

1. ASN- 13028347, T/Sgt, Sidney DEVERS.
2. None
3. 359 B.S.
4. 303 BB- ~~TH~~ ~~CS~~
5. 8 April 1919
6. 1 yr. 8 mo-
7. oil installation Repair work -
8. 5166 Whitaker Ave., Philadelphia Pa -
9. LORIENT - 23 JAN 43, 1030 hrs - Molesworth -
down Poole - Brittany (NW - ^{app} 4 miles) 1400 hrs -
Last saw plane at 1000ft disappear behind hill, th engine smoking -
- 10 - ~~Pilot~~ ^{1st} Lt. E.J. Sanderson - ~~wounded~~ ^{assst Eng.} 3/sq. H.F. Swanson bo
co- Lt H.D. Bowman ~~with~~ ^{Radio} - 1/sq. M.B. JONES bo
now Lt. J.W. Spence ~~seen~~ ^{apt. Radio} 1/sq. F.W. GREENE bo
Bomb Lt. G.B. WARD bo W. Cunn 1/sq. C. Silva bo
Eng- TO Narrator - bo T. Cunn 1/sq. J.L. MARKIEWICK?
21. No - No -
22. No (Capt Babcock, W/S)
23. Yes. Madrid - B. Embassy -
Yes. Bib - Col. Holcomb's
24. Bib - 8 mar - 1943 Seen
25. Glasgow - 15 march

Left Molesworth about 10 AM Jan 23rd 1943
to bomb Tien-tai. We reached target & bombs away
about 13.45. We encountered heavier flock than
usual on target & before bomb release. Flock damaged
our no 2 engine & stopped by Co-Pilot. A large hole
about 2 ft in diameter toward end of right wing.
Noticed a greater no of fighters than usual. 1 F.W.
coming in at 10 o'clock burst into flames. ^{I believe I got him.} I heard Pilot
ask Co-Pilot to get no 2 engine started. Then I noticed
we were out of formation. I received call from left
waist gunner of a ship approaching & by the time I
swung around ^{I think Sgt Silva got him.} enemy was in flames. Noticed a
large hole in our vertical stabilizer. I received
call from Co-Pilot enemy ships attacking us from
nose. As I came around I noticed smoke from
engines 3 & 4. I saw 3 enemy planes coming in
at 2 o'clock ^{high} one behind the other. I observed one go
down in flames. I think I got him. No 1 engine
was now only one we could use. We took lots of
evasive action. Due to the evasive action one of my
guns ceased to fire ammunition belt twisted. I
heard a call two ships approaching on tail I came
around & saw second plane go by smoking. First one
had gotten thru.

Sgt. Davis.

Both of my guns jammed I came out of my turret noticed we were at about 11,000 ft. Removed my oxygen mask + Pilots. Both Pilot + Co Pilot were working hard but uninjured.

I baled out after Radio operations at about 8000 ft. Saw 2 chutes to the right of me. I landed in a plowed field, made a good landing + was greeted by 2 Frenchmen + a boy. They took my chute + pointed out St. Spence.

Spence stayed to see.

I left St. Spence at Apt of Tinel family. I was taken to Mr. Ayle's home where I was given all new clothing. Then to Mr. Le Court Apt I stayed six days without going out at all. Mr. Ayle then took me to his home where I met a young French girl named Katherine whose husband was a P. W. she took me to the home of Mr. Praveda where I stayed a week. I was taken for daily walks by a young French girl in same Apt Bldg. Her name was Claude. While here I met two men 1 a Belgian officer escaped from German prison camp the other an Englishman they later guided us to Spain. The following Sat took train with St. Spence.

