

TOP SECRET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

BRILL, HERBERT 2ND LT - 0-807975
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

SEPT. 3, 1944
(Date)

BOMBARDMENT (HEAVY)
(Unit)

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

DEC. 31, 1943. - 1230 P.M. - EXPIREMONT, FRANCE.

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

Was it on fire, etc?

CRASH LANDED + ATTEMPTED TO SET PLANE ON FIRE.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

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

NONE.

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

NONE.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

NO.

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 detailed 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 conditions?

PLANE COMPLETELY BURNED & DEMOLISHED.

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.

NO.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

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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: *Marguerite*

Date mission in action: DEC. 31, 1943

Date arrived in UK: SEPT. 3, 1944

BRILL, HERBERT 2ND LT. 0-807975

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

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(No. of missions)

407TH

(Squadron)

92ND BOMB.

(Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT GOLDSTEIN, COLEMAN *

CO-PILOT CASEY, SHIRLEY V.

NAVIGATOR BRILL, HERBERT *

BOMBARDIER MALONEY, JOHN E.

RADIO OPERATOR EDENHOLM, HERBERT

TOP TURRET GUNNER WEBER, WILLIAM A. *-OK

BALL TURRET GUNNER JASMAN, GEORGE *-OK

WAIST GUNNER MUCCI, ANTHONY

WAIST GUNNER MAHNE, EMILE

TAIL GUNNER SCOTT, OWEN - U.K

ALL LANDED SAFELY IN FRANCE (CRASH LANDED).

* ENTERED RESISTANCE OUTFITS.

OTHERS, NO NEWS AT ALL.

Decorations: —

Date of Birth: FEB. 27, 1920

Private Address: 289 EMPIRE BOULEVARD, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Length of Service: 2 YRS. 9 MOS.

Job as Civilian: CLERK.

From what field did you take off? Take off time. POTTINGTON. 5:45 A.M.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? YES.

Were you wounded? Give details. NO.

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? NO.

Do you speak FRENCH? YES. SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE?

Did you have identity papers? ALIMENTATION CARD AND A WORK CARD.

(over)

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

No.

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, FRANCE, BY AIR*

SEPT. 3, 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.

GOLDSTEIN, COLEMAN } AMERICANS.
JASMAN, GEORGE

MEPARTLAND, MICHAEL (BRITISH MERCHANT SEAMAN)
RETURNED TO UK WITH US ON SEPT. 3, '44.

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

List all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defenses, AA batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.,.....)

CIVILIAN MORALE, FRENCH, IS AT PRESENT VERY HIGH.

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *2ND LT. HERBERT BRILL*

Unit:- *407TH - 92ND ACN. SQD.*

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?

NO.

b. If not, why?

NOT NECESSARY.

c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".

HE CHOCOLATE ON ROAD.

Horlicks tablets.

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *NONE.*

Milk (tube). *NO.*

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *NO.*

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *NO.*

Matches. *YES.*

Adhesive tape. *YES.*

Chewing gum. *YES.*

Water bottle. *YES.*

Compass. *YES.*

Sewing kit. *YES.*

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *NO.*

e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *BURNED 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?

2. PURSE

a. Did you carry a purse? *NO.*

State color of stripes and letters. *NO.*

If NOT, State why not.

b. Did you use the purse? *NO.*

(over)

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

Maps. Which ones? *TWO FRENCH MAPS.*

Compass. *YES.*

File (hacksaw). *NO.*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *2000 FRANCES.*

How did you spend the money? *FOOD, ETC.*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *LOST.*

Compass. *STILL ON MY PERSON.*

File (hacksaw). *LOST.*

Surplus currency. *NONE.*

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? *SIX*

b. Did you use them? *NO. LOST WHEN CHANGING CLOTHES.*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *YES.*

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *POTTINGTON - DEC. 31, 1943 -*

MAJOR (?)

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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C Lt Bull

We crash landed, and
broke off cross-country with
Sgt Weber, E & Rpt. The next
morning we reached Grassac (Charente)
Here, on 2 January, a farmer
put us in contact with René
Rispard alias Jacques Roy
He gave us civilian clothes
and we lived in his house
in the woods for a week.

Michel M^cPartland, a British
Merchant seaman, was already
staying with him. Jean Louis
was the local Resistance chief.

He sent a message back to
England us and received their
answer on 16 January
to the effect that we were

considered dead in England
but that word ^{of us} would be
sent on to our families. We
began to have too many
visitors.

Jean Louis moved us
to Charraas (Charente) where we
stayed with a woman named
Calandrea ~~off the~~ who
owned a café. She charged too
much for keeping us, so we
were moved, on 3 February
to a farm at Noyan (Charente).

On 16 February Reg took
McFarland off to another
farmhouse. ~~At night he took~~

On 19 February Weber
and I were moved to
magnus in another district.
André Réjasse was our
guide of the magnus, but

instead he wanted to take
us to friends of his who
he thought could get us to
England. We cycled 60 km to
Thalleville ^{in the forest} ~~Thalleville~~ ^{Charente} where we stayed
with Mme Lasret for a day
while he contacted the local
Resistance chief who said we
would be in England in 7 to 15
days. We went on to Mme
Lasret's sister Mme Reytier

at Larraud ^{believed to be} ~~at Larraud~~ ^{Charente} ~~and to be~~ ^{St Louis Cognac}

When making had left
by 6 March, the chief ^(André a carpenter from Marais) moved us
to Brossac ^{Charente} to a
M. Collaandreau ^{no relation of}
^{the name Collaandreau}
^{known previously}

