

SECRET

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

SEPT 3 1944
(Date)

CLIFTON G. MILLER 1ST LT 0-809024
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

CREIL R.R. YARDS 31
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: JUNE 27 1944

Returned to UK: SEPT 3rd 1944

445th BOMB GRP 701ST SQDN.
(Unit)

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

PILOT MILLER CLIFTON G. - EVADED, BACK IN ENGLAND
CO-PILOT HALC RALPH L. - NOT CERTAIN FRENCHMEN SAY
NAVIGATOR RENO ARLEE T. - I THINK HE WAS KILLED BY FLAK
BOMBARDIER STRYCHAZ EDWARD I THINK HE WAS KILLED BY THE
RADIO OPERATOR LEAHY JOHN H. NOT CERTAIN BUT THINK HIS CHUTE BURNED IN
TOP TURRET GUNNER 1 BRAND WAYNE - EVADED AND IS ENGLAND.
BILL TURRET GUNNER FRENCH. SHUM EDWARD - ~~HE~~ HEARD HE WAS WITH
W/ST GUNNER HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT HIM. SALIO WILLIAM - DONT KNOW~~ED~~ HAVENT
W/ST GUNNER SMITH EDWARD L. - DONT KNOW HAVENT HEARD
TAIL GUNNER ANYTHING ABOUT HIM

NEW TO OUR CREW I HAVE FORGOTTEN HIS NAME

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. JUNE 27th

19:30 HOURS - CREIL, FRANCE

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

DIRECT HIT BY FLAK IN FRONT PART OF PLANE GLASS
BLOWN OUT IN COCKPIT PLANE CAUGHT FIRE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? YES THE PILOT
WAS WOUNDED BY FLAK IN LEG. MY INTERPHONE WAS SHOT

UP SO I DONT KNOW FOR SURE BUT I THINK THE BOMBARDIER AND NAV. WERE
What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? KILLED

PILOT - ENG. CO-PILOT - BALL GUNNER - RADIO OP.

YES BUT ONE BURNED UP IN THE AIR

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

NO IT BLEW UP IN THE AIR THE FRENCH SAY

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

YES SHUM & BRAND ARE OK. FRENCH SAY A BOY WHO FITTED
MY CO-PILOTS DESCRIPTION DIED IN GERMAN HOSPITAL

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.

NO

(over)

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

YES IT WAS SCATTERED OVER A BIG AREA

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?

FRENCH SAW ~~HE~~ A CHUTE OPEN AND THEN CATCH FIRE. SO HE MUST BE DEAD I THINK THE WAIST GUNNERS AND TAIL GUNNER BAILED OUT BECAUSE THE BALL GUNNER BAILED OUT SAFELY

Were you wounded?

YES

Were you in German hands? **NO**

Did you kill any Germans in escaping? **NO**

Have you previously given the names of your helpers? **YES TO**

INTERROGATION OFFICER IN PARIS

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given.

What security briefing were you given? **I HAVE READ AND SIGNED THE SECURITY SLIP**

What souvenirs do you still possess? **FRENCH CLOTHES**

Home address. **LYONS MICHIGAN GEN DEL.**

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

NONE

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

NONE

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CERTIFIED THAT:

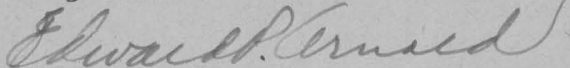
No. 0-809027 Rank 1/Lt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Clifton G. MILLER.

Unit 8 A.F

has been ~~XXXX~~/briefly interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)
on 2 Sep 19 44 and has signed a Security Certificate.

He ~~XXXX~~/should not be re-interrogated.


EDWARD P. ARNOLD
Capt, AC

Major

IMPORTANT:

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDLED TO (BRITISH) AN OFFICER OF M.I.9
OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X DET.-M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

12. No. and location of file.....

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVADED CAPTURED/~~RECOVERED FROM~~ (Name of Country) France

For all Personnel.

1. No. 0-809027 Rank 1/Lt Name Miller, Clifton G.
(U.K. Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 31 missions, Purple Heart
3. Were you wounded? Give details Burns on face, arm and leg, flak wound on left leg.
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force)
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 8 A.F. 6. Job. (Pl. Cmd. Rfn., etc.)
7. Date of Birth 11 Dec 21 8. Length of Service 23 mths.
9. Peace time occupation Factory employee 10. Private address Lyons, Mich, Gen, Del.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dog tags
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

13. No. and location of O.T.U.
14. No. and location of Conversion Unit.

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS WHO BALE OUT.

15. Post in Crew Pilot
16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.
N.B. - Airborne and Parachute Troops: list below names and units of other occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.
- PILOT
- CO-PILOT Not certain. Believed to have died in German hospital.
- NAVIGATOR I think he was killed by the flak.
- BOMBARDIER I also think he was killed by the flak.
- RADIO OPERATOR I think his parachute caught fire in the sky.
- TOP TURRET GUNNER Safe with French Resistance.
- BALL TURRET GUNNER Safe with French Resistance.
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) Not certain, may be P/W
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) Not certain, may be P/W
- TAIL GUNNER Not certain, may be P/W
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B.24 Tibbenham, 29 Jun, about 4 p.m.
18. Where and when did you come down? Over Creil France about 7.30 p.m.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Left parachute in thick brush, hid mae west in brush too.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

Interview by I.S.9.(WEA)

Date 2 Sep 44

Attached:

Appendix "B"

Appendix "C"

Appendix "D"

I grade this Evasion No.5

Edward P. Arnold

Edward P. Arnold, Capt. A.C

Major

Disposal: Returned to Unit

Distribution: I.S.9 (WEA) 2

12 AG 2 (less C)

9 AF 1

I was issued with an aids box and a purse, but unfortunately both were burned, so I was unable to use either.

I was brief at base by intelligence officers.

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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 supercedes 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) CLIFTON G. MILLER
Rank 1ST LT A. S. N. 0-809024
Unit 445TH BOMB GRP 701ST Sqn.

Signed Clifton G. Miller
Dated Sept 3rd 1944
Witness W. G. Smith Capt USA

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June 27 1944 E4EM 1431
8th AF.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-809024 Rank 1st Lt.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) CLIFTON G. MILLER

Unit 4454 Bomb Gr. 701st Sq.

has been fully/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 2 Sept 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should/should not/be re-interrogated.

Edward P. Arnold
Capt AS Major.

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