

19 October 1942

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By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

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

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Name(Print) George A. Bossinger Signed George A. Bossinger  
 Rank T/Sgt. A.S.N. 33365644 Date Oct. 27, 1943  
 Unit 384 Bomb (H) Grp, 546 Bomb Sqn Witness [Signature]

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 Unit 384 Bomb (H) Grp., 546 Sqn. Witness *Walter G. Smith, 1st Lt USAF*

SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH  
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MIS DETACHMENT

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

33365644

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. George A. Bossinger T/Sgt.

2. Decorations.

3. Unit or Squadron. 546 Bomb<sup>(H)</sup> Sqn.

4. Division (Army) or Group. 384 Bomb<sup>(H)</sup> Grp.

5. Date of Birth. April 20, 1915

6. Length of Service. 1 year

7. Private Address. 6421 Landview St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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?

Villa Coublay Airport, Paris - June 26 - early afternoon -  
Came down 17 Km South of Dieppe about 6 or 7  
Plane crashed & burned

9. If in AF, give names of other members of crew and what happened to them.

Nine chutes observed in air besides myself.  
Farmer reported six captured before I left next  
nite. None contacted personally

10. Give details and full story of your trip on attached sheets.

11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much?

Yes - at border - 1500 Francs divided between party of six

12. Do you speak French? Spanish?

No No

13. Did you have Identity Papers?

French

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 experience? Where and when?

Madrid - Major Clark (No written statement)  
Gibraltar - Major Lewis

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?

Madrid - Oct. 21 '43  
Gibraltar - Oct. 27 '43

17. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.

Gibraltar - Oct 29 '43 - by air

18. Place and date of arrival in U.K. Bristol - Oct. 30 '43

E+E #174

(Sgt. George A. Bossinger)

Appendix C

Sgt. Bossinger came down on 26 June 1943 17 kms. ~~S of DIEPPE~~  
just S. of ENVERMEU. A farmer and his son hid him in a wood  
and gave him food, civilian clothing, and a railway map.  
He then ~~was~~ walked for five days, after which he approached  
two Frenchmen working in a field. They gave him food and  
took him to a woman who runs a cafe in PORT ST PIERRE  
~~and who is married~~

in ST. PIERRE EN PORT (10 kms. NE of FECAMP) and who is  
married to a New Zealander in hospital. She kept him for eight  
days. Then a young man took Bossinger to FLEURY-SUR-  
ANDELLE (on N14, 26 kms SE of ROUEN) where he stayed ~~with~~  
for ten days with two women and their mother (name of one  
of the women: ~~Mme.~~ Mme. GROULT; husband a P/W). He was  
then removed ~~to~~ for ten days to a <sup>(farmhouse)</sup> farm in  
BACQUEVILLE-en-Caux (on G.C. 149, 18 kms. S.W. of DIEPPE).  
Two young men called for him here in an automobile,  
took him to another house for a night, and then one of  
the young men took him by train to PARIS. In PARIS  
Bossinger was taken to a café in the ROUTE DE LA REVOLTE  
where he stayed for fifteen days with Mme. FABRE. A young  
French girl then took him by train to a station near DAX.

(over)

These Bossinger stayed in a farmhouse over night and the next morning went with five young Frenchmen by electric train and trolley through BAYONNE to BIARRITZ. In a café in BIARRITZ the Frenchmen arranged for a guide and a lorry. They rode in the lorry to within six or seven kms. of the border and then walked on to a farmhouse <sup>(two kms from the border)</sup> where the guide turned them over to a farmer who early the next morning took them to within sight of the first Spanish town. They walked into Irun where they were arrested and kept in a concentration camp for a month. They saw representatives from the American Consulate while here, but nevertheless they were moved to MIRANDA DEL EBRO and interned for a month there. Bossinger entered MADRID on 15 October.

IN 21 TIERRE EN PORT (10 kms. W. of FEGAMP) and also in

near the New England in hospital. See page 10 for right

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ANDELLE (or NIT, 20 kms SE of TROUEN) where he stayed

for ten days with two women and their mother (name of one

of the women: Mrs. GROUT; husband a T/W). He was

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where he stayed for fifteen days with Miss FABRE. A young

French girl then took him by train to a station near DAX

(over)

Left Grafton-Underwood for 26<sup>th</sup> afternoon to  
bomb Villocombly air field. Did not see any  
fighter escort. A solid cloud cover at 12,000  
no flak or fighters until just before target the  
3 109s attacked each on tail not apparent  
damage. I am sure T.G. got one. No flak over target  
we ~~did not~~ bomb in broken cloud over target some  
turned for base as we neared channel I saw some  
red burst of thick flak back of us. Then we were  
attacked by F.Ws we had been dropping back of  
formation about 1 mile back & 1000 ft below. I do  
not know why 4 engines going. Pilot told us  
we could prepare for water landing. F.Ws came in high  
& from side. I gave a burst at first but then lost  
control of turret. I think the controls were loose  
I tried to fix it & did not see much more of attack  
which kept up. Pilot gave order over inter phone  
to bail out. I dropped down just on chud.  
The Co-pilot, ~~Barbarden~~, ~~Now~~ then I the pilot  
out nose. This about 18000 ft. I pulled chud  
immediately and saw 9 chutes I saw flackburning  
on ground below us. I looked a tree in woods

