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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

MYRON E. SABIN 2nd Lt. 0677579
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
92nd Bomb. Sq. 326th Sq.
(Unit)

Sept. 8, 1944
(Date)

MEMBERS OF CREW

~~PRESENT~~
OFFICIAL STATUS

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

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

~~Sept.~~ July 8, 1944 - 0730 hours - near Neufchâtel, France.

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

Controls were dead - Plane seemed to be coming apart.

I thought I saw a fire but am not sure.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

Between 10,000 and 20,000 ft.

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

5 were killed by flak I think. They were in the plane when it crashed.

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

Myron E. Sabin - Pilot - yes. R. E. Cooksey - Waist Gun. - yes.

Frederic C. Moyer - Radio - yes. James Darden - Tail Gun. - yes.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

I do not know.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

I saw Sgt. Moyer on my way back to England.

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.

A French farmer said 5 bodies were in the airplane. Sgt. Moyer stayed on a farm near Sgts. Cooksey and Darden and got a letter from them.

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?

5 men were in airplane when it crashed. I think they were killed or injured by flak. The other 4 men are alive and are evaders. Letter to Sgt. Moyer.

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1st
2nd Lt. Myron E. Sabin 0-677597

326/92 8 Jul / 7 Sep

My ship was hit by flak on the 8th July 1944. I bailed out and landed in a wood 5 to 6 miles NW of Bois des Puits (S. INF.). I crawled through the woods. A farmer working in the field led me to a good hiding place. He fixed a tourniquet on my wounded leg, and told me to await his return. A woman came to me who could read and write English. We exchanged messages. She was Mme. Suzanne Tréville, à Petit Ronchois, Haudricourt, par Amale (S. Inf.). She tended my wounded leg and gave me food. She told me to remain in hiding and promised to return with a Doctor. I became impatient waiting for her return so with the darkness I set off in the direction of Paris. The following morning I declared myself at the farmhouse of M. Dumont Arthanase, Haudricourt la Vitardière (S. Inf.). He sheltered me in a barn, looked after my wounded leg and fed me. The 3rd day of my stay here Germans called at the farm for food. This frightened my host and the next day a youth in the Resistance, Robert Levasseur, and the local FFI chief, a Major known as George, took me in a horse-drawn wagon to George's house in a small nearby village consisting of 2 houses on the crossroads. Here a Dr. Mercier of Formerie (Oise) treated my leg wound. I was then taken to Robert's house at Bois des Puits, Criqueurs, par Formerie (Oise). Dr. Mercier visited me every 3 to 4 days. Robert Levasseur and his father, Earnest, were both Lieutenants in the FFI and they were very active. When the British arrived on the 31st August the FFI arrested a collaborator, a Belgian by the name of Ditrie or Ditry. Ditrie, when confronted, accused Earnest Levasseur of collaborating. Ditrie had sold much food to the Germans and had given them meals. He had 200 litres of petrol which he had got from the Germans. I met Mme. Suzanne Tréville here again. She told me that she had helped Lt. Abe A. Helfgoot, who had been shot down in February 1944, on his way to Spain. On the 3rd of September I met my Radio Operator, Fred C. Moyer, at GAILE Fontaine (S. INF.) and from that point we were evacuated through military channels.

R. Sarant
2nd Lt. AUS

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R/S

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0677079 Rank 2/Lt
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) SABIN, M.E.
Unit 326. Sq. U.S.A.F.
has been ~~fully~~ not ~~briefly~~ /interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9 (WEA) on 6. Sep 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

James T. Ray
cop. 20.

Major. H

IMPORTANT.

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

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CERTIFIED THAT

This Officer/W.O./N.C.O. has special information on the following subjects:—

Name (BLOCK LETTERS)

Unit

has been fully interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.2.3 (WEA) on

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should not be re-interrogated.

