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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

LEWIS LOUIS D/SGT 74693112
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
390 TH B. G.
(Unit)

SEPT-3-1944
(Date)

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. JUNE 8-071300A:11
10 KILOMETERS FROM NOYON

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

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 3000 FT

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? TAIL GUNNER
BELIEVED KILLED IN PARACHUTE JUMP - HIS CHUTE WAS HIT BY
FLAK.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? PILOT, ENGINEER
NAVIGATOR, TOGGLER BALL TURRET, BOTH WAIST GUNNERS

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? DO NOT KNOW

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?
YES. SEEN LEFT WAIST GUNNER 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. WE HAD INFORMATION
FROM THE FRENCH THAT ONE MAN WAS KILLED

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition? DO NOT
KNOW

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 HAVE PERSONALLY SEEN THE BALL TURRET

PILOT, NAVIGATOR, TOGGLER, WAIST GUNNER, AND ENG.
WHILE IN FRANCE DO NOT KNOW THE FATE OF OTHERS

Lewis, Oge, Ruta, Wilson, Caldwell
+ Sechrist + Turmenne

Wilson, Oge, Caldwell: ^{abducted} got lost + called
for O + M, got down below overcast at
3000 feet. Flak, Order to bail out.

near
AMIENS
airfield

Wilson + Oge camped + French children
took them to barn at once + Caldwell
was brought in a few minutes. Wilson
went into woods because barn was too

known
to name
ADELBERT

small for 3. A French girl got all
three of them civilian clothes + that
night, the girl + 2 women took us to
woods where we supposed to meet
M. CARNEVIE but he didn't appear. AT
dawn the 3 walked S + approached
farmhouse. People took us to the
house of M. MARECHAL (son Claude
~~was~~ 19 yrs old), chief of underground.

Wilson, Oge, + Caldwell stayed 2 days.

58 kms
SE of
Amiens

Then Oge + Caldwell taken to NOYON,
Caldwell to M. BREDIN ^{were 2 minutes} + Oge to
Mlle LUCE ^{a midwife + her mother a school teacher} near cathedral. Next day
Ruta + Lewis brought to Wilson at
M. MARECHAL's. <sup>one
5 days</sup>

Lewis + Ruta landed 50 yrs apart & got together.

+ ran to woods. Stayed all day + night +
2nd day. At midnight 2nd night circled a
village and at ~~noon~~ at dawn approached
a farmer who fed them + told them to
hide in woods. There 3 woodcutters gave
them clothes + at 1900 hrs moved them
to a hotel in a village for 1 night.

Next morning CLAUDE MARECHAL
took them from woods to his home.

Next day Wilson, Lewis, + Rita were
moved to small farm in LARBROYE to

M. Marcel LENDEROIS (3 sons ^{1 km SW of Noyon} ^{Marcel} ^{594 in French army} ^{26 yrs}
Audrie, + Louis). Here from 12 June to
_{24 yrs} _{19 yrs}

22 August.

Ogie taken from Melle Luce's after 8 days
to farm of M. ALDEBERT at ~~BILLANCOURT~~
BEHENCOURT (N of Noyon). Here till
^{13 kms NE of Amiens}
August 22.

On 22 August all⁵ gathered +
Sechrist, Turmenner, Capt. Clayton Davis,
+ F/O Wm Chisolm (RAF) put into
truck + taken 12 miles S. of BEAUVAIS
to a woods where we slept in woods
where we joined 10 more evaders
Am. + English. M. Thibault (off. in F. army
supplied us with clothes, M. Ravel
whose mother lives in the Chateau
at Le Saussay par la Houssaye (Oise).
On 30 Aug 44 Irish Brigade of Guards +

Wallace, Howard, Rogers, Monty, Sgt Durin,
Nelly, Luck, Corbell

tanks. We went to Beauvais where we saw Civil
 Affairs. Then to II Armd Div. ^{CP} Col. Flint + then
 got a ride to IX ~~Armd~~ Air Force ~~HQ~~ near
 DREUX + then to LAVAL IX A.F. HQ, saw
 Capt. Luria who gave us orders + transportation
 to U.K. Arrived 3 Sept.

Tail gunner ^{or copilot} had his chute shot from over him
 by Germans from flare tower. French buried him
 where he fell N. N. W. of ~~NOY~~ BEHENCOURT
 (Mme. ADELBERT knows the grave). See
 Germans dug him up + stripped him + French
 reburied him.

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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) LEWIS LOUIS D

Signed Louis D Lewis

Rank 1/SGT A. S. N. 38693112

Dated Sept. 3, 1944

Unit 390TH B. G.

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Bridge near
TOURS

LEWIS LOUIS D ^V SGT 39693112
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: JUNE 8-17

19 (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: APRIL 6

569 ^{TIT} (Squadron) 390 ^{T.H.} (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT BECHRIST

CO-PILOT DUNCAN

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER WILSON

RADIO OPERATOR LEWIS

TOP TURRET GUNNER CALDWELL

BALL TURRET GUNNER OGG

WAIST GUNNER TUCKER

WAIST GUNNER RUTA

TAIL GUNNER HELPS

Decorations: AIR MEDAL

Date of Birth: NOV-21-1923

Private Address: 117 WILSON ST. OILDALE CALIF 8 MR LEO BLACK

Length of Service: 19 MO. Feb 2-1943

Job as Civilian: MACHINIST-OUTSIDE

From what field did you take off? Take off time. FRAMLINGHAM-390TH B.G. 06:45 A.M.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? YES

Were you wounded? Give details. BACK WAS HURT WHEN PARACHUTED. ALRIGHT NOW

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

Do you speak FRENCH? LITTLE SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE?

