

9 Oct 1942

mission -



9 Oct 1942 - "lady with note"
stayed 4 days -
~~10 Oct 1942~~

13 Oct 1942 - went to Lille -
stayed 8 days -

20 Oct 1942 - Left for Paris

21 Oct 1942 - Left Paris for
demarkation line
stage 1 mile in house

22 Oct 1942 - went to Marseilles
(2 miles)

^{AM} 25 Oct 1942 - left for Nice -
(12 weeks)

13 Jan 43 - left ~~Nice~~ for Marseilles
(4 days)

17 Jan 43 - left for Perpignon
2 days.

19 - - went to Toulouse -
(2 or 3 days)

22 Jan
went to Perpignon
Left to cross frontier on 25 Jan (He knows) & left that night

walked till

28 Jan 1943 - Spent night in bar
shot die -

30 Jan 1943 - Guardia Civil

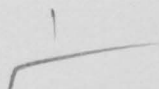
4 Feb - ^{till} in prison
(Gerona)
staying in
there

7 Feb - in Madrid

20 Feb. - Capt Bobcock

21 Feb. - Gib -

5 Mar - left -



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1. 0-66 D484, 2nd Lt, ^{Reanne Ae} W^m John GISE, JR.
2. None
3. 306 BG - 367 BSg -
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5. (23 Jan 1920)
6. 9 Oct 1941 - Length of Service
7. Surveyor -
8. 212 Whitfield, Yoakum, Texas
9. Lille - 9 Oct 1942 - THURLEIGH - 0900 hrs.
10. close to Belgium-French frontier N.W. of Lille -
 A/c completely destroyed by crash explosion -

Pilot	Olsen	T.T. Gunner
Co-pilot	Gates	
Nav -	self	W. Gunner R.O. - Dynam
Bombdr	LaChasse (P/W)	W. Gunner
Eng -	Wissenbach	Tail Gunner
11. Balance of crew, think killed.
 Was in nose of plane with LaChasse and as far as he knows KC was not injured.

Left Jh - 9 am. and joined by FG. to escort across channel - met at 22,000 ft. and going across channel not intercepted by fighters until in target area. Made run at target and by calculation too far off to release bombs. Turn to left for run on secondary target and flak heavy. Hit coming out of turn and black smoke coming into plane which makes me think we were hit in one of engines. Don't know which. ST was aerodrome. Slowed plane down and fell behind formation. McKe stayed with plane until out of turn then he left to join formation. Then peppered with flak and fighters. I saw 4 fighters coming in on beam attack out of sun. Started into dive but that we were trying to get low - then went into flat spin. I know it was time to get out. Sachasse & I went out escape hatch in nose. I did Wisenbach. I had trouble getting door open - SAC was behind

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App. A

1. Woman "who brought note" got doctor for me - took me to the Prof:

Prof - made contact with people in Lille & took us to Lille. Brought ticket (bus) to Lille & fed us.

Lille - Woman 8 days room & board.

Jean - From Paris to get us - took us to Paris Bd RR ^{tickets}, meals, to Marseilles -

another man John - Marseilles to Nice -

Nice - Mr. & Mrs. Sansion
Room & Board 12 weeks

Pat ~~also~~ food & tickets from Marseilles to border -

Alex - former RAF pilot - Belgian - worked So France with Pat. Coming to U.K. -

WITELET
c/o Belgian Air Attaché
107 Eaton Sq., London S.W.

In Toulouse took me meals

Lady's husband in Marseilles - 2 days - later closed apt. & Lady was seen again in Toulouse trying to get out -

Pat gave me 600 France which I returned to Alex -

me. I got slight flak hits in arm and just
over eye. One over eye was slight. After
we jumped out we were followed down by
Ger fighters. Two circled me all way
down. They didn't shoot at me. I
landed in plowed field. Large group of
peasants watched us come down. Belgian
lady (old woman) grabbed me by arm and
we ran to her house. Leaving two
men folding my chute. She gave me
civies and took my clothes. Gave
up to me a bike & with 2 young boys we
rode 2 miles to another house.
Then they changed my clothes again and
gave me another coat - a bike. Went
3/4 m to another house. Here they
gave me food. Girl here (young) & elderly
man. Supposed to follow 2 kids behind.
Girl on bike. We rode for 1/2 to 2 hrs to
her sister's home in country. There I stayed
till dark. We started for Lille. Girl & another sister -
just as we started - woman of about 40 - came up with

Province of Gerona (Governor here has policy
of allowing civilian neutrals to depart from his province.
Governor himself told me to declare myself civilian)

Left Madrid (after Capt Babcock had status changed) and took
2 days in car from Madrid to Gibraltar. Best to go in
car since chance of control causing mess if go on
train + Asst N attaché took us to Gibraltar - sent
to Transit Camp awaiting return of Col Holcombe
so he could issue travel orders. Left Tuesday
for U.K. + engine coughed - went back -
and left again in B24 on Friday - attacked
over Bay of Biscay by Ju 87 and ran for
cloud cover. Landed at St. Eval 3 p.m.
and refueled for Hardwicke + Spent night +
Capt. here wanted me to talk to S-2 and I told
him I had to come on to Hq to report + left
Hardwicke 4 p.m. 5th + arrived at Transit camp at
8 p.m.

