

EX E# 1721
C O N F I D E N T I A L

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 35651772 Rank T/Sgt
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Harold Smith
Unit 388 Bomb Gp.

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)
on 7 Sept 19 44 and has signed a Security Certificate.
He ~~should~~/should not be re-interrogated.

25 May
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.

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~~G-2 Div., SHARP~~

~~(Less App. "C" & "D")~~

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report to 63 Brook Street, London.

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

EVADED CAPTURED ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ FROM (Name of Country) France

FOR ALL PERSONNEL

1. No. 35651772 Rank T/Sgt. Name Harold SMITH
(U.S. Army, Navy, or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F. No. of missions) Air medal, 18 missions
3. Were you wounded? Give details No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 560th Bomb. Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 388 B. Gp. (If Capt., Bn., etc.) Radio Operator
7. Date of Birth 15 Nov. 1923 Length of Service 1 yr., 6 mos.
9. Peace time occupation Railroad Laborer Private address 1501 W. 3rd Avenue
Williamson, West Va.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photographs? Dogtags and E&E Photos
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

FOR P.A.P. ONLY

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

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS WHO BALE 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 P.A.P. and U.S.A.A.F.
PILOT 1st Lt. W.T. Warren 0684092 Unknown MIA
CO-PILOT Unknown Charles Hildebrandt " 1st Lt. 0-361178 -1406
NAVIGATOR Unknown Eugene J. McCallan 2d Lt. 0706443 -P/W
BOMBARDIER 2nd Lt. Fontaine Jones " 0744369 MIA
RADIO OPERATOR Narrator
TOP TURRET GUNNER T/Sgt. Anderson Dabney " T/Sgt. 34438820 P/W
BALL TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt. Fields Russell " 37229457 MIA
WING GUNNER (R.) S/Sgt. Peatross Charles Baled out 34606062 P/W
WING GUNNER (L.) Unknown Clayton Stanley " S/Sgt. 13171140 P/W
TAIL GUNNER S/Sgt. Luckinick Baled out P/W
Locke, Arthur 32752280
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17G, Thetford, Eng, 25 May 1944
0800 hrs.
18. Where and when did you come down? Charney, Somme, France, 25 May 1944, 1000 hrs.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? They were taken care of
by French
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Plane exploded in mid air.

Interview by I.S. 9 (WEA)

Date 7 Sep 1944

Attached:

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

Robert H Bacon
ROBERT BACON
2nd Lt., AC

Disposal: Returned to unit.

Major

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12th Army Group.....2 (less C)
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About the 10th of August I saw a flying bomb launched from a German plane, type unknown, over the village of Charney, Somme, France. It went over the channel about 500 ft.

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HEADQUARTERS
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 8, 1944
(Date)

SMITH, HAROLD T/Sgt. 35651772
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Liege 18
(Target) (Number of missions)

388 Bomb Group 560 Sqdn.
(Unit)

Date Missing in Action: MAY 25, 1944

Returned to UK: Sept 8, 1944

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

PILOT W. T. WARREN No information

CO-PILOT UNKNOWN

NAVIGATOR UNKNOWN

BOMBARDIER J. FONTAINE No information

RADIO OPERATOR HAROLD SMITH - Bailed out.

TOP TURRET GUNNER O. ANDERSON No information

BALL TURRET GUNNER R. FIELDS " "

W/ST GUNNER UNKNOWN " "

R W/ST GUNNER C. PEATROSS Bailed out - No info.

TAIL GUNNER A. LUCKWISH " " " "

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. MAY 25, 10:00

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

No. 3 engine + Radio Room on fire.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

12,000 FT.

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

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

Tail gunner.

R. W/ST

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

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.

None

(over)

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.

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

Believe plane must have blown up in Air because
No 3 engine + complete Radio Room on fire. Bombs in plane,
No info. As To Fate of other members.

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.

Rene Desroix - CHARNY, FRANCE } Hid + Fed me.
Eugene Nolent - " " }

What security briefing were you given?

What souvenirs do you still possess?

Photos - coins - Cigarette lighter

Home address. 1501 W. 3rd Ave, Williamsport, W. VA.

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.

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. 1.S.9(WEA)/6/69/715

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

No. 35651772 Rank T/Sgt. Name Harold SMITH

Date of Interview 7 Sep 1944

I was helped by the following:

Rene Descroix - Charney, Somme, France

Eugene Nolent - Charney, Somme, 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;
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 supercedes 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) HAROLD P. SMITH
Rank T/SGT. A. S. N. 35651772
Unit 388 B. B. 560 Sg. M.

Signed Harold Smith
Dated Sept. 8, 1944
Witness _____

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