sergeant Ralph (NMI) Hall, 34393144, 94 Bomb Group.

You will proceed on or about 30 August 1944 ~~1944~~ from Headquarters, Ninth Air Force to the United States Special Reception Center, 65 Brook Street, London, W-1, England. TDN by IT, mil acft or rail. 60-136 P 452-02 A 212/50425.

By command of Major General VANDENBERG:

V H STRAHL
Brig Gen, USA,
C of S.

OFFICIAL:

C R BLERBARI
Lt Col, A.C.,
Asst Adj Gen.

5 Jan
30 Aug
331 Sg.
VH

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P/W Section _____

Lt Col Spencer _____

Lt Col Simpson _____

Lt Col Starr _____

Capt White AGS _____

Correspondence _____

P/W Records _____

Lt Tiffany _____

Lt Sarant _____

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ACTION: _____

Return to files _____

For retention _____

For necessary action _____

Draft Reply _____

Pass to others in Section _____

Recommendations _____

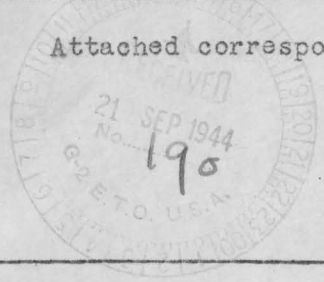
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TO	FROM	DATE	SUBJECTS: Report of Interrogation Enter File Classification AG:
P/W& X Det, MIS Attn: Col Holt	G-2, PW Br, Hq ETO	18 Sept 1944	<p style="text-align: right;">EW/map</p> <p>Attached correspondence forwarded for your attention.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <i>Edda Whitney</i> EDDA WHITNEY WOJG, USA </p>

Report of Interrogation

P/W& X G-2, PW 18
Det, MIS Br, Hq Sept
Attn: ETO 1944
Col Holt

EW/map
Attached correspondence forwarded for your attention.

EDDA WHITNEY
WOJG, USA

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(Ltr. Intelligence Office 42nd A.D.G., APO 149, 29 Aug 44, Subj: Report of Interrogation.)

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OFFICE OF THE D.OF I., HQS. U.S. STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE, APO 633, U.S.ARMY

SEP 14 1944

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TO: A.C. of S., G-2, European Theater of Operations.
(Attn: P/W & X Det., MIS, G-2)



George C. McDonald
1st Col Asst Dir I
GEORGE C. McDONALD
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Director of Intelligence

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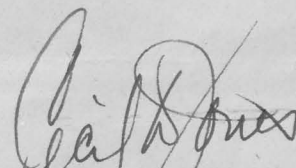
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SUMMARY: Plane number 213 (possible error in number) dropped bomb load on target at approximately 1130 hours, 5 January 1944, right stabilizer was knocked out over target by anti-aircraft fire, plane dropped out of formation. Attacked over Brittany at 13,000 feet by six (6) enemy fighters (FW-109's and FW-190's) at approximately 1230 hours 5 January 1944. Controls broken by cannon fire and left stabilizer damaged. Crew ordered to bail out at approximately 1245 hours. T/Sgt. Hall states that he saw four (4) parachutes other than his own from the plane; he further states that it is possible that Lt. Johnson, T/Sgt. Blye, S/Sgt. Stubblefield, S/Sgt. Viola and S/Sgt. Monson were in plane when it crashed and burned (approximately two (2) miles from where T/Sgt. Hall landed near Carhaix.) T/Sgt. Hall contacted by French Underground 7 January 1944 at Gourin, sent to Douarnenez. On 2nd or 3rd of February 1944 T/Sgt. Hall was dispatched in a fishing boat to rendezvous with an English submarine to carry him to England, but had to return to the continent due to heavy storm. Remained in the house of Marguerite Sezec in Douarnenez until 22 August 1944. Enemy occupied the town until 19 August 1944. T/Sgt. Hall taken to Plouha on 22 August 1944 by a French Captain, met there by a Captain James Harrison (Canadian, engaged in getting airmen out of France) who assisted T/Sgt. Hall in getting transportation to Rennes. French informed T/Sgt. Hall that two (2) planes (B-17's) were seen to come down.

