

2d Lt John B WOOD, Jr, 0814477, 847/489 Bomb Gp (H), MIA 2 June 1944  
Intrv'd 6 Sept 1944

On 2 June Wood landed about a mile S of SERRIS. He had to pull his chute out by hand. He walked about 500 yards and holed up until dark. Then he stayed all night and started out the next morning. He was taken in by the second man whom he approached, Burtin BERNARD, and stayed two weeks with him. His sons were on the Maquis and he seemed to indulge in an occasional parachutage.

A thin Frenchman about 35 took him to Paris, and passed him through a cut out to 4 Rue Edouard deQuenu where he stayed three days with Paul CHRISTOL and met Peterson and RICHERT, E&E. He went to 87 Rue Haxo and stayed about three weeks by himself with Gabriel Bouier. He was later joined by Long and McKewin, E&E? Genavieve (Soulie) took him back to the Christols where he stayed until 7 Aug. Two other Americans came in, John Meade, 1st Lt, P, and Bonnih, E&E.

A one eyed Frenchman took him by train to Toulouse going by way of Dijon, a six day journey. Four other men were to be on the train but did not turn up. He met Peter, an English operative and some blond, early 20's. He spent a day in a hotel at Toulouse and went on to Pau and into the country with a farmer. He went to a farmer in the mountains and waited for a guide. Two guides turned up and took the two customers into Spain, arriving 22 Aug after a crossing of five days, two of them spent in Andorra. Connections were working perfectly and he got through to Barcelona where he was questioned by Beaumont. He went on quickly to Madrid and onto Gibraltar, arriving with such a mass of men directly out of France that it took us some time to realize that here was probably the last man to come out by the old Burgundy route.

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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.,.....)

All information considered of important military nature concerned territory in France that has been relieved except along the Mediterranean coast of France west of Marseilles where the coastal defenses were observed. They appeared as if many coastal batteries had been removed and in some instances wooden guns had been substituted. The lack of mechanized equipment was obvious in the Pyrennes around Tarascon. German troops were being withdrawn and sent to Toulon & Nice. The Maquis controlled all the Franco-ANDORRIAN frontier.

Civilian morale seemed high in all quarters but there seemed to be considerable dissention between the De Gaulist forces and the Communist wing.

As to results from bombing all bombed areas except Toulouse have been captured. Here the marshalling yards have been virtually destroyed. Also the airfield and hangars have been heavily hit.

S E C R E T

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

John B. Wood Jr 2nd Lt 0814977  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

3 (No. of missions)

897 489  
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: 11/1/44 St. Germs  
Date mission in action: JUNE 24  
Date arrived in UK: Sept 5 44

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT 2nd Lt. E. W. Cross, 0-693641 - P/W

CO-PILOT F.O. P.E. Bartlett - 1241

NAVIGATOR 2nd Lt J.B. Wood - Self Narrator

BOMBARDIER 2nd Lt B.D. Little 0-698581 - P/W

RADIO OPERATOR Sgt Raymond Harris, 20810011 P/W

TOP TURRET GUNNER Sgt Eugene Kiefer 1244

BALL TURRET GUNNER Sgt Dominic Dentino 1243

WAIIST GUNNER Sgt Bruce Reverts 1245

WAIIST GUNNER Sgt James H. Laurent - 37250599 - P/W

TAIL GUNNER Sgt Joseph LeBlanc 1245

UNKNOWN

Decorations:

Date of Birth: July 25, 1920

Private Address: Utica, Pennsylvania

Length of Service: 2 yrs

Job as Civilian: School Teacher - Steel Worker

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

Halesworth England St 365 1636

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?  
yes

Were you wounded? Give details.

yes small flak wounds in left leg & left arm

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

No  
Do you speak FRENCH? poorly SPANISH? No GERMAN? No ITALIAN? No OTHER LANGUAGE?

