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E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

9-3-44  
(Date)

401 B. Grp., 612 B. Sqdn.  
(Unit)

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

6-19-44 AT 0845 NEAR ANGOULEME, FRANCE

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

Was it on fire, etc? PLANE DISINTEGRATED, PERHAPS BY EXPLOSION  
BECAUSE OF FIRE IN COCKPIT.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

DID NOT BAIL OUT, ALTITUDE UNKNOWN AS TO WHEN I BECAME FREE  
Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? FROM PLANE

PERHAPS BY THE DISINTEGRATION.

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

NONE ACTUALLY BAILED OUT

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

WASN'T ENOUGH IN ONE PIECE TO EXPLODE  
Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

YES, - BOMBARDIER & WAIST GUNNER

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.

BY WORD OF FRENCHMEN, 7 WERE CLAIMED DEAD AND BURIED  
IN CEMETERY AT ANGOULEME. IDENTIFIED BY "DOG TAGS"

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

NO

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?

I BELIEVE THEM DEAD, BY WORD OF FRENCHMEN IN REGION.

BOMBARDIER & CANNONIER AT ANGOULEME  
ALSO TWO OR THREE OTHERS WHO WERE

**RESTRICTED**

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**The Adjutant General's Office**  
**Washington**

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

KLS/el-2B-999 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) William E. Massey  
Rank 2nd Lt. A. S. N. O-684022  
Unit 401 B. Grp. 612 B. Sgdn.

Signed William E. Massey  
Dated Sept. 3 1943  
Witness [Signature]

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F 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?

b. If not, why? *Yes*

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. *Ate Them*

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass.

Sewing kit.

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?

e. How did you finally dispose of the box?

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? *Yes*  
State color of stripes and letters. *Red*  
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. Which ones? MAP OF FRANCE

✓ Compass.

File (hacksaw).

✓ Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. FRANCE - 2,000 FRANCS

How did you spend the money?

For Food.

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. GAVE THEM TO FRENCH MAQUIS

Compass. Returned with it

File (hacksaw).

Returned With it

Surplus currency.

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

None

No

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

If so, how many? Yes - 9

b. Did you use them?

No

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

Yes - Deen Thorne - April '44 by S2

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

For this time, No

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers?

CONTACT MAQUIS to CONTACT AMERICAN Troops That  
Are Nearest.

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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

William E. MASSEY 2nd Lt. 0-684022  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
18 (No. of missions)  
612<sup>th</sup> 401<sup>st</sup>  
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: Bordeaux  
Date mission in action: 6-19-44  
Date arrived in UK: 9-3-44

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

Indicate what  
happened to each man  
and how you know.

PILOT William E. MASSEY, Safe, Returned  
CO-PILOT D. CERESA, Deceased, by word of Frenchmen  
NAVIGATOR William T. NEALON, Deceased, by word of Frenchmen  
BOMBARDIER Lewis V. STELLIES, Safe, Returned  
RADIO OPERATOR Harold L. EAMES, Deceased, by word of Frenchmen  
TOP TURRET GUNNER JAMES P. FAULKNER, Deceased, by word of Frenchmen  
BALL TURRET GUNNER Robert L. MAHLER, Deceased, by word of Frenchmen  
WAIST GUNNER FRANCIS J. BERARD, Safe, Returned  
WAIST GUNNER Alfred E. WIETERS, Deceased, by word of Frenchmen  
TAIL GUNNER PAUL A. WHITE, Deceased, by word of Frenchmen

Decorations: Air Medal, Oak leaf Cluster

Date of Birth: 11-16-20

Private Address: 1001 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Bessemer, ALABAMA.

Length of Service: 2 yrs. - 5 mo.

Job as Civilian: Payroll Clerk

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

Deenthorpe AT 0515

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

CAN NOT BE SURE, BUT PROBABLY WERE  
Were you wounded? Give details.

No

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much?

No

Do you speak FRENCH?

SPANISH?

GERMAN?

ITALIAN?

OTHER LANGUAGE?

No

No

No

No

No

Did you have identity papers?

No.

(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*  
List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans.

*None, I know of.*

List names of American or British personnel believed to be evading.

*B26 19 July*  
LT. Joseph Gonet

*Got off on own  
from Chersonese B26 crew for  
Buffle & Host for Lines*