Did you have identity papers? YES THE LAST TWO WEEKS

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

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. *SEPT-3-44 AIR PLAZAL*

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.

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. *FOR FOOD*Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *FOR FOOD*Milk (tube). *NONE*Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *NO*Halazone tablets (water purifier). *NO*Matches. *NO*Adhesive tape. *FOR CUTS*Chewing gum. *TO PASS THE TIME*Water bottle. *FOR WATER*Compass. *TO FIND MY WAY BY NIGHT*Sewing kit. *NO*

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *BURIED 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?

*MORE CHOCOLATE INSTEAD OF BISCUIT - YOU CAN'T EAT THEM*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? *YES*

(over)

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

Maps. Which ones? YES

Compass, YES

File (hacksaw). NO

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. YES

How did you spend the money? FOR THINGS NEEDED

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. FRENCHMEN TOOK MAP

Compass. HAVE COMPASS

File (hacksaw). FRENCHMEN

Surplus currency. PEOPLE I STAYED WITH

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? YES

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? YES

If so, how many? 9

b. Did you use them? YES

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? YES BY S-2-OFFICER
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

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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?

DO NOT HIDE IN WHEAT FIELDS OR OPEN FIELDS. UP IN TREES OR IN HOLES IN THE GROUND THAT HAVE UNDER GROWTH AND DONT TRAVEL BY NIGHT WITH OUT FRENCH AID

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.,.....)

3 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF NOYON 3 AMMUNITION TRAINS WERE DESTROYED BY DIVE BOMBERS AND STRAFING

1 GAS LINE TRAIN WAS DESTROYED IN NOYON

GERMAN TROOPS WERE MOVING NORTH ^{FROM} AUG 1 - 1944

GERMANS ARE USING FRECHMEN WITH HORSE AND CART TO HAUL AMMUNITION NORTH

THE GERMANS ARE TRAVELING BY NIGHTS AND ARE

STAYING IN SMALL VILLAGES DURING THE DAY AND

PUTTING THEIR EQUIPMENT ON FRENCH FARMS!

ENEMY SOLDIER MORALE IS VERY LOW - SS TROOPS ARE

MORALE IS NOT TOO LOW.

THE JERRIES MACHINE GUN PARACHUTES

1412
1413
1414
1415
1411
T/Sgt. Lewis, S/Sgt Oge, S/Sgt Ruta, S/sgt Wilson, T/Sgt Caldwell, &&&

These five men landed on 8 June 1944 near AMIENS. Wilson, Oge, and Caldwell were met at once by French children who hid them in a barn. A French girl (known to MME. ADELBERT of BEHENCOURT, see infra) brought them civilian clothes and that night with two other women took them into a wood where they were to await the arrival of a M. CARNEVIE. He did not appear, however; and so at dawn the three Americans walked southwards and approached a farmhouse. The people at this house took them to the house of M. MARECHAL, the chief of the resistance in the region. All three stayed here for two days. Then, while Wilson remained with the MARECHALS, Oge and Caldwell were taken to NOYON (58 kms SE of AMIENS), Caldwell to the home of M. BREDIN where he lived for the next two months and Oge to the home of MLLE. LUCE, a midwife who lived with her mother, a schoolmistress, near to the cathedral. Here Oge lived for eight days, after which he was taken to the farm of M. ADELBERT at BEHENCOURT (13 kms NE of AMIENS) and there lived until 22 August.

Lewis and Ruta landed about 50 yards from each other. They hid in a wood that day, that night, and all the next day. They began to walk at midnight of the second night and at dawn approached a farmer who fed them and told them to hide in a forest near by. There three woodcutters gave them civilian clothes and in the evening took them to a hotel in a village for the night. The next morning CLAUDE MARECHAL, the 19 year old son of M. MARECHAL, came for them and took them to his father's house where they found Wilson. The next day these three, Wilson, Lewis, and Ruta, were taken to the small farm of MARCEL & LENDERVOIS and his three sons, MARCEL (26 years old), ANDRE (24 years old), and LOUIS (19 years old) at LARBOYE (1 km SW of NOYON). They remained here from 12 June to 22 August.

On 22 August all five evaders were gathered together in a lorry which proceeded to collect Lts. Sechrist, Turmanne, Capt. Clayton Davis, and F/O Wm. Chisolm (RAF) from different places in the neighborhood. All of these men were then taken to a wood 12 miles S of BEAUVAIS where they joined ten more British and American evaders, among them Wallace, Howard, Neff, Rogers, Davis, and Jack Carroll. The group received clothing and supplies from M. THIBAUT, an officer in the French army, and M. RAVEL, whose mother lives in the chateau at LE SAUSSAY par la HOUSOYE (OISE). On 30 August the Irish Brigade of Guards came into the region. The evaders went to BEAUVAIS where they saw officers from Civil Affairs. The Americans then were taken to a Second Armored Div. C.P. where they saw Col. Flint. They were sent to IX Air Force HQ at LAVAL where Capt. Luria gave them orders and transportation, and they arrived in the U.K. by air on 3 September.

N.B. The tail-gunner or co-pilot of this crew had his chute shot from over him by Germans firing from a flak-tower. The French people buried him where he fell NNW of BEHENCOURT. The Germans dug up the body and stripped it, whereupon the French reburied it. The location of the grave is known to MME. ADELBERT of BEHENCOURT.

14 kms
SW of
BEAUVAIS

Cherries