~~On~~ On 21 March we
went to Mme Lasret for
two weeks, and then for

mine Reyles for two weeks

On 19 April the Gestapo
got hot around "Barraud"
and we moved to the woods
until 4 May. On 3 May the
chief said we must ~~either~~
either set out on our own
to join the maquis, as
we were a danger to them
in the woods. Knowing how
disorganized the maquis
were, we tried to go back
to Jacques Rex. The
Resistance in Marville (Larente)
stopped us, however, and
we went back to mine last night
for the day. When we heard
the Gestapo were still
about we ~~waited~~ day a

~~1st Lt~~ Chief Jacques Carrier
put me in touch with
Maj Gidel at Montabaur (Clarente)
and he advised our leaving
the area. The S.S. had no
objections, gave us each 12000
francs and letters of
recommendation. We (~~1st~~ Lt
Goret had now joined us,
at Sgt Weber had left) met
Maj Gidel at ~~Perreand~~
and he took us to the farm
at Meuve ^(Clarente) ~~Wainson~~ from
here on see Lt Stollage
29E Hpt II

hole in the side of a hill,
camouflaged to top and
lived there until 12 June.

When the area was again
declared safe we returned
of Mme Larret, ~~Spain~~

We heard that there
were three other Americans
in a camp nearby, and on
19 July joined Lt Kohler ~~2nd~~
Rpt# Sgt Benson ~~2nd~~ Rpt#

and Sgt Gault ~~2nd~~ Rpt#
They were with the Section Special
de Sabotage ~~now~~ in the woods

near Cuing-nay (Wedge)
The chief was Jacques Carner
On 20 July his group moved
into the Chateau of the
Marquis de Malot who was
absent. We started going
on operations with his group
(over)

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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.

CERTIFICATE

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) BRILL, HERBERT
Rank 2ND LT. A. S. N. 0-807975
Unit 407TH - 92ND BOMB. GRP.

Signed Herbert Brill
Dated Sept. 3, 1944
Witness W. C. Smith Capt. Hqs

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Crash Landing took
 off 1/4 for later when she
 started to smoke (heard in
 July demolished) I left in
 Sgt Bill Weber. Walked
 to Cross-Country. Asked for
 help at farmhouse (Glen was
 in fire region after lunch at
 dept of Hall of G. Walked
 all night North a.m. at
 Grassac & Resistance
 Went to farm for help sent
 to sleep while contacted Resistance
 2. Gen René Rispard ^{alias} Jacques Rex -
 stayed with him in house in
 woods for week with him already
 was Michel McPartland British Merchant
 Seaman from Dieppe. Chief of Resistance
 decided to many visitors (Jean
 Louis) (Glen was of crew) sent
 message to U.K. from Paris <sup>that they would
 send word to him</sup>
 to Gen went to Charra
 here told 3 Feb with
 woman who owned a café.
 [Calandreas (sic)] she charged
 too much for us so we
 left
 To Vougan & a farm
 were talked in parachute signalling for 2 clues

captured
 1/2 of Paris

Rpt. that they would
 send word to him

~~From~~ On 16 Feb Mr. Rex took
Mike to another farmhouse

On 19 Feb with Weber &
another distrust & magues
no more of J. Rex as Gestapo
guy. Not ~~Anton~~ Andre ^{Brosse} our
guide to magues but he
wanted to get us to my two
friends not magues 60 km
on bike at night. Lie Thillet

for one day with local Resistance
Chief. Went 7 to 15 day to Eng 20
to Larvaud 1 km distant.
Mme ~~Rey~~ Reyner kept us
had been with her sister
Mme Lasret at Le Thillet.

6 March nothing doing
Chief moved us to Brosse
doy M. Callandreaux (sic) [no
relation]

21 March back to
Mme Lasret & to Mme
Reyner after another 2 weeks
Agno London reply to request
for A/C - claimed Spain
but for 2 mo.

from train on blowing rail set
buds wires, collaborators lived
in woods in parachute tent
on 20 July moved to a chateau
belonged to Marquis de Mallet
not here at time

22 July G & ~~Ala~~ were going
to attack ~~for~~ overhauled
we intercepted with 40 men
held off for 2 hrs they had 34 trucks
around noon reinforcements
of maps from Montbrun passed
flow in retreat to Angoulême (all
3 in
it)
5 maps killed. ^{Entered}
operations ~~to meet~~ ^{asked he chief of SSS} Jacques
(Jacques carrier) about 5 pm
told me of U.S. ^{major} at
Montboeuf. Saw them & told of
our activities. He advised
our clearing area. Ret to
Group. Got by Lt Joseph
Corbet B 26 Decided to pull
out for Normandy. O.K. by SSS
gave us 12 000 francs to
letters to show we had
participated in raids etc

Chief André ^{from Marcell}
(met guards) ^{carpenter?}

On 19 April Gestapo hot
around Larvaud, built us
brush heap shack in woods
2 beds sheets. There till 4 May

On 3 May chief said must go
to Magues of solo as felt we
were finger in woods. Knew
Magues disorganized kids

Decided to go to Jacques Rey
set out but at Warrel stopped
by Resistance. Night with them

5 May. Ret to Mme Pasret
as Resistance said Gestapo 9 km
down road. Built hole in
ground in woods to live in
Down 3 feet then in 5 1/2 feet in
side of hill. Blankets & sacks
of hay & candle camouflaged
floor with dry leaves. Here

5 May - 12 June Back
to Mme Pasret as now

considered safe area again.
Got word of 3 other U.S. in camp
nearby. Reached them 19 July

Kahler, Benson, Garrett
with Section Special de sabotage

in woods near Cingnac. Told
them would like to go on mission
with them. Which we did.

J. M. May Jr at Perreand in Northbrook
who took us to the farm
where there were 5 others
Massey & Co. He wanted
us to build a at Ruffe & want