2. T/Sgt. Hall will be sent under escort to A2, HQ., Ninth Air Force, for processing.

For the Commanding Officer



CECIL D. JONES
Capt, Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

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INTELLIGENCE OFFICE
42nd A D G

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AUTH: CO, 2ND AADA,
DATE: 4 SEPT 44.
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APO 149, U.S.Army
29 August 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Interrogation.

TO : CO, 2nd AADA, IX AFSC, APO 149, U.S.Army.

1. Pursuant to Memorandum 35-26A, Hq., Ninth Air Force, dated 19 July 1944, the following report is submitted on the interrogation of a combat member at this office, 29 August 1944:

PERSONNEL INTERROGATED:

T/Sgt. Ralph (NMI) Hall, 34393144, engineer.

UNIT: 94th Bomber Group, 331st Bomber Squadron, Bury St. Edmond (U.K.),
APO 634, U.S.Army.

MISSION: Airfields and Hangers, Bordeaux.

FORMATION: Approximately two Groups (B-17's) departed home station at approximately 0630 hours, 5 January 1944. Arrived over target at approximately 1130 hours, 5 January 1944.

RESULTS: Unknown.

OPPOSITION: Flak heavy. Approximately nine (9) FW-109 enemy fighters over target, beaten off.

CASUALTIES: Unknown.

MISSING: 1st Lt. G. B. Johnson, pilot.
2nd Lt. R.K. Patton, co-pilot.
2nd Lt. M. L. Church, navigator.
2nd Lt. Jack McGough, bombardier.
T/Sgt. K. O. Blye, radio operator,
S/Sgt. J. L. Stubblefield, gunner.
S/Sgt. I. C. Viola, gunner.
S/Sgt. W. A. Monson, gunner.
S/Sgt. V. C. Coleman, gunner.

T/Sgt. Hall states that he saw four (4) parachutes, other than his own, floating to earth.

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NE Gaurin

Out c/10,000' - delay hit - to 5000-6000' - hunt back hit - land in field - threw dirt in water - No fr about - got away as fast as could - c 1900 to small farmhouse - civ clothes - taken to another farmhouse for mt - (elect in fly - shoes & tie fly - & boots)

In an farmer point direction.

Walk cross country by sun S - c 1600 met to fellow uph E - at farmhouse - Pt went to city - got found uph yard E -

In 7 train ride as around

Next mt. 2 fr boys come - to Gaurin - ^{with Indian who had escaped from Kennis} man, wife, 2 small boys, 1 girl - on mt there - then to a farmhouse in country - man, wife.

Next day took us to farmhouse on opposite side of town - Man, wife, dts 18. 2 nts there

Train to Bayarden - met Indian & a fr boy - 15-16.

Then Quimper - spent mt with lady who ran wine shop. Then to Douarnenez. Me & Indian of train picked up by police there - in jail for 5 hrs - 2 gas me & man & send us - Took to farmer who was city c/18 days - Signe - got mt of town

La Briere & Douarnenez (Wend) for Gaurin - about

Man, wife, 2 dts, 1 by for Paris kid, c 5 day Man & boy picked up for underground activities - from there for mt c/1-2 March to west - believe

Then the far far schmyzle

When back in land - day mt with Indian picked up - c 3 hrs to farmhouse - fed & sheltered for night - showed us map - walked bet van rd & beach -

Went back to Signe's home - another mt.

Then to Marguerite Seznec, 3 Rue Emile - Zola.

