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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

Anderson Eugene C. Sgt. 36815885
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
Three (No. of missions)
846 13 Sg 489 13 B. GP
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: ORLY

Date mission in action: June 2

Date arrived in UK: April 23

3 Sept 44

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT Douchard - PW - word from Bone (U.K.)
CO-PILOT Cunningham - PW - word from Bone
NAVIGATOR ——— PW - word from Bone
BOMBARDIER Lowe - PW - word from Bone
RADIO OPERATOR MacGeachie - Dead - word from Bone
TOP TURRET GUNNER Grant - PW - word from Bone
BALL TURRET GUNNER Anderson - Myself - Evader
WAIST GUNNER Gowam - PW - word from Bone
WAIST GUNNER Markle - Evader - Seen him myself
TAIL GUNNER Peterson - PW - word from Bone

Decorations:

Date of Birth: April 28 - 1924

Private Address: 1008 Rose St. La Crosse, Wisconsin

Length of Service: 16 months

Job as Civilian: Construction Engineer

From what field did you take off? Take off time: Holton Hall - 13.00

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

Were you wounded? Give details.

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

Do you speak FRENCH?

SPANISH?

GERMAN?

ITALIAN?

OTHER LANGUAGE?

Did you have identity papers?

(over)

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?
yes 710

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? *yes - 141 Hospital Ruiz's*

16th Aug
Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. *(via Standard Mail -*

Sept 13 - Sea). Air 15 August.
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.

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E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Anderson, Eugene - Sgt. 36815885 Sept. 4
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)
889413 Co 8460 B. Sgt
(Unit)

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

June 2nd - 9:30 - Creek - No of Paris

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

Was it on fire, etc? 2-3-4 engines were hit. control were hit in waist and the fuel + 5yd. line were hit in the Bomb Bay.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? - not sure

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? I think the Radio man was hit.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? could not tell
Been told 9 of us got out.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? yes

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. yes - a friend man told me 7 were taken p.k. no details But no other plane crashed near.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its conditions? yes - It was all burned and you couldn't find any thing of value.

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.

on Land.

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

Don't know except what I have heard by fellows from my outfit.

Over target didn't drop bombs. Hit by flak over
Only. On to secondary target. R/O operator
hit by flak. I was knocked out by flak.
When I came to I heard bail out order.
Peterson went out, we pushed Jordan
out, then I jumped. Delayed my jump.
Saw 4 chutes above me. Just as chute
opened I landed in marshalling yards
at CREIL + knocked myself out.
Came to + saw a staff car coming.
Ran $\frac{1}{2}$ blocks to a house. A Frenchman
grabbed me + hid me + gave me coveralls
+ took me to a house where I was
fed. Next morning he bought me a
ticket to Paris + told me when I
got off to blow my nose + ^{on a colored handkerchief} someone I gave
would meet me. I rode to Paris +
I blew my nose. A man came up + ^(short, black hair, about 40 years old) CREIL
took me to the apt. next to Belgian
embassy. (Saw a man about 40 who
spoke English). Then I was taken to

^{20 kms N of ST DENIS}
~~VIA RMES~~ VIA RMES to a house
overnight + next day taken to house of
a cabinet maker in VIA RMES (Papa Marie).
Here was a French girl (NICOLLE VIRE) +
her parents who lived on outskirts of

This was
the house
in CREIL
where
I stayed.

VIA RMES. I stayed for 1 week. Then to Paris
by truck to house of GEORGES REMY
(Lt in French army)
72nd Rue du Chateau, Boulogne S. Seine.

There I met Tichner + stayed a week.

Thence to Mme. ~~THE~~ DICIMER in Paris.

(wife of a Lt in French army. Red hair
bet. 40 + 50; 5'5". 3rd floor of apt house.
Husband killed in 41 or 42)

There Tichner + I stayed 2 weeks. Then a
unrecalled

REMY took us + turned us over to PIERRE

July took us to the camp near CHOYES where

I stayed in Lucien's camp a week +

then transferred to JEAN's until
Americans came on 12 or 13 August ^{with Army HQ} _{one night}

Then to LE MANS. From here in truck,

(At Army HQ photographic unit took
pictures of the whole group.)

truck turned over + I was cut up +

was taken to 32 Field hospital on
14 August where I stayed until 15 August +

went to 141 General Hospital. Thence

to 63 Brook St. 3 September.

