

19 October 1942

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By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

(signed) RALPH PULSIFER,
Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

CERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

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Name(Print) <u>Wm. E. Scott</u>	Signed <u>Wm. E. Scott</u>
Rank <u>Sgt. A.S.N. 15300732</u>	Date <u>Oct. 28, 1943</u>
Unit <u>306 Bomb Gp. 368 Sqd.</u>	Witness <u>Gray Lewis</u>

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Rank Sgt. ASN 15300732 Date Oct. 30, 1943

Unit 306 Bo. Gp. 368 Sqd. Witness *Wm. E. Scott Jr.*

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
PW and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. *Sgt. William C. Scott # 15300732*
2. Decorations. *—*
3. Unit or Squadron. *368*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *306*
5. Date of Birth. *July 30, 1921*
6. Length of Service. *16 mo.*
7. Private Address. *600 Elberon Ave, Dayton, Ohio*
8. If in A.F., on what operation were you engaged? State place, date, and time of departure. Where and when did you come down? Were aircraft and all instruments and papers destroyed? *On Stuttgart raid Sept. 6, 1943. Left Thurleigh on Sept. 6, 1943 at approx. 5:30 a.m. Ran out of gasoline at approx. 11 am. 8 mi. South of Beauvais, France. Baled out and assume plane was destroyed*
9. What was your position in aircraft? *right waist gunner*
10. Were you wounded? *no*
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *no*
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? *no*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? *yes - dog tags*
14. Have you been questioned before to-day on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom? Have you given anyone a written report on your experiences. Where and when? *yes, at Gibraltar gave a written report to British army capt.*
15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? *no.*
16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *In Madrid on Oct. 25, 43 and in Gibraltar on Oct. 27, 1943*
17. Date of arrival in Spain. *Oct. 9, 1943*
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *Oct. 27, 1943*
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *By air on Oct. 29, 1943*
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *Bristol - Oct. 30, 1943*

SECRET
EQUALS BRITISH

MOST SECRET

APPENDIX "B".
MIS(X).....

The following information has been obtained from our interview with
Sgt. Wm. E. Scott Jr. (.....) who escaped
after capture by the enemy/evaded capture by the enemy after being
in enemy/enemy occupied territory.

Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so
it is important not to divulge any particulars of source.

Statement of information covering period from
to

*Saw nothing of particular ^{military} significance.
was told that the airfield about two mi.
outside Beauvais, France contained approx.
forty fighters. In the week Sept. 6-12 I saw
a number of F.W. 190's in the air over Beauvais.
A few were yellow-nosed.*

*I personally saw revolvers that had been
dropped ^{to the French} and were being held in hopes
that they might be used soon. Morale is good
in France although food is scarce in Paris and
larger cities. Seems to be an abundance of
German troops in France, especially Paris.
~~are~~ well fed*

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MIS(X)..

No., Rank, Name:- 15320732 Sgt. Wm. E. Scott Jr.
 Unit:- 368 Sq. 306 Bomb Gp.

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must 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, had you one on you? *Yes, I had one immediate help*
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.
- (i) Horlicks tablets.
- (ii) Chocolate
- (iii) Milk (tube).
- (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue)
- (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).
- (vi) Matches.
- (vii) Adhesive tape.
- (viii) Chewing gum.
- (ix) Water bottle.
- (x) Compass
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? *Given to underground organization at Beduweis*
- (g) 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? *yes, a gray one*
 If so, state COLOR.
 If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? *yes, the money*
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
- (i) Maps. Which ones?
- (ii) Compass.

(iii) used 500 Francs to reimburse families who fed me. The remaining 1500 F. were given to a lady of the organization with whom I stayed in Paris.

(iii) File (hacksaw).

(iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money.

related on other side

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

*} given to organization at Beauvais, F.
note other side*

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+)

(*Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

(a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?
If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE

- (i) Round compass.
- (ii) Stud compass.
- (iii) Swinger compass.
- (iv) Fly-button compass.
- (v) Pencil clip compass.
- (vi) Tunic button compass.
- (vii) Pipe compass.
- (viii) Pouch
- (ix) Special flying boots (and knife).

- Had one but didn't need it luckily

(b) Were they satisfactory?

(c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions which would improve the above equipment?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs?
If so, how many?

No

(b) Did you use them?
State how.