note in English saying - follow me - Went
with her to her home and found Wisselbach
Stayed there 4 days. Trust + Prof here + Wisselbach
gave him 40 pounds (Eng. money). Left here
one morning about 4 a.m. & came across
frontier. Close to Armentières (Wisselbach myself
& the Prof. & woman who brought note). No papers
and had no trouble crossing. Went to Lille on
bus from Armentières. In Lille we went to
a woman's house. She was a kind of part. tutor. She fed us. We
were put in touch with Org. (Jean). He bought
tickets to Paris. 1 night in Paris - stayed in house out in Orleans.
Travelled 3rd class. Not stopped or questioned. ~~Saw~~
We left Paris - train - 3rd class - to Lyons. Had lunch here
and got on bus for town of demarcation line. Walked for
about 3 miles to outskirts of town to old garage (houses other garages)
Stayed till dark then went to old mill and crossed the
river on log that was stretched across - then in unocc. France.
Went to house which was now hotel. We slept till 4 a.m.
and caught train in next village about 10 miles away.
A farmer with car took us to this village. (Has heard that
fellow whose crossed line has been captured) Train

to Marseilles - Stayed 2 days in apartment &
Guide stayed in M with them but ~~then~~ got
a new guide who took us to Nice & Stayed
with friends here from ^{apartment} 25th Oct - (12 weeks)

13 January (think) & ~~They~~ Friends came after and took
us to Marseilles and got there that day. Train was
late and missed connection with people & stayed
M. 4 days in apartment & then made a run
to Perpignan but guides wouldn't take us
across pyrenees ~~then went back to~~
and next time weather was bad & went
back to Toulouse (2 days here) and then took
train Le Boulou (got here Monday night at 12^{PM}) Guides
here and started walking (all night) reaching
frontier in the morning & Walked till Thurs.
afternoon to house between Figueras & Gerona -
Spent 1 night & Fri night here, sleeping in barn &
Sat. noon Consul's car picked us up & just outside
Gerona Guardia Civil picked us up and took us
to Gerona Governor & then to prison (15 days) then
~~stayed~~ stayed in Gerona 3 days waiting for papers
from US Consul & Then went to Barcelona with Spaniards
in employ of consul & Then went to Madrid & met
my M/A at Station, Stayed with Capt Babcock & his apt for 2 weeks &
He was carrying on negotiations with Sp. A F changing ^{my} status
from civilian to military

app. A

2. No.

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App B -

1. Aerodrome - 30 mins from Lille on train going to Paris
Right side of train (avg. 25 miles) about 20 miles out.

5 Fortifications around Nice - harbor defences
machine guns at Harbor proper

2 gun emplacements (not very large)
Many Italian soldiers at Nice

after 6 p.m. in Nice curfew on beach side of streets

6. Italian morale very low

German soldier either very young or old + No
good troops in France for over a year he was told.
N. Officers well clothed + pistols. E.M. shabby
+ carry daggers

Northern French are very anxious for something
to happen + ("What is war going to be over?")

In Lille (4 days later) about all we killed were French.
we bombed in middle of town + hit Paris-Syons
express during our rains. French people think
our bombing was indiscriminate +

app. C -

1. Yes - thru "lady with note"
never get in touch with org - let them get in touch with you

2. Capt Adams - In Barcelona (was told in bb)

Brit W/C - Marseilles

Rupe - met in Marseilles

Roper - saw in Nice -

21. Yes - M/A Madrid - questions of general nature
(written report) Gib - Anderson (complete interrogation)

22. Yes (same as 21)

23. yes in Gib + London

24. 5 March 1943 0730 hrs air - Gib

25. St Eval - 1500 hrs

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TO : Personnel concerned.

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By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

Ralph Pulsifer
RALPH PULSIFER,
Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

CERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

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Name (Print) WILLIAM J. BISC JR

Signed *William J. Bisc Jr.*

Rank 2nd Lt. A.S.N. 0660484

Date 3/7/43

Unit 367th Bomb SQ 306 GP

Witness _____

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UNITED STATES ARMY.

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Office of A. C. of S., G-2

7 March 1943

The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as William J. Gise, 2nd Lt., ASN 0660484, previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

Charles W. Bruder
CHARLES W. BRUDER
2nd Lt., AUS

William J. Gise
WILLIAM J. GISE

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OFFICE OF THE MILITARY OBSERVER
AMERICAN CONSULATE
GIBRALTAR

2 March 1943

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : Personnel named below.

2nd LT WILLIAM J. GISE, JR. 0660484,
T/SGT FREDERICK A. HARTUNG 11020638,
T/SGT KENNETH G. HILDEBRAND 36042710,
SGT NORMAN P. THERRIEN 11030761, and
SGT JAMES R. TONEY 34265957,

having reported at this station on February 21, 1943, will proceed by the first available transportation to LONDON, ENGLAND. Upon arrival he will report without delay to Hq ETOUSA, LONDON. TDN FD 33 P 433-02 A 0425-23.

Carl W. Holcomb
CARL W. HOLCOMB,
Lt. Col., C.A.C.,
Comdg. U.S. Casuals
Gibraltar.

Distribution:

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AFHQ
Personnel concerned
File.

19 October 1942

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 Rank 2^d Lt A.S.N. 0660484 Date 2 MAR 1943
 Unit 367 Bomb, sqdn, 306 gp. Witness Carl W. Holcomb

Lt. Col. Carl W. Holcomb, C.A.C.
 United States Army
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