Anderson landed on 2 June 1944 in the marshalling yard at CREIL. He ran into a street where a Frenchman (short, about 40 years old, with black hair) seized him as he passed and pulled him into the house. The next morning this man gave him a railway ticket to PARIS, told him what train to board, and gave him a ^{colored} handkerchief with which he was to blow his nose when he got into the station in PARIS. He followed his instructions and in the station in PARIS was met by the owner of the house in which he had stayed the night before in CREIL. ~~He was taken to~~ This man led Anderson to an apartment next door to the Belgian embassy where an English-speaking man about 40 years old interrogated him and then to a house in VIARMES (20 kms N of ST. DENIS). There Anderson spent the night. The next day he was taken to the home of a cabinet-maker in VIARMES called PAPA MARIE, and here he lived for a week. In this house he met NICOLLE VIRET and her parents who live on the outskirts of VIARMES. Then he was taken to the house of GEORGES REMY, a lieutenant in the French army, 72 or 73 RUE DU CHATEAU, BOULOGNE SUR SEINE. Here Anderson met Lt. Tickner, and the two of them stayed a week, after which they were moved to PARIS to the flat of MME. DICIMER, the widow of a French lieutenant who had been killed by the Germans in 1941 or 1942. She is in her forties, about 5'5" tall, and has red hair. The two Americans lived here for a fortnight. Then a man called REMI led them to a rendezvous with PIERRE who took them to the camp near CLOYES on 5 July. Anderson remained one week in LUCIEN's part of the camp and was then transferred to the section run by JEAN. On the 12 or 13 August American troops arrived, and Anderson went with them to HQ for a night. He then proceeded with a group to LE MANS. & The lorry which was taking this group from LE MANS had an accident, and Anderson who was injured was taken to the 32nd Field Hospital on 14 August and transferred the next day to the 141 General Hospital. On 3 September he reported to 63 Brook St., London.

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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. *while I was walking 3 days*
- Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *no*
- Milk (tube). *no*
- Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *no*
- Halazone tablets (water purifier). *yes I drank water from a river*
- Matches. *yes to light the few cigarettes I had.*
- Adhesive tape. *yes to bandage my side.*
- Chewing gum. *yes -*
- Water bottle. *to carry water for 3 days -*
- Compass. *to find my way south.*
- Sewing kit. *to patch my pants.*
- 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?
- no it is okay.*

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *yes - It was for cash \$3*
State color of stripes and letters. *that's all I can remember.*
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? *the one of Paris and Orleans.*

Compass. *yes*

File (hacksaw). *No*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *2500 francs*

How did you spend the money? *I paid for*

meals 3 days and I bought a bottle of wine.

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *Coarse to the F.F.I.*

Compass. *lost*

File (hacksaw). *lost*

Surplus currency. *lost*

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 - 4*
If so, how many?

b. Did you use them? *on the card of identity.*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *yes - back at the base -*
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

quite a few times.

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? *no -*

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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.,.....)

Seen the ammunition dump at the Del of
Mons - Saw 200 J. K. 88's at an airport south
of Paris 2 1/2 miles. - Ammunition dump in the
Forest of Fontenay. There were about 200
to 300 flak cars (mobile) at the outskirts of Paris
on the 3rd of June - also a flak battery at
the Race Tracks in Paris - about 80 or 90 guns.
FW. 190 at Vierzon - Saise of them about
30 of them. That's about all except that
F38s blew up the town of Cluges while
trying to blow up the bridge - finally did it.
Saw a German convoy get bombed and strafed
on the 4th of July near Cluges. P47s did it.

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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) Anderson, Eugene C.
Rank Sgt. A. S. N. 36815895
Unit ✓ 889th B. Gp. 81st D. Sg.

Signed Eugene C. Anderson
Dated 4 Sept. 1944.
Witness _____

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