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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

James P. Jones T/1st 34445240
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

9/19/44
(Date)

(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT
CO-PILOT
NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER
RADIO OPERATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER
BALL TURRET GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. January 29, 1944
around 12:00 near Antwerp Belgium

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

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? about 1500 feet

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? no

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? I think all
bailed out except perhaps the navigator - I think all chutes opened

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?
yes - saw the four crew alive after reaching the ground

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. NOPE

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

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?
Based on the ones I have seen and looking I think
possible the bombardier and navigator may have crashed with the
plane because they bailed out immediately when I left the
plane and I didn't see them again

T/Sgt James R DYKES, 34445240, 579/392 Bomb Gp, MIA 29 Jan 44
Intrvd 7 September 1944

About noon on 29 Jan 44 DYKES, who comes from the same crew as MATTSON (E&E) landed in the vicinity of WATERLOO. Almost immediately a boy named MARCEL took him to a farmhouse where he changed clothes, to a cafe, and then to a barn for the night. The next night he went to the house to which the barn belonged. He heard that four of his crew had been picked up (presumably by the organization, inasmuch as he met four later). After about two days he was taken to a road to wait for a car. He met a schoolmaster and a burgermeister and went to CHAPEL ST LAMBERT where he stayed with an elderly couple named VandVELDE. There he met CROUCH McGINLEY, ROSATI, and PALANTONIO, all of his own crew. He stayed about two weeks.

Someone from Brussels brought a tissue form to fill out with casualty information.

He went to NIVELLES with a man from the Ford agency there, stayed during the day, and went to ARQUEINNES where he stayed about two weeks with an elderly man and a woman. He received I/P from ROBERT who said that he worked for British Intelligence (short, glasses, 35, dark hair, spoke fair English). He went then to BEAUSINES with JULES RUSSO (nice looking, tall, well built, about 30) and stayed for about two weeks in a mill. When some Germans came he left by the back door with JULES. He seemed to have been accompanied by at least two other Americans but he is rather foggy about their identity. He had in the meantime been joined by a sergeant photographer from a B-17 shot down about the week before. He went to a house where he stayed a couple of hours with an old man, woman, and daughter, and then went to another house for the night. He spent the next night in a barn across the street.

He went then to a farm outside of town where he met BRENECHE who seemed to be from the same crew as the photographer. Apparently the whole group were together up to this point. The next day a gendarme took McGINLEY and DYKES into town, kept three them a night at his house, and took them for the next night to a house where there were a couple of women and one man in some kind of business. They went then to

a house outside town and stayed with an old man and woman about 70 whose son was an escaped P/W. They remained about three weeks. The gendarme who had previously sheltered MCGINLEY and DYKES took the former someplace and DYKES and some of the others to a farm. From there PALANTONIO and DYKES seem to have gone back to the gendarme's place and then after three or four days back to the farm. Soon they left for BRUSSELS with two men and a woman, One man was about 50, wore h slim, glasses, gray hair; the other was about 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ 25; and the woman was young and nice looking. CROUCH, MCGINLEY, BRENICHE, and DYKES went by car to BRAINE le COMTE and by train to BRUSSELS where they were met by three men. MCGINLEY and BRENICHE went together, and CROUCH and DYKES went to the house of one of the men. From here DYKES went alone to a house in Coquelberg staying with FREYNE at 16(?) Rue Francois Hellincks, for about three weeks. He was then moved by a GASTON to another house in Brussels, but was moved after just a day because of searches for men to work in Germany. GASTON took him to DIBBET to the Cafe de Colonne with LOUIS HEIR-SCHUTTER with whom he satyed for about three weeks. One day when they stock conctrollers came he was moved back to FREYNE where he seems again to have stayed for three or four weeks. He went from there to the village of HERFELINGEN where he also stayed about three weeks.

about 27 June

Early one morning a German patrol came to search houses and he left by the window heading for the field, but he was seen running and was picked up. He was taken to a patrol hq and searched. In the afternoon a Luftwaffe men took him to a place outside of Brussels where he was asked name, rank, serial number, the places wher he had stayed, the place where he had some down, and so on. He was searched and then threatened with being shot. His interrogator seemed to be an Unteroffizier. He was taken to St Giles and put with some Englishmen, CHARLIE ---, JACK ---, P/O MCSWEENEY, who was apparently a Lancaster P, a TG S/S t Irving SUMTER who was later sent on to Germany, and an RO, DAYLE))) . After about a day he was moved to another sell with a Canadian gunner named JOHNNY, an Australian, and a P or CoP, F/O Bill ELIOT. He met later an American B, Lt Ford BABOOCK, with whom was a Canadian named JACOB THUMIER. He also met Siegfried SHEROLIPSKI, a Polish es-

caped P/W.

After about one month he was taken out for another interrogation this time inside Brussels and conducted by the two Unteroffiziere known as CHARLEE and JOHN-NIE. They asked him what he had done and where he had stayed, charged him with being a spy, and threatened him with being shot or put in a civilian prison. When he still refused to talk he was sent back to prison and put in a different cell. This time he was with a German, an Briton, and an American named MONAHAN who was later sent on to Germany. He was in prison until he was moved to the baggage car from which the group finally escaped.

