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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 7, '44
(Date)

Kingsley E. Sumner - 2nd Lt 0-688128
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Ludwicks Haven 3
(Target) (Number of missions)

385 Gr 549 Sq
(Unit)

Date Missing in Action: Dec 30, '43

Returned to UK: Sept 7, '44

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

443 PILOT Reuben Eckhardt - look up 698-#
CO-PILOT Erichsen, Charles - 2nd Lt 0746320
NAVIGATOR me
BOMBARDIER John S. Hay - 2nd Lt 0679196
RADIO OPERATOR ACRIDGE, Leroy - Killed S/Sgt - 17060257
444 TOP TURRET GUNNER Enders, Aubrey - returned by way of Spain
TAIL TURRET GUNNER Chumme, ~~Crumme~~ Crumme, Robt Sgt 15110181
WAIST GUNNER James LILES, Sgt 19160685
WAIST GUNNER James BURCH, Roland, Sgt 39120992
TAIL GUNNER Montgomery, Floyd - Sgt 33417912

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. Dec 30, '44, 1615 hrs.
Frenicoart, P. de C., France

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
on fire, large hole in nose #3, 4 engines out, control cables cut

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?
by machine gun fire 15,000 ft

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

and Bombardier killed, and I saw MG 109 shooting at one of the men falling in chute

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

all except the two, 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?

no

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.

had a report that another member of crew saw radio dead, and some Frenchman saw Bombardier dead
(over)

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

on the day after the crash I saw a pile of pieces all burned which was the plane

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?

3 killed, 3 prisoners and four escaped

Were you wounded?

no

Were you in German hands?

no

Did you kill any Germans in escaping?

no

Have you previously given the names of your helpers?

yes

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

What security briefing were you given?

no complete

What souvenirs do you still possess?

no Tobacco handkerchief

Home address. *20 Audubon St., Rochester, N.Y. U.S.A.*

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

*James Leers
James Birtel
Chumbrine*

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

*Rhuben Eckhart
Arthur Enders*

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-688128 Rank 2nd Lt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Sumner, Kingsley E.

Unit 385 Gr.

He was fully/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 5-9 1944

He has signed a Security Certificate.

He should/should not/be re-interrogated.

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M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

W. S. Jones
Major.

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Name (BLOCK LETTERS)

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signed a Security Certificate

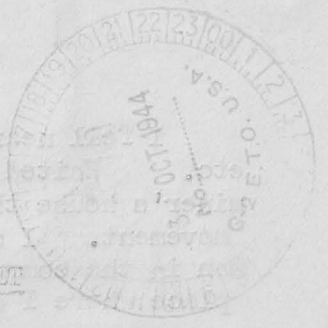
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Questionnaire for Service
Personal

1. No., Rank and full name: 0-688128 2/Lt Kingsley E. Summer
2. Decorations
3. Squadron: 549 Sqdn
4. Command: 385 Gp U.S.A.A.F.
5. Date of Birth: 6.5.20
6. Date of Enlistment: 27 June 42
7. Peacetime Profession: Student
8. Private Address: 20 Auduban St, Rochester, N.Y. U.S.A.
9. Which type of aircraft were you flying? B-17
10. Left from England on Dec 30 43 at 1100 hrs
11. Baled out (or crashed) at LENS at 1600 hrs
12. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?

.....By burying.....
.....

13. Describe briefly on the attached sheet your journey from the time of baling out until you rejoined the Allied Forces. Give details of your route (with dates) and state whether you were in the hands of an organisation or a Resistance Group. If captured, give details (place and date of capture and place, date and method of escape). If you were accompanied at any stage of your journey, give the names of your companions and state what became of them.

14. At the end of your account give names and address of those who helped you, with approximate dates of their help and a very brief summary of what they did for you.

Write out this information the following way:-

11 - 16 Jun 44	Pierre FRANCE 60 rue de 14 Juillet, Suippes (Marne) France.	Food and shelter Contact with Resistance Group.
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I fell near a wood, went into the woods and buried my chute, mae west etc. Waited until evening and walked for 30 miles. Arrived at a miner's house through whom I contacted a farmer who was in a resistance movement. I stayed with him for 5 months and was denounced by a man in the communist movement. I was then obliged to escape to another place where I stayed for the rest of the time (3 months).

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Jan 12 - May 30	M. MARCEL-HENNERE, AUBIGNY EN ARTOIS, PAS DE CALAIS.	Whom I stayed with
Jan 12 - May 30	M. ANDRE LEVALARD, AUDIGNY EN ARTOIS, PAS DE CALAIS.	Who helped M. HENNERE
May 30 - Sept 3	MME CHIRE-BOUDET BULLY LES MINES, PAS DE CALAIS.	Whom I stayed with
May 30 - Sept 3	M. L. MONYER BULLY LES MINES, PAS DE CALAIS.	Who helped MME BAUDET

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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) Kingsley E. Sumner
Rank 2nd Lt A. S. N. 0-688128
Unit 385 Gr., 549 Sq

Signed Kingsley E. Sumner
Dated 7 September 1944
Witness Charles A. Byron

1st A. C. of S.

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