Did you have identity papers?

yes DOCTORS  
11/1/44

(over)



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

Yes Br intelligence - Barcelona Br Liaison officer Gibraltar

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~~ YES Br Liaison Gibraltar

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When?

Yes Barcelona - British Madrid - British  
Gibraltar - Amer military Attache

Date of arrival in Spain:

AUG 22 1944

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

SEPT 2

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air.

GIBRALTAR SEPT 5 BY AIR

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.

TOP SECRET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

JOHN B WOOD, JR 2ND LT 0814477

(Name)

(Rank)

(ASN)

SEPT 5 1944

(Date)

847 Sqdn 489 B.G.

(Unit)

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

JUNE 2, 1944 2100 hr Jossigny - Seine MARNE, FRANCE  
2.0 MILES EAST PARIS

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

Was it on fire, etc?

TWO ENGINES OUT ANOTHER HIT FUEL LINES HIT  
BOMB BAYS FULL OF GAS NOT ON FIRE

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

17000 FT

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

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

ALL MEMBERS EXCEPT PILOT bailed out before  
me.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

DID NOT SEE IT

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.

A French Farmer stated he saw

10 Parachutes From Plane

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?

A member of the Maquis Told me Two were  
Captured by The Germans but his descriptions were vague

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- JOHN B WOOD Jr 2nd Lt 0814477  
Unit:- 847 Sqn 489 B. G

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. *Didn't use*

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *Ate it while hiding in the woods*

Milk (tube). *Didn't use*

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *Didn't use*

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *Didn't use*

Matches. *Light cigarettes while searching for help*  
Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum. *USED IT*

Water bottle. *Didn't use it*

Compass. *Used it to orientate directions*

Sewing kit. *Didn't use it*

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *NO*  
e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *GAVE IT TO THE MAQUIS*  
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.  
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?

MAP OF FRANCE AND PYRENNES

Compass.

YES

File (hack saw).

NO

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money?

2000 FRANCES SPENT ABOUT 200 FRANCES FOR FOOD

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

GAVE ALL EXCEPT THE ONE OF FRANCE TO MARQUIS

Compass.

GAVE TO MARQUIS

File (hack saw).

" " "

Surplus currency.

BR. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER in Barcelona

TOOK IT

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

NO

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?  
If so, how many?

yes 10

b. Did you use them?

yes

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?  
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

yes

Herrington, Kansas

Halesworth, England

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?

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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,  
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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.

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(See Reverse Side)



1. Because disclosures of information regarding evasion from capture, escape, details of imprisonment, release from internment, and repatriation have been made, the lives and services of fellow soldiers and those who help them have been lost or endangered. All information which you possess on these subjects, including the experiences of others as well as your own, briefings and equipment for evasion and escape, and preparations and other activities in connection therewith, constitutes MILITARY INFORMATION which is classified SECRET by the War Department.

2. You will therefore disclose no information whatever, beyond the fact of your return to duty from "missing in action" or "prisoner of war" or "internment", to anyone except the following military officials:

- a. The first Military Attache to whom you report;
- b. An officer designated by the Commanding General of an overseas Theatre of Operations;
- c. The Prisoner of War Branch, MIS, Washington, D.C., the interrogating agency designated by the A/C of S, G-2, War Department General Staff;
- d. Certain other officers holding written authority from the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, to interrogate you.

3. You will particularly guard against disclosure of SECRET information to relatives, friends, representatives of the press and radio, and military officials, except as noted in a, b, c and d above.

4. In order to protect yourself against disciplinary action, any question involving publicity must be referred BY YOU PERSONALLY to the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, Washington, D.C.

#### CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have read and fully understand all of the foregoing and the Directive of the Secretary of War, 6 Aug 43 (on the reverse side), and will at ALL TIMES hereafter comply fully therewith.

I understand that all information concerning escape, evasion from capture, activities and equipment in connection therewith, and details of imprisonment or release from internment, is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone except the military officials specifically designated. I further understand that disclosure to any other person will make me liable to disciplinary action for failure to safeguard MILITARY INFORMATION.