On the night Jeanne Penmanéac'h

19 May I pull out - all for me

22 May I leave

Canadian Land Lot over Boat - one
down in me

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Gibson in by I love - to Quimper - with receipt / Manis +
SF. This - to Quimper - & then to Phloa - say Don
by boats can in then

Then met Capt ^{James} Harrison - who had run shuttle service to S.
Then to St Brevé where Harrison had taken over beautiful

Remus 26 May - then to Laval & back 30 May -

T/Sgt Ralph HALL, 34393144, 331/94 Bomb Gp (H). MIA 5 Jan 44
Intrvd 31 Aug 44

After delaying a bit HALL landed NE of Gourin, got away as fast as he could, in the evening approached a farmhouse and received civilian clothes. He was taken to another farmhouse for the night. In the morning a farmer pointed out the direction to move. He walked until the afternoon when he was taken in at a farmhouse and kept for a day. The next night two French boys took him to Gourin where he stayed with a man, wife, and two small boys. An Indian who had escaped from Rennes was also there. A doctor of the town rode them around a bit and they went to a farmhouse in the country. Then the doctor took them to a farmhouse on the opposite side of town and they stayed two nights with a man, wife, and daughter 18. They took a train to Rosparden and met an Indian and a French boy-15-16. They went to Quimper and spent the night with a woman who ran a wine shop. They went to ~~Douarnenez~~/ Douarnenez where the police picked up Hall and the Indian and held them five officers before Hall gave his army serial number and was taken to a farmer with whom he stayed 18 days, Signe, just outside of town: man, wife, two daughters, a boy from Paris hiding there..

From there Hall went by night to the coast about 1-2 Feb. He is very hazy on the details, but the affair was the boating party on which FanFan was. See Gordon, EAE 434, for details. Hall says that LaBrice and his blond son from Douarnenez were on the boat. Otherwise he does not know the passengers at all, and ~~in~~ with the darkness his lack of information is understandable. He says that the Indian was picked up by the Germans. He walked with Gordon for a bit, although he does not remember his name, made his way to a farmhouse where he was sheltered for the night, and then walked back between the railroad and the beach to Signe's house, where he stayed another night.

He went then to Marguerite Sezec, 3 Rue Emile Zola with whom he stayed until 22 Aug, apparently keeping from going mad but it is hard to see how. One girl visited, Jeanne Pennaneac'h. He did not go out of the house until the Germans pulled out on 19 Aug, and a lot of Frenchmen came to see him. On

22 Aug he left for Quimper with a French capt of Marines and five French fli-
 ers. He went to Quimperle and then to Plouha, / He was told that American and
 English boats used to come into Plouha regularly. There he met Capt James
 Harrison who had, it seems, run a shuttle service to England, but his shuttle
 was not working. Instead Harrison took him to St Brieux where he had taken
 over a beautiful house that the Gestapo had had until recently. Harrison was
 obviously having a magnificent time and he did his best to show Hall one.

Hall went to Rennes on 26 Aug, on to Laval, and back on 30 Aug to England.

Capt Jones, 42 Ord Co, Ninth Air Force, stumbled upon Hall and gave him a
 something of an interrogation. Since Hall's memory had always to be prodded to
 bring out the crucial facts this would mean that nothing bad would be known
 except that there was an attempt to get a boat to England in early Feb and also
 that Marguerite had helped Hall.

A Canadian Lancaster shot down in Br st came down over the sea. In it was
 F/O D H Cheney, J18295, RCAF.

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Hq, 2nd Advanced Air Depot Area, IX Air Force Service Command, Intelligence Office,
APO 149, U S Army. 4 September 1944.

TO: Intelligence Officer, IX Air Force Service Command, ADV, APO 149, U S Army.



for *Nathan S. Miller 1st Lt. A.C.*
MARVIN W. HOUGHTON,
Major, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

2nd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, IX AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND, AAF Station 472, APO 149,
U.S. Army. 8 September 1944.

TO: AC of S, A-2, Ninth Air Force (Rear), APO 696, U.S. Army.

For the Intelligence Officer.

S. H. Bacon
S. H. BACON,
Captain, AC,
Executive Officer.

3rd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE (REAR), APO 696, US ARMY, 11 September 1944.

TO: AC of S, A-2, US STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUORPE, APO 633, US Army.

For the AC of S, A-2,

Joseph G. Mahar
JOSEPH G MAHAR,
Lt Col, Air Corps, (D.L.)
Counter Intelligence Officer.

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Lt Col Spencer _____

Lt Col Simpson _____

Lt Col Starr _____

Capt White AGS _____

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