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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

TARGET: *Bordeaux Air Drome*

Date mission in action: *Dec. 31st 43*

Date arrived in UK: *Sep. 1st 44*

William A. Weber *Sgt.* *15066665*
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Four (No. of missions)

407 Bomb Sq. 92 Bomb Group
(Squadron) (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT *Goldstein, Coleman 2nd Lt.*
CO-PILOT *Casey, Shirley V. 2nd Lt.*
NAVIGATOR *Brill, Herbert 2nd Lt.*
BOMBARDIER *Maloney, John E. 2nd Lt.*
RADIO OPERATOR *Edinholm, Herbert Sgt.*
TOP TURRET GUNNER *Weber, William A. Sgt.*
BALL TURRET GUNNER *Jasman, George Sgt.*
WAIST GUNNER *Mahne, Emil Sgt.*
WAIST GUNNER *Mucci, Nicholas S/Sgt.*
TAIL GUNNER *Scott, Owen R. Sgt.*

All men separated into pair & left in all directions. Lt. Brill & I (Sgt. Weber) entered the French resistance two days after landing. The resistance chef had the names of the Pilot (Lt. Goldstein & Sgt. Jasman & said they were in the resistance organization. We had no news of the other men.

Decorations:

Date of Birth: *JANUARY 21st 1922*

Private Address: *801 Eastern Parkway - Louisville, Kentucky (MA. Weber)*

Length of Service: *3 years 3 months*

Job as Civilian: *Farming, Carpenters Helper, Truck driver*

From what field did you take off? Take off time.

Poddington

Approximately 7:30 - 8:00 AM.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *Yes*

Were you wounded? Give details. *No Landed with plane, all members O.K. Burned plane afterwards*

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? *Army identification tags*

(over)

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?
Yes. Questioned by the French Resistance Chef after entering the outfit

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When? *No*

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? *No*

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. *Limoges, H^{te} Vienne by Air
September 3rd. 1944*

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.

TOP SECRET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

William A. WEBER SGT. 15066665
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Sept. 3rd 1944
(Date)

407 Bomb Sq. 92 Bomb Gr.
(Unit)

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. December 31st 1943, Apr. 12:30 NOON near the town Experiment or Vibrac, North East of Bordeaux

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.

Was it on fire, etc?

Number 4 engine was out & the prop. would not feather, Loosing altitude so the Pilot landed. Burned plane before leaving.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

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

No

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

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

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

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so give detailed furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

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

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and 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?

ALL members left in pairs in all directions. Pilot & Ball turret Gunner entered the French resistance, the same as the Navigator & (2) Top turret Gunner.

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 389.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

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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 389.6 (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) WILLIAM A. WEBER
Rank SGT A. S. N. 15066666
Unit 407 Bomb Sq. 92 Bomb Gr

Signed William A. Weber
Dated Sept 3rd 1944
Witness Robert Smith Capt USMC

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SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

Unit:-

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.

1. AIDS BOX

- a. Did you use your aids box? *Yes*
- b. If not, why?
- 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. *Chewed the gum at random after entering resistance*

Water bottle.

Compass. *Helped a lot for finding direction at night until entering the resistance*

Sewing kit. *In future weeks to mend all clothing*

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *No*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *By burning it.*
- 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?

No

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *Yes*
State color of stripes and letters. *Red stripe letter F*
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? *Yes*

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c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? *MAPS & COMPASS*

Maps. Which ones? *MAPS OF FRANCE*

Compass, *Yes*

File (hacksaw). *No.*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *French 2000 FRANKS*

How did you spend the money? *For toilet articles & food.*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *Did not dispose of maps, compass or surplus currency.*

Compass.

File (hacksaw). *Burning the rubber & burying the saw.*

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?

Yes

If so, how many? *Five*

b. Did you use them? *Yes*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

Yes & NO

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

Poddington, before take off AND between missions.

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?

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H Bull except traf. on
11 August when H Bull
left SS with May of
to Set net to wheel
Lasret until 31 Aug when
H Bull picked them up & took
them out

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Sgt Weber.

My story is the same as
that of Lt Brill & E Rpt #
with the following exceptions.
When Lt Brill left he was
with May Gildee. I returned to
Mme Tasret until 31 August.

Lt Brill returned for me on
that day and took me to
the A/c