I realize that publicity concerning my experiences, by word of mouth or otherwise, will endanger the lives of many persons and therefore it is my duty to take all possible precautions to prevent it.

I further certify that I have received a copy of the foregoing.

Name (Print)....John...B...Wood... Signed.....John B. Wood.....  
 Rank.....2nd Lt.....A.S.N. 0819977. Dated Sept 2, 1944 Place G.I. 6 rd / to r.  
 Unit.....489...B.G...8th USAAF... Witness.....Hon. W. Forster.....

HONORABLE W. FORSTER,  
 Colonel, G.S.C.,  
 U. S. Mil. Lia. Off.

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Director, Bureau of Public Relations.

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By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J. A. ULIO  
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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) John B. Wood Jr  
Rank 2nd Lt A. S. N. 0814477  
Unit 489 Bomb Group

Signed John B. Wood Jr  
Dated Sept 6 1944  
Witness W. J. M. C. Capt W. J. M. C.

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Serris 1 mile S

2100 dm. sun chrt

Got by 11:45. Out c 16,000' - led pull chrt by hand.  
Wheat field - hit by - walk c 500 yds hole you  
look to dash.

Then all at - next a start at - then in by 2 d  
men - gymnasts. Burt in Bernard - 2 weeks with the  
Sons with M. - included in party.

Then to Paris by a train - then c 35 - to 4 Rue Edmond  
de Quven - with Paul Christol - 3 days.

Peterman, L + Richter - -

Then 87 Rue Basse - Gabriel Bonier - by rail  
3 weeks then

Later had Long & McKewin.

Then Genevieve took back to Christol until 7 May.  
2 other men in John Meade, 15th St P.  
B. man

Train to Toulouse by 6 days - merged P. man.  
Other 7 in train but not

Peter - Eng operators come to him.

Blind, early 20 cm.

On 4 Feb - at hotel X - on to Paris - 1 week

Find farm - then to farm in Mts - wait for girls.

2 Two girls & 2 d. -

22 into Spain - 5 days coming - 2 days in Spain.

Got through to Barcelona - stay night - wait until can  
can.

Beaumont -

To Madrid - 29.

Cuba



C O N F I D E N T I A L

MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE  
AMERICAN CONSULATE  
GIBRALTAR

3 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER.....42)

1. Pursuant to authority contained in WD Cablegram, Number 45, dated 4 February 1943, the officer named below having, reported at this station on 2 September 1944, is placed on temporary duty at this station. Upon completion of this temporary duty you will proceed by first available transportation to LONDON, ENGLAND, where you will report to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, U.S.Army. In lieu of reimbursement for actual expenses a payment of a flat per diem of \$5.00 exclusive of transportation charges is authorized while traveling on official business (except by belligerent or government vessel) and while on temporary duty at this station, in accordance with existing law and regulations.  
TDN 88-116 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

2nd Lt. JOHN B. WOOD Jr.      0-814477      489th Bm.Grp.

2. Pursuant to authority contained in WD Cablegram, Number 45, dated 4 February 1943, the enlisted man named below, having reported to this station on 2 September 1944, is placed on temporary duty at this station. Upon completion of this temporary duty you will proceed by first available transportation to LONDON, ENGLAND, where you will report to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, U.S.Army. You will be entitled to monetary allowances in lieu of quarters and subsistence furnished according to Executive Order No.9386, dated 15 October 1943, for subsistence at the rate of three (\$3.00) dollars per day and for quarters at the rate of two (\$2.00) dollars per day, while traveling on official business (except by belligerent or government vessel) and while on temporary duty at this station, in accordance with existing law and regulations.  
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S/Sgt. ROBERT W. PETERSON      37295299      487th Bm.Grp.

Distribution.

Chief MIS, WD  
A.C.of S., G-2 (Hq ETOUSA)  
Personnel concerned  
File.



*Horace W. Forster*  
HORACE W. FORSTER,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Mil. Lia. Officer.

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