

SECRET

E. & E. REPORT No. IS9(WFA)7/128/676

TOP SECRET.
I.S.9 (WEA)

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

EVASION CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) France

For All Personnel.

1. No. 14182585 Rank S/Sgt Name Joe W. Stewart
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) No decorations; 11 missions
3. Were you wounded? Give details No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 709 Bomb Sqn
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 447 Bomb Gp, 8AF 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Tail gunner
7. Date of Birth 9 July 1923 8. Length of Service 2 yrs, 4 mos
9. Peace time occupation Mechanic 10. Private address Rt 1, Box 112,
Pinson, Alabama
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? dogtags, no 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 Tail 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 2nd Lt Russell D. Hilding
- CO-PILOT 1st Lt George C. Mong
- NAVIGATOR 2nd Lt Claude A. Kelly, wounded in arm
- BOMBARDIER 1st Lt Raymond E. Wonjize
- RADIO OPERATOR Horace R. D. Martino, (See E&E Rept No. 127)
- TOP TURRET GUNNER T/Sgt Fred D. Gleason
- BALL TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt Harry E. White (See E&E Rept No. 126)
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) S/Sgt Erwin R. William, wounded in left arm, baled out
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) S/Sgt Emroy J. Markham, wounded in wrist and face, baled out
- TAIL GUNNER Narrator
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17, departed Rattleston, England, 13 July 44.
0500 hrs.
18. Where and when did you come down? Near Neufchatel, France, 13 July 44
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Hid by French
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Plane burned when it hit ground.

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My story is identical with that of T/Sgt Di Martino (S) E&E
Rept No. 127)

For All Personnel.

Name Joe W. Stewart

Rank S/Sgt

No. 14182585

I gave the money from my escape purse to my French helpers.
Di Martino, White and I used the benzadrine tablets to keep us
awake. I was briefed on escape and evasion in the US and in England
at my base.

Tail Gunner

2 yrs, 4 mos

10. Private address: Ht 1, Box 112

9. Peace time occupation: Mechanic

Pinson, Alabama

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G-2, FUSA 1 (less "C")
G-2, TUSA 1
12th Army Group 2
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CO-PILOT 1st Lt George G. Wong

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W/ST GUNNER (R) S/Sgt Edwin R. Williams, wounded in left arm, baled out

W/ST GUNNER (L) S/Sgt Emory J. Markham, wounded in wrist and face, baled out

TAIL GUNNER Navigator

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17, departed Rattlesden, England, 13 July 44.

0500 hrs.

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 30 Aug 44

Attached:

Appendix "B"

"C"

"D"

Disposal: Returned to unit in UK.

Major

IRVIN H. LUTTEN
Major, Inf

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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(WEA) PERSONNEL

9/1/44
(Date)

JOE W. STEWART S/SGT. 14182585-
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Date Missing in Action: 7/13/44

Returned to UK: 8/31/44

MUNICH 11
(Target) (Number of missions)

447th B. GRP. 709th B. Sqd.
(Unit)

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

PILOT R. D. HILDING
CO-PILOT G. C. MONG
NAVIGATOR C. E. KELLY
BOMBARDIER R. E. WONGJINZE
RADIO OPERATOR H. R. DI MARTINO
TOP TURRET GUNNER F. D. GLEASON
BILL TURRET GUNNER H. E. WHITE
WAIST GUNNER E. R. WILLIAMS
WAIST GUNNER E. J. MARKHAM
TAIL GUNNER J. W. STEWART

ALL BAILED OUT

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. JULY 13, 1944
12:30 P.M. L188

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

ENGINE OUT SHOT UP BADLY NO.

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

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

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

EVERY ONE 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?

TWO ALIVE

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.

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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?

**THEY GOT HELP BY THE FRENCH
THE PEOPLE ARE TOO GLAD TO GIVE HELP**

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?

What souvenirs do you still possess?

NONE

Home address.

RT. # 1 BOX 112 PINSON, ALA.

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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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) **JOE W. STEWART**

Rank **S/SGT** A. S. N. **14182585**

Unit **447th BOMB GRP 709th BOMB SQD.**

Signed

Dated

Witness

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Military Intelligence Service

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

<u>Joe W STEWART</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>14182585</u>	<u>31 August 1944</u>
(Name)	(Rank)	ASN	(Date)
<u>709 Bomb Sq, 447 Bomb Group</u>		<u>E&E #1277 - IS9(WEA)/7/128/676</u>	
(Unit)			

use this =

<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>				<u>PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
PILOT	0-757199	2d Lt	Russell D HILDING	MIA
CO-PILOT	0-818190	1st Lt	George C MONG	RTD <u>1501</u>
NAVIGATOR	0-708477	2d Lt	Claude A KELLY	MIA
BOMBARDIER	0-761487	1st Lt	Raymond E WOJNICZ	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	13070451	T/Sgt	Horace R DiMARTINO	RTD <u>1271</u>
TOP TURRET GUNNER	39553245	T/Sgt	Fred D GLEASON	RTD <u>1065</u>
BALL TURRET GUNNER	34669697	S/Sgt	Harry E WHITE	RTD <u>1278</u>
WAIST GUNNER	<u>16148892</u>	S/Sgt	Erwin R WILLIAMS	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	32478254	S/Sgt	Emory J MARKHAM	RTD <u>1502</u>
TAIL GUNNER	14182585	S/Sgt	Joe W STEWART	RTD <u>1277</u>

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.
13 July 1944; near Neufchatel and Lizy, France; 1230 hours.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
3 engines out; shot up badly; no fire.

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

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

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?
All bailed out; all chutes opened.

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?

Two alive

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?

Believe all received aid from French people.