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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

<u>Charles H ELWELL</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>31169183</u>	<u>7 September 1944</u>
(Name)	(Rank)	ASN	(Date)
<u>331 Bomb Sq, 94 Bomb Group</u>			<u>E&E 1664</u>
(Unit)			(IS9(WEA)/6/43/689)

<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>				<u>PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
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CO-PILOT	0-681462	2nd Lt	Hubert J MOSELEY	P/W
NAVIGATOR	0-749676	2nd Lt	George E GLATTHAR, Jr	RTD
BOMBARDIER	0-739401	2nd Lt	EDWARD R BURLEY, Jr	RTD
RADIO OPERATOR	31169183	T/Sgt	Charles H ELWELL	RTD
TOP TURRET GUNNER	31128008	T/Sgt	James E TRACY	RTD
BALL TURRET GUNNER	13153375	S/Sgt	Levoun J JAMGOCHIAN	RTD
WAIST GUNNER	15105969	S/Sgt	Robert J HAMRICK	RTD
WAIST GUNNER	35447379	S/Sgt	Robert L DILLON	RTD
TAIL GUNNER	12156892	S/Sgt	Lawrence B S HECK	RTD

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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.

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Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?
No Pilot.
Never did.

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.

No answer.

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

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
and QUESTIONNAIRE FOR I.S. 9(WEA) PERSONNEL

SEPT. 7, 1944
(Date)

CHARLES HORACE ELWELL T/SGT. 31169183
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

SCHWEINFURT 1
(Target) (Number of missions)
BOMB.
331ST SQN. 94 BOMB. GRP.
(Unit)

Date Missing in Action: OCT. 14, 1943
Returned to UK: SEPT. 7, 1944

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

- PILOT LIEUTENANT BEALE - LAST HEARD TALKING TO NAVIGATOR 10 MINUTES BEFORE I BAILED OUT.
- CO-PILOT LIEUTENANT MOSELEY - ON BOMB-BAY TRACK READY TO BAIL OUT.
- NAVIGATOR " GLATTHAR - I TALKED TO HIM 5 MINUTES BEFORE BAILING OUT.
- BOMBARDIER " BURLEY - NO INFORMATION.
- RADIO OPERATOR T/SGT. CHARLES HELWELL -
- TOP TURRET GUNNER NOT KNOWN - 5TH TO BAIL OUT.
- BALL TURRET GUNNER S/SGT. LEVOUN JAMGOCHIAN - BAILED OUT BUT I DID NOT SEE CHUTE OPEN.
- WAIST GUNNER S/SGT. ROBERT J. HAMRICK -
- WAIST GUNNER NOT KNOWN
- TAIL GUNNER S/SGT. ~~ROBE~~ LAWRENCE B. SHECK -

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. OCT. 14, 1943 AT 5:30 AM. NEAR MEAUX 35 MILES FROM PARIS

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

PLANE HAD BEEN HIT EXTENSIVELY BY FLAK + FIGHTERS AND FINALLY NO. 2 MOTOR CAUGHT FIRE AND BURNED BADLY

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? - 5000 ft.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? - TOP-TURRET GUNNER ~~TOP~~ SLIGHTLY ON SIDE OF HEAD - NOT SERIOUS. - DO NOT KNOW IF OFFICERS IN FRONT WERE WOUNDED OR NOT.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? - TAIL GUNNER - BALL TURRET GUNNER - TOP TURRET GUNNER AND THE TWO WAIST GUNNERS. - DO NOT KNOW OF THE OTHERS. - DID NOT SEE CHUTES OPEN AS I WAS NOT IN BACK OF PLANE WHEN THEY BAILED OUT.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? - I DID NOT SEE PLANE CRASH BUT 10 MINUTES AFTER LANDING SAW HUGE COLUMN OF SMOKE RISING OFF IN THE DISTANCE - PEOPLE SAID IT WAS THE PLANE.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? - NO
~~THE NEXT DAY I WAS TOLD THAT 3 MEN WERE TAKEN PRISONER + TWO HAD GONE ON TO PARIS. - IN NOVEMBER, I WAS TOLD THAT I WOULD SEE MY PILOT BUT NEVER DID.~~

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.

DID NOT RECEIVE ANY DEFINITE INFORMATION - WAS TOLD BY PATRIOT THE NEXT DAY THAT THREE MEN WERE TAKEN PRISONER AND TWO HAD (over) GONE ON TO PARIS. IN NOVEMBER, WAS TOLD THAT I WOULD MEET THE COMMANDER OF MY PLANE AND GO ON WITH HIM BUT NEVER DID.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition? *NO*

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?

CANNOT GIVE MANY DETAILS OR OPINION AS DID NOT SEE CHUTES OPEN. PEOPLE WHO TALKED TO ME LATER SAW TWO MEN LAND - I FOUND ONE MAE-WEST IN A WOOD WHERE I WAS HIDDEN BY A MAN WHO HAD SEEN TWO MEN THE NIGHT BEFORE.