Major

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Name (Print) *MYRON E. SABIN* Signed *Myron E. Sabin*
Rank *2nd Lt. A.C.* A.S.N. *0677579* Dated *Sept. 8, 44* Place *London*
Unit *92nd Bomb. Sq., 326th Sq.* Witness *J. Lavant 2nd Lt. A.V.S.*

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The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

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Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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He was M. Dumont Arthanase, Haudricourt(la Vitardiere) Seine Inf.

at whose house I stayed for 4 days. He was just a helper. He kept me in a barn , fed me and cleaned and bandaged my leg. The 2nd

day Robert ~~XXXX~~ Levasseur, a boy in the Res. came to see me and promised to take me away in a few days time. The 3rd day Germans

came to the house for food. This so frightened my hosts that they

called Robert the next day and asked him to take me away. Robert together with a George a local chief of the FFI a Maj. called with a horse and wagon and took me first to the chief's house

in a small town(2 houses on a cross roads)where as prearranged a

Dr. awaited me and treated my wounds. His name was Mercier and he

lived in Formerie. We then went on to Roberts house, a Bois des

Puits, Criquirs, par Formerie, Oise. Stayed here from July 13

til Sept. 4th I was very well treated. The Dr. came every 3 - 4 days

Leg progressed well but then blood poisoning broke out. He pillled me and put me on diet. Robert was a Lt. and so was his father.

They were very active with the other members of the Res. In mid Aug. 60 men went out to all the nearby town and blacked out the road signs. For days the Germans were milling about asking direction which were refused them or given falsely. At another time

plocks of wood with huge nails driven through them were strewn on the main roads in the path of retreating German vehicles ~~whichx~~ many of which were immobilized with resultant jam. They also cut down trees across the principal roads. The British arrived on the 31st of Aug.

At this pint the Res. went to the home of collaborators, a Belgian family called Ditrie or Ditry in Bois. They were going to kill them but they actually took farmer only pris. They kept him 4 , he

had a breakdown and he was returned home. . Ditry had 200 litres of which he had got from the G rmans gas:the inhabitants stripped him of this and other odds and ends.

Charge against Ditry wasthat he sold germans allsorts of food and had them in for meals

Had dog tags also Carte

8 July

Were bombing an airfield when hit by flak in nose of the ship.

~~There~~ The hit knocked me completely out and killed badly wounded or killed my Co. Pilot. All controls out and plane was in a dive.

I came to and just managed to climb out of window above me. This must have been at about 15000 ft. I landed in a wood 5 - 6 miles N.W. of Bois des Puits Just N. of Formerie. My chute hung in a tree and I had to abandon it. I through away my Mae West. My leg had been pierced by flak and I coul'dnt walk. I crawled away in the wood.

Had just stopped to put a tornouquet on my leg when Germans entered wood in search of Me. They fired shots. I crawled away and found a good hiding place where I put a tornouquet on my leg. I spotted a farmer working in a field beyond the edge of the wood. I made a sign to him and he signaled me back in the woods. He went on working and a few minutes later he came over to me, fixed on a new tornouquet and put me in a better hiding place telling me to wait. While

Her name was MMe Suzanne Tréville, a Petit Ronchois, Haudricout, Par Amale waiting for min a woman came over to me. She could read and write Seine Inferieure

English and we exchanged messages. She left and a short time later came back, wahsed and bandaged my wound and gave me food. She told me to stay put until that afternoon when she was to return with a DR.

Germans were continuing their search but finally left. I waited for the D., but when he failed to turn up with darkness, I got impatient and one hour later started off S.E. toward Paris. I hobbled painfully through fields. Took to a roadway and passed by two German soldeiers sitting on the pedestal of a statue. They ignored me and I kept on til about 4 A.M. in the morning, when utterly exhausted and unable to find shelter I lay down in a field. It was so cold and I was so wet that I could not sleep. At dawn I spotted a farmhouse about a mile away and crawled to it. I waited hidden behind a tree in the yard until the farmer came out to whom I declared myself with aid of my phrase card.

He was such a rat that when ~~German~~ British arrived he denounced
Roberts father E_arne_st as collaborator. Several girls who had
been intimate or even freindly with the G_ermans also had the re
heads shaved. When British arrived on the 31st They stopped me and
asked me if germans were going through. I told of horse drawn wagons
which had just passed through. They left in pursuit, 3 shermans,
and caught the germans ^{about 15 miles} about a mile away. ^{FFI got another 15 the next day}. Another Britis unit
^{body was given to French} moved in. I was told by a Capt. to stay put until Inf. arrived.

I stayed put until the 2nd Sept. On the 3 we (Moyer had joined me
^{on the 1st when returning (2) from place where} at Gil Fontaine while ~~scycling out to see wreckage of plane~~ ^{had been}

took off toward rear. We met a Maj. who sent us back to Bois and
said a car would call for us next mornng. Car never showed up.