He left with COUZZENS, and D , hid out until daylight, approached a house, and soon saw a tank column enter the city.

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

TARGET: from left

Date mission in action: 1/29/44

Date arrived in UK: 7/6/44

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

(No. of missions)

(Squadron)

(Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

NOSE GUNNER

Decorations:

Date of Birth:

Private Address:

Length of Service:

Job as Civilian:

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

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?

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.

AMERS Sept 6, 44 - air

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

1st Lt John Smith

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

1st Lt Marshall C. Smith
1st Lt William C. McLaughlin
1st Lt Anthony L. Paterlini
1st Lt Louis P. Rosati
1st Lt John C. Binkley

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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.

CERTIFICATE

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) DYKES, JAMES R.
Rank T/SGT A. S. N. 34445240
Unit 392 B.G. 579 B.S.

Signed James R. Dykes
Dated 9/2/44
Witness Ray Smith

AG P BR HQ SOS 2-44/2M/22472

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check crew list = look first in R+D then PG files

If any have returned, make list of E&B no.
and give to Jay.

S E C R E T

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? *NO*
- b. If not, why? *I WAS PICKED UP BY AN ORGANIZATION IMMEDIATELY*
- 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.

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? *GAVE IT TO CIVILIANS*
- 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. *BROWN - DON'T REMEMBER STRIPES*
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? *NO*

(over)

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones?

Compass,

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money?

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

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

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? *YES*
If so, how many? *ABOUT 12*

b. Did you use them? *YES*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.
YES - several times at Brixton by ... and ...

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?

Dykes - vicinity, Waterloo

Bailed out c nom 1500 -

Helped almost immediately - Marcel, young boy - took to furniture - changed clothes - to cap - then to bar for int - next out to home of bar.

Had 4 men picked up.

P 2 dy - to road - wait for car - schoolmaster & Dugommier then - then to Chapel St Lambert - then to home of chief constable Van de Velde
Then met Couch, McGinley, Rosati, Paul -
2 who there.

Somebody from Brussels gave him -

Then to Nivelles - with men of Fred aging there - then during dy.

Brigues - c 2 who there with elderly man & lady.

Recd I/P from Robert - said with But IS

Shut glasses - yep fair J - c 35 - dark hair

Then to Ecassines with Jules Russo - nice looking, tall, well bld,

c 30

Stg in mill c 2 weeks - Is come - we he back door - 3 / is with Jules

Had Brod Sg + from B-17, photo - done Sat before - 1st er

got Breniche from his crew.

To other home - old man, woman, etc - c 2 who there - then to another home -
thru titles - next out in bar around.

Then to farm outside town - then picked up - split into small groups -

Next dy McGinley & I taken to him by guard - to his home -

Then at the - next out to another home - couple women, 1 man - men with knives

3 to the - Then to another home at night with old man & woman c 70, men in

seized P/W

c 3 who there.

Guard at where he is, took us to farm - McGinley go elsewhere - Paul & I
back

P 3 - 4 dy - to farm again - left for Brussels with 2 men & woman -

1. c 50 - glasses - chin - grey hair

2. woman - grey - nice looking

3. C27-25 - Brame

Cinder, McGinty, Brucke & 9

To ~~Brame~~ ^{cont} by car - train to Brussels - 7/11 in morning - other 3 round by.

That by 3 men - girl stg as guide - split up McG & Brame - back & l
to one of ^{McGinty's} houses - I alone to house in Coquembourg with Freymer
M, the, Son - Garton 16? Rue Francois Bellinckx

c 3 who then - moved to another house - Garton take - in Brussels

Then p 1 day it became an interest for work in ^{air} - Schutter

To Direct with Garton - with Louis Hainshooter (?) Cape de

Colonne

C3 who then

On by stock controllers car - as back to Freymer.

was there then - 3-4 weeks.

The t of Herflinger - c 3 who

Could on an in to patrol reach house - out window - to find it - see
my own - pick up - c 27 in.

To patrol by - reach - per LW man take out of Brussels - question
N, R, SN - find who stayed - tell who can down - search at the
theater about as you.

One interrogator - man Vetrofer -

shipped out

Then to St Giles - all with J Charlie - S/S, + Irving Sumner

Sam & Doyle ^{RO}, Jack ^{Johnny} ^{P/O McGinty} ^{LA} ^{FL}

P 1 day to north all with Canadian & Michael in & another C p - Bill Elliot

later down B ^{LT} - find Babcock. Canadian Jack Thummie with him -
P/O S/S find Shandylphi - escaped the the.

P 1 month with interrogator - in with Brussels - Vetrofer "Charlie"

"Johnnie"

What done - where stayed - theater by you - shot in - in prison, shipped out

Not full - back to prison - days all - then with G, B, Sam - Monahan.

Then with Baggys in cages

Doyle, Baggys, I go together - looked it up.

Apprentice here - took when in - 3 others and co.

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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 TERRITORY I HAVE BEEN IN IS NOW
OCCUPIED BY ALLIED TROOPS