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E & E REPORT NO IS9(WEA)7/126/674

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I.S.9(WEA)

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, US & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVADED CAPTURE FROM - France

EVE #
1278

1. 34669697, S/Sgt, Harry E. White
2. No decorations, 12 missions
3. Not wounded
4. 447 Bomb Gp, 709 Bomb Sqn
6. Ball turret gunner
7. Born: 14 Jan 1924
8. Length of service - 18 months
9. Peace time occupation - Student
10. Private address - Box 85 Castle Hayne, North Carolina
11. Identification - 2 photos and dogtags
12. Foreign language - No
15. Post in crew * Ball turret gunner
16. Other members of crew:
 - Pilot - 2nd Lt Russell D. Hilding, - don't know what happened to him
 - Co-Pilot - 1st Lt George C. Mong
 - Navigator - 2nd Lt Claude A. Kelly, wounded in arm
 - Bombardier - 1st Lt Raymond E. Wonjize
 - Radio Operator - T/Sgt Horace R.D. Martine (I.S.9(WEA)7/127)
 - Top Turret Gunner - T/Sgt Fred D. Gleason
 - Ball Turret Gunner - Narrator
 - Waist Gunner (R) - S/Sgt Erwin R. Williams, wounded in wrist and face, baled out.
 - Waist Gunner (L) - S/Sgt Emroy J. Markham, wounded in left arm, baled out.
 - Tail Gunner - S/Sgt Joe W. Stewart (I.S.9(WEA)7/128)
17. Type of aircraft, date, time, place of departure - departed Rattleston, England, 13 July 44, 0500 hrs.
18. Where and when did you come down - Near Neufchatel, France, 13 July 44
19. Disposal of equipment - Hid chute and harness in leaves
20. Secret papers and equipment - Plane burned when it hit ground.

My story is identical with that of T/Sgt Di Martino (E&E Rept, IS9(WEA)7/127)

I had left my escape box in my plane when I jumped. I was lectured on escape and evasion in England and in the US before I came overseas.

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ, IS9(WEA) 3 ✓
G-2, FUSA 1 (less "C")
G-2, TUSA 1 (" ")
12th Army Group 2 (" ")
File 1

Attached:

Appendix "B"
" "C"
" "D"

Interviewed by I.S.9(WEA)
Date: 30 Aug 44
I grade this evasion No. 5

Irvin H. Litten
IRVIN H. LITTEN
Maj. Inf

Disposal: Returned to Unit in UK

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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(WEA) PERSONNEL

9-1-44

(Date)

Harry E. White S/Sgt. 34649697
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Munich 12
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: July 13, 1944

Returned to UK: 8-31-44

447th Bomb Gp. 709 Bomb Sq.
(Unit)

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

PILOT Hilding, R.D. All bailed
CO-PILOT Mong, C.D.
NAVIGATOR Kelly, C.E.
BOMBARDIER Wanjize, R.E.
RADIO OPERATOR Di Martino, H.R.
TOP TURRET GUNNER Gleason, F.D.
BALL TURRET GUNNER White, H.E.
WAIST GUNNER Markham, E.J.
WAIST GUNNER Williams, E.R.
TAIL GUNNER Stewart, J.W.

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

July 13, 44 12:30 Near Lizy

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
3 engines out, + badly shot up

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

10,000'
Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?
Two waist gunners injured + nav. injured.

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

All bailed out, all chutes open

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?

Radio operator + 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.

(over)

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

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?

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?

No

Home address.

Box 45, Castle Hayne, N.C.

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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 388.6 (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 388.6 (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) Harry E. White
Rank S/ Sgt. A. S. N. 34669697
Unit 447th Bomb Gp. 709 Bomb Sqd.

Signed Harry E. White
Dated 8-1-44
Witness _____

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