5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape?
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

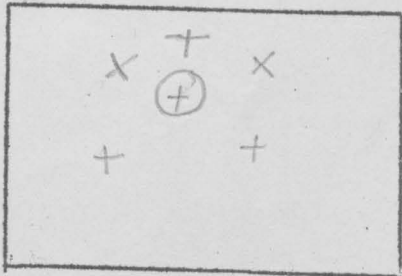
yes I was lectured to by an R.A.F. Sgt. who had escaped from Germany. His talk was given at Thurleigh A.F.C. on a date I've forgotten

(b) Did you find the lectures of value?

yes.

NAME Wm. E. Scott Jr RANK Sgt. ASN 15300732 REPORT NO. _____

SQ 368 GROUP 306 A/C NO. ? Letter ? Load 5000 lb Date Sept 30, 1943



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing: *No - didn't drop our bombs on Stuttgart -*

Enemy Fighter Tactics:

Markings:

Didn't come in close enough on us but, were waiting for any stragglers and there were some to attack.

Our Tactics:

Our Fighter Support:

Flak

concentrated

Time

Place

Quality

Over Stuttgart Heavy

Technical Failures

Motors:

Armor:

Armament:

Miscellaneous:

Lack of gasoline

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

yes, definitely insist pilots carry top load of gasoline on long flights. We didn't!

- 1. Didn't black out after jumping*
- 2. Didn't use bail out bottle*

E + E # 173
(Sgt. Wm. E. Scott Jr.)

Appendix C

Sgt. Scott came down ~~to~~ eight miles S of BEAUVAIS. As soon as he landed Sgt Monser (E and E # 169) ~~and~~ accompanied by a French girl came up to him. ~~From~~ His journey and Sgt. Monser's were the same save for the following period:-

In PARIS Scott stayed at the apartment of Mme. MAGNAS. When it was found that he would have to stay in Paris longer than had been expected Mme. MELLOT took him to her apartment for nine days. Mme. MELLOT then took him to another flat where he joined Lts. Winters, Steinmetz, Hartley, Sgts. Wagner and Cagle, and a Scotsman in the R. A. F. His journey ^(from there) was the same as theirs to the barn in the mountains where Sgt. Monser and his party were re-joined.

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E & E REPORT NO. 173
EVASION IN FRANCE

Oct. 30, 1943
(Date)

William E. SCOTT JR. 15300732, Sgt
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

368 306
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 22
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 16 mo.
HOME ADDRESS: 600 Elberon Ave
Dayton, Ohio

MIA: 6 September 1943
Arrived in Spain: Oct. 9, 1943
Arrived in Gibraltar: Oct. 27, 1943
Arrived in UK: Oct. 30, 1943

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

			Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT ³ Bombardier	0-729532	1st Lt August WINTERS	E & E No 179 MIA	In Gibraltar
CO-PILOT ¹ Pilot	0-729896	2d Lt Wesley D. PETERSON	MIA	—
NAVIGATOR ² CO-PILOT	0-671990	2d Lt Edward L. MASLANKA	E & E No 222 MIA	—
BOMBARDIER ⁴ Navigator	0-683307	2d Lt Donald E. PHILLIPS	MIA	—
RADIO OPERATOR Top Turret	15103808	T/Sgt William L UTLEY	MIA	—
TOP TURRET GUNNER Radio-0	12011015	T/Sgt William B PLASKETT JR.	MIA	[Safe in Paris]
BALL TURRET GUNNER	33021170	Sgt Frederick E. HUNTER	SINGER MIA	—
WAIST GUNNER	16072028	S/Sgt George F. MONSER	E & E No 169 RETURNED	—
WAIST GUNNER	15300732	Sgt William E. SCOTT JR.	NARRATOR	—
TAIL GUNNER	16127319	S/Sgt Douglas G. WRIGHT	MIA	—

Were you wounded?

No

Sgt Scott

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No fighter escort. No flak until close to target.
Did not see any fighters ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the area. I then
saw 190s + FW's but our group was not attacked.
We did not make a run over target clouds and
started looking for secondary. We were all worried
as we knew we did not have too much gas. We were
right below + behind lead ship and ship bombs on a
small town. I do not know results. We turned +
started back. I think Pilot ~~started~~ ^{told} engines to
start transferring gas. Attacks on other groups
but none on us. ^{When N of Paris} ~~in the N of Paris~~ pilot called
group leader and told him we were about out of gas.
~~Had~~ One or two engines went out and we fell out
of formation. Pilot gave order to bailout at about 17000ft.
The ball turret man came up. I was still firing
at enemy in distance so no attack on us. The rocket man
kicked the waist door off + went back to the bomb
bay + followed the engineer out. I saw the other
waist gunner go out thru bomb bay after the rocket
gunner. I tried my GI shoes on my chute and
went out waist door head first pulled in
immediately. I saw 2 chutes on my down did not see

place. One F. W. climbed me but did not bother me. I landed 8 miles N of Beauvais in a woods. My chute caught on trees and I hung about 40 ft off ground. I shook chute out & fell off and I landed very gently. I pulled chute down & pushed it under brush also flying boots & helmet & put on my G.I. shoes. I heard voices & deep barking and soon Sgt Moussem came with a fresh girl.