In Spain I went to Prison in Barcelona while St. Spence met to hotel with me were the R.A.F Pilot + the Belgian guide. 1

We left Molesworth about 1000 hours Jan 23rd 1943 to bomb Lorient. We reached target and bombs away about 13.45. We encountered heavier flak than usual on target. Flak damaged our No 2 engine also made a large hole toward end of our right wing. I noticed more enemy fighters than usual. An F.W. coming in at 10 o'clock burst into flames and I believe I got him. I heard the pilot ask the Co-Pilot to get our No 2 engine started it was then I noticed we were out of formation. Left waist gunner called that a fighter was coming in but by the time I swung around the fighter was in flames. I think Sgt. Silva got him. I noticed a large hole in our vertical stabilizer. Co-Pilot called enemy fighters attacking our nose. I swung around, noticed smoke coming from our No 3 and 4 engines, saw three F.Ws. They were coming in at 2 o'clock high one behind the other. One went down in flames I think I got him. At this time our No 1 engine was the only one working and we were taking violent evasive action. My ammunition belt became twisted due to the evasive action we had been taking. Two F.Ws approached our tail and the first one got through the second went by smoking. Both of my guns jammed.

and as I came out of my turret we were at 12000 ft. I removed my oxygen mask also pilots. Both Pilot and Co-Pilot were working hard.

I baled out after the radio operator at about 8000 ft. I saw two chutes to the right of me. I made a good landing in a plowed field and was greeted by two Frenchmen and a boy. My chute was taken and Lt Spence's position pointed out to me.

From here Lt Spence and Sgt Devere traveled together.

Pierres

St O'Connor of \$58 & 303 had a leg amputated
in France.

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Mrs. Lucas told me about a very large
ammunition dump in the vicinity of Boulogne
it is in a tunnel. Very heavily guarded & ^{Bulwark} ~~flack~~ guns.

The Renault plant is in full operation. Most of
skilled workers taken to Germany.

In Toulouse an airplane factory making FW 190.

LANDING CARD FOR PASSENGERS

I.B.28

IMPORTANT This card must be filled in by the passenger before arrival at the United Kingdom port.
(Ce questionnaire doit être rempli par le voyageur avant son arrivée au port de débarquement dans le Royaume Uni)

Port of Embarkation
(Port d'embarquement)

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Surname (in block letters)
(Nom en caractères gros)

DEVERS.

Christian Names
(Prénoms)

Sidney.

Occupation
(Profession)

Date of birth
(Date de Naissance)

8/4/19.

Place of birth
(Lieu de Naissance)

Philadelphia Pa.

Sex
(Sexe)

M.

Nationality
(Nationalité)

American.

Nationality at birth
(Nationalité de Naissance)

American.

Passport Number

(Numéro de passeport)

Place of issue
(Delivré à)

Date

Proposed Address in U.K.

(Adresse proposée dans le Royaume Uni)

Signature

(Signature du Voyageur)

Sidney Devers

PREScribed UNDER THE ALIENS ORDER, 1920

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OFFICE OF THE MILITARY OBSERVER
AMERICAN CONSULATE
GIBRALTAR

5 Mar 1943

Subject: Orders.

To : Personnel named below.

2ND LT JOHN W SPENCE 0724086, and
T/SGT SIDNEY DEVERB 13028347,

having reported at this station on March 5, 1943, will proceed by the first available transportation to LONDON, ENGLAND. Upon arrival they will report without delay to HQ ETOUSA, LONDON. TDN PD 33 P 433-02 A 0425-23.

Distribution:

MIS

HQ ETOUSA

Personnel concerned

File

Carl W. Holcomb

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Lt. Col., CAC.

Comdg. U.S. Casuals

Gibraltar.

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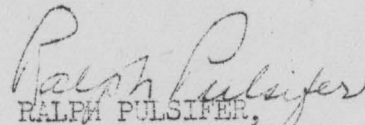
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SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

TO : Personnel concerned.

1. It is the duty of all Americans to safeguard information which might, either directly or indirectly, be useful to the enemy.
2. It is an offense, carrying heavy penalties, to publish or to communicate to any unauthorized person any information which might be useful to the enemy.
3. 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.
4. 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:
 - (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. 4a.
e. No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of the War or Navy Department.

By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:


RALPH PULSIFER,

Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

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 American Military Attache to whom I first report, or an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) SIDNEY DEVERS Signed Sidney DeversRank T/Sgt. A.S.N. 13028347 Date March 16, 1943Unit 359 Bomb Sq 303 Bomb Gp Witness Richard R. Nelson
Capt & C.

19 October 1942

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Lt. Col. Carl W. Holcomb, C.A.C.
United States Army
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