But Btn. of Bren carriers came in and C.O. who arranged our
evacuation the following day. to Div. Hq. Criquier. We were taken
in car to Air drome at Poix. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Am Int. O. identified us, He sent us by jeep across the S^e line
to a supply depot. From there the next morning we trucked to
Bayeaux, where reported to MI 9. We were sent to transit camp wher
stayed overnight very poorly treated ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

~~XXXX~~ No plane was available so we w^re finally taken on LST
on the night of the 7th and arrived at New Haven 8th S_at A.M.
We then trained to London.

Suzanne Treveille whom I met again at Earnest's told me
that she had helped a Lt. Abe A. Helfgoot who had come down in
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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

MYRON E. SABIN 2nd Lt. 0677579
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
28 (No. of missions)
326 92 Bomb.
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: July 8/8/44
Date arrived in UK: APRIL 8, 44

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

PILOT	MYRON E. SABIN -	Evader
CO-PILOT	DON'T REMEMBER -	Killed
NAVIGATOR	DON'T REMEMBER -	Killed
BOMBARDIER	DONALD M. JOHNSON -	Killed
RADIO OPERATOR	FRED C. MOYER -	Evader
TOP TURRET GUNNER	NELSON -	Killed
BALL TURRET GUNNER	DON'T REMEMBER -	Killed
WALST GUNNER	KERMIT R. COOKSEY -	Evader -
WALST GUNNER		
TAIL GUNNER	JAMES DARDEN -	Evader

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

FRENCH FARMER SAID 5 MEN WERE IN AIRCRAFT WHEN IT HIT THE GROUND.

COOKSEY AND DARDEN STAYED ON A FARM CLOSE TO SGT. MOYER IN FRANCE AND WROTE A LETTER TO HIM SAYING THEY WERE ALRIGHT.

Decorations:

Date of Birth: SEPT. 3, 1921

Private Address: 735 GARDEN ST., Eau CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

Length of Service: 2 YEARS, 6 MONTHS

Job as Civilian: TRUCK DRIVER

From what field did you take off? Take off time. POTTINGTON AIR BASE.
ABOUT 0430

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? PAPERS ON MY PERSON WERE DESTROYED. EQUIPMENT IN PLANE PROBABLY DESTROYED ON HITTING GROUND.
Were you wounded? Give details.
A piece of flak went thru my ^{left} leg about 4 inches below the knee. Three other small pieces penetrated the skin in my right leg and chest.
Did you pay your guides? If so, how much?
I gave a French woman that dressed my leg 2 pounds.
Do you speak FRENCH? no SPANISH? no GERMAN? no ITALIAN? no OTHER LANGUAGE? no

Did you have identity papers? yes

(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?

yes. Bayeux, France - Sept. 6, 1944

~~Date of arrival in Spain:~~

~~Date of arrival at Gibraltar:~~

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. *Bayeux, France. Sept. 7, 1944*
Sea.

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.

Hermit Q. Cooksey
James Darden.

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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? *Lost in Parachut jump.*
- 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. *after hiding in woods all day I used the compass to walk away. I headed S.E.*

Sewing kit.

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box?
- 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? *Lost in Parachut jump.*
State color of stripes and letters.
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.— Threw them away when I had finished using them.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? *yes - 2 compasses.*

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? *yes.*
If so, how many? *4*

b. Did you use them? *yes.*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

yes. Pottington air Base - April 20, 1944 by Capt. Moneymaker.

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?

No.

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.,.....)

The area in which I stayed is now occupied by English troops. I saw some German prisoners and their morale was very low. They said they did not get enough sleep or enough to eat. All the Germans I saw had had enough fighting. I saw a couple hundred Germans retreating the day the English got to the village and they looked very tired. Some of them did not have guns and ~~their~~ ^{their} equipment was not very good. They had no trucks but had a few horses and wagons they had taken from the French people.

The French people seemed very glad to see the English arrive and while I was there they were doing sabotage almost every night.

There were a few pro-German families near where I stayed but the French Patriots took care of them. They shot some of them, cut the women's hair off and paraded them around town, went into ~~their~~ their homes and took most of their belongings.

The big majority of French people are 100% with the allies I think.