Same as " " up to Paris

There I stayed with Madame Magnas opt. She & Madame Mellot came & took me to a park and there she found out that I would have to stay longer. I stayed at her apt 9 days. While here she took me to a small photo shop and gave me an identity card & work permit. She took me to another park near St Winters, St Steinnette, St Hartley Sgt Wagner, Sgt Bad Eagle a ^{RAF} best man a ~~Wagner (RAF)~~ 3 young Frenchmen guides.

We left 8 P.M. 3 with no guide. Rode to 8 AM changed roads to 12:30 as guide left us. We got a bus taken to a garage & stayed from 1:35. Then ^{all but 2 guides} garage man drove us up into mts to a small cafe fed. Then a man took us walking 1 hr up into mts. could not find guide so finally spent night in a barn. ~~Next day~~ We stayed until 4th day then back to a village & waited & left 3rd day. When back to barn guide did not show up but another party from Paris came including Sgt Moussem. Rest the same.

THURLEIGH
6 SEPTEMBER
1943

We left THURLEIGH about 0530 6 September 1943 to bomb STUTTGART. ^{I THOUGHT} ~~We~~ ^{we} had no ~~no~~ fighter escort. ^I ~~We~~ did not meet any flak until we were close to the target, and ^I did not see any fighters until we were in Germany. ~~I saw~~ ^I Our group, however, was not attacked by the fighters. Because of the heavy clouds we did not drop our bombs on the target, and we looked for the secondary target. ~~While~~ we were hunting around, we were all getting worried, for we knew that we did not have too much gas. ~~We flew right below and behind the lead ship and dropped our bombs on a small town. I do not see the results~~ When we dropped our bombs on a small town, we were flying ^{right} below and behind the lead ship. I did not see the bombing results. We turned and started back.

NOT BOMB
TARGET

^{thought} I think the pilot told the engineer to start transferring gas. Fighters attacked other groups, but not us. When we came North of Paris the pilot called the group leader to tell him we were almost out of gas. Soon ~~number~~ one or two engines went out, and we had to drop out of formation. When we were about 17,000 feet, the pilot gave the order to bail out. I was still firing at the enemy planes in the distance, but we had had no attack on us. The ball turret man came up. The radio man kicked the waist door off, ~~and they~~ went back to the bomb bay, and followed the engineer out there. I saw the left waist gunner go out the bomb bay after the radio gunner. I tied my GI shoes to my parachute and went out the waist door head first, pulling the rip cord almost immediately.

OUT OF
GAS

BAILED
OUT

I did not see what happened to the plane. On my way down I saw two parachutes. An FW circled me but left me alone. I landed in a woods about eight miles north of BEAUVAIS. My chute caught ^{5.} on a tree, leaving me hanging about 40 feet from the ground. I shook the chute, and it slipped off and eased me gently to the ground. I pulled the chute down and hid it, ^{and} my flying boots and helmet under a bush. While I was putting on my GI shoes, I heard some voices and some dogs barking. ^{SEE} Soon Sgt MONSER came with a French girl, and from there on my journey was arranged for me.

LANDED IN
WOODS NEAR
BEAUVAIS
~~FRANCE~~

FOUND
HELP

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Major, AC

Approved by:

W S HOLT
W STULL HOLT
Lt Col, AC
Commanding

Appendices A → E

Appendix B

1. The following information has been obtained from our interview with a sergeant who evaded capture by the enemy after being in enemy occupied territory.

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a. I was told by French that the airfield about two miles outside BEAUVAIS contained approximately forty fighters.

b. In the week 6-12 September I saw a number of FW 190's in the air over BEAUVAIS. A few had yellow noses.

c. Morale is good in France, although food is scarce in Paris and large cities. other

d. I saw a great many troops while I was going through German France, especially in Paris. All I saw seemed to be well fed.