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?

What souvenirs do you still possess?

HANDKERCHIEF - RAZOR - CAP - PHOTOS.

Home address. *226 LINCOLN ST. WATER BURY, CONN.*

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.

~~1122, 1631, 2090 1951 2215 2425 2413 1661~~

- Pilot - Thomas W. Beal, 2d Lt, 02044805 P/W
- Copilot - Hubert J. Moseley, 2d Lt, 0681462 P/W
- Nav - George E. Klatthar, Jr. 2d Lt, 0749676 (308)
- Bomb - Richard E. Burley, Jr, 2d Lt, 0739401 (307)
- R.O. Charles H. Lowell Narrator x
- T/O James E. Tracy, T/Sgt, 31128008 (507)
- B/O - Levoun J. Jangochian, SpSgt, 13153372 (363)
- W/O Robert Lamrick, SpSgt, 15105969 (365)
- W/O Robert L. Dillon, SpSgt, 35447279 2240
- W/O Laurence B. Steck, SpSgt, 12156892 (364)

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 31169183 Rank T/Sgt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Charles H. Elwell

Unit 331 Bomb Sq, 94 Bomb Gp

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)
on 6 Sept 19 44 and has signed a Security Certificate.

He ~~should~~/should not be re-interrogated.

Robert H. Bacon
Major 2/Lt, AC.

IMPORTANT:

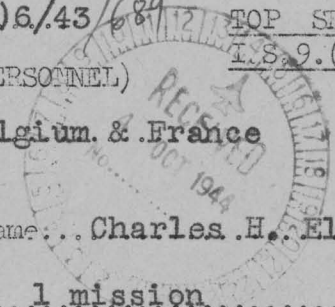
THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH) AN OFFICER OF M.I.9
OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X DET.-M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

If E & E is returned to the United Kingdom, he will report to 63 Brooks
Street, London.

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVASION CAPTURED/~~RECOVERED~~ FROM (Name of Country) Belgium & France

For all Personnel.



1. No. 31169183 Rank. T/Sgt Name: Charles H. Elwell
(U.K: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 1 mission
3. Were you wounded? Give details. No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 331 B. Sqn
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 94 B. Grp. 6. Job. (Pl. Cmd., Rfn., etc.) Radio Op.
7. Date of Birth 26 May 20 8. Length of Service 2 years
9. Peace time occupation. Factory Worker 10. Private address. 226 Lincoln St
Waterbury, Conn.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dog Tags & Photos
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? French, passably

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

13. No. and location of O.T.U.
14. No. and location of Conversion Unit.

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS WHO BAIL OUT.

15. Post in Crew. Radio Operator
16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.
N.B. - Airborne and Parachute Troops: list below names and units of other occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.
PILOT. Lt. Beale--French told me I would meet him in Nov. 1943, but didn't
CO-PILOT. Lt Moseley--Last seen in Bomb Bay ready to bail out
NAVIGATOR. Lt Glatthar--Talked to him on radio 5 minutes before bailing
BOMBARDIER Lt. Burley--Last seen on ground before take-off
RADIO OPERATOR. Narrator
TOP TURRET GUNNER Unknown--he bailed but I did not see chute
BALL TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt Levoun Jamgoohian--bailed but I did not see chute
WAIST GUNNER (R.) S/Sgt J. Hamrick--Bailed out but did not see chute
WAIST GUNNER (L.) Unknown--bailed out but did not see chute
TAIL GUNNER S/Sgt Lawrence B. Sheck--Bailed out but did not see chute
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure. B-17, 14 October 43, between
1000 and 1100
18. Where and when did you come down? Near the village of Meaux, near Paris, 5:30
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Hid them under a thick
pile of brush in a woods, but think they were taken by civilians
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Plane crashed and burned
and papers were in it.

Interview by I.S.9. (WEA)

Date 6 September 44

I grade this evasion No. 5.

Attached:

- Appendix "B"
- Appendix "C"
- Appendix "D"

Robert Bacon

ROBERT BACON
2d Lt, AC

~~Major~~

Disposal: Returned to unit

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- 9th AF-----1 "

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. IS9(WEA)6/43/689

If further circulation of this information is made, it is important that its source should not be divulged.

No. 31169183 Rank T/Sgt Name Charles H. Elwell

Date of Interview 6 September 44

Gare, Blandain, Belgium
Rue, Chaney, Lille, France
Bachy, Nord, France
Chereng, Nord France
Camphin-En-Pleue
Route National, Billy Montigny
Pas de Calais, France
2 Rue Emile Zola, Fouquieres-
Lez-Lens, France

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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 Forces;
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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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) CHARLES HOBACE ELWELL Signed Charles H. Elwell

Rank T/SGT.....A.S.N. 31169183 Dated 9/7/44 Place London

Unit 331ST BOMB. SQN. 94TH BOMB. GRP. Witness Charles A. Brown
1st Lt. A.C.