South of ENVERMEU (near Dieppe). Chute  
dropped over trees. I cut a branch and let chut  
drop down. Before I got out of tree a fox ran  
came + took ~~me to the house of a~~ + told me  
to stay there. I had brought my chute with me.  
The boy got food + I stayed in woods until first  
evening. They had brought me clothing. I gave the  
flyed suit and put civilian clothes on my  
other clothes. I buried chute, Mod West and other  
Eq. After dark next evening I headed south by  
Compass and a little local VRR man had  
given me. I gave man 100 francs for clothing. I had  
escape kit + purse. That night the fell until  
dawn then decided to travel on for 5 days on  
dirt ~~to~~ roads avoiding large towns. Only  
asked for food once and asked for food then was  
given bread, meat + butter. Ate a few pieces of  
Boulanger had an extra bar of chocolate in pocket  
etc that, slept in fields by stacks in barn.  
at end of 5 days I saw two men in field + offered  
the should then my wings and let the know I  
was American flyer. I asked for razor. They gave me food.  
Next day returned with razor + more food and 3 guns  
slept there in a hay stack with me. They went to  
Pat St Pierre + talked to a woman in bar +  
Cafe she told them to bring in. She was married  
to a New Zealander in Hospital. She gave me clothes  
+ kept me 8 nights or a two nights I slept in woods.  
She finally made a contact. Two men visited me  
several times and gave me took me to Fleury <sup>Arvillers?</sup>  
I stayed there with 2 ladies + their mother for 10 days <sup>113</sup>  
BROUKT. Husband in German P.C. There were 14 they fly <sup>26 kms SE of ROUEN</sup>  
troubled in town with German so took me by car  
to a small town called Bacqueville <sup>19 kms SE CAUX</sup>  
another 10 days in a farm house. My gun came  
and asked if I was ready to go so I left with  
them by car next to a house + stayed 2 nights  
then to Paris on train with my men. Identity card  
given to me at Fleury. I landed in Paris about  
Aug 5<sup>th</sup>. I was put up in a coffee <sup>Route de la</sup>

where I stayed 15 days Madras Fabre. Left Paris with a young French girl who took us to Bordeaux. No check, changed to electric bus and met to a station near Day where we stayed in a few house for night. Left before dawn with 5 young Frenchmen. Girl did not come. We went on by electric bus to Bayonne just before a civilian asked to see our identity cards. At station a German officer looked closely at Identity cards. I was supposed to be Dr. Deaf & Deamp. No trouble. We walked across town took trolley to Biarritz then to cafe then arranged for truck & guide. I put about 1200 francs in pocket.

Truck took us to within 6 or 8 kilometers of border we walked on in rain to 4 or 5 kilometers of border stopped at sheep station at 9 P.M. took us on and at midnight stopped 2 kilometers short of border & guide left us. We slept left 4 A.M. found met with us & took us to bus stop at 1st Spanish town & left. We set on & hit the road down.

Interned at Irun Concentration Camp for a month. Saw Amer. Embassy & Consul Representatives. Interned one month at Miranda de Ebro concentration camp. Entered Madrid 15<sup>th</sup> of Oct.



SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 174.

No., Rank, Name: 337 65644 T/Sgt. George A. Bossinger  
Unit: 384 Bomb (H) Grp. 546 Sqn.

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? Yes.
- (b) If not, had you one on you?
- (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 — A little at a time when especially tired while walking before contact with organization
- (iii) Milk (tube).
- (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue) One tablet on nite I crossed border
- (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).
- (vi) Matches — Built fire once - later for cigarettes
- (vii) Adhesive tape. — For blisters on heel while walking
- (viii) Chewing gum. — To allay thirst while walking
- (ix) Water bottle. — While walking
- (x) Compass — While walking before contact & while crossing border
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect? Water bottle should have stopper for carrying water. Needed more adhesive
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? Tape surrendered for destruction before entering Paris
- (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? Chocolate would be better than Horlicks tablets

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? Yes - Brown (canvas & rubber)  
If so, state COLOR.  
If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? Yes
- (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? Of France
- (ii) Compass. Yes - often

- (iii) File (hacksaw). No
- (iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. Yes - French  
How did you spend the money. For clothes
- (d) How did you dispose of: - For food transportation, & Guide at  
Maps. Surrendered for destruction. Border (Total of 2000 fr.)  
Compass. 1 - lost  
File (hacksaw). Surrendered for destruction  
Surplus currency. Used last for meal after crossing border

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+)

(+Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

None - No parachute emergency kit.

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

- (i) Round compass. From Purse - Quite satisfactory but easily lost.
- (ii) Stud compass. No
- (iii) Swinger compass. No
- (iv) Fly-button compass. No
- (v) Pencil clip compass. No
- (vi) Tunic button compass. No
- (vii) Pipe compass. No
- (viii) Pouch No

(ix) Special flying boots (and knife). Used sheath knife to free chute from tree. Used pocket knife continuously

(b) Were they satisfactory?

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

Razor & better maps. I used local map while walking

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

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

(b) Did you use them?  
State how. For Identity Papers

5. LECTURES

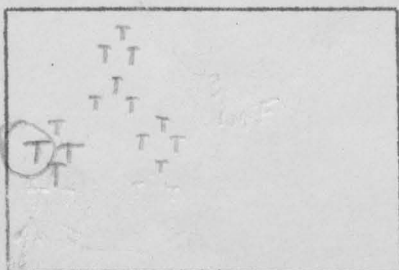
(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? At Kearney, Neb. by Special Lecturer & in U.K. by C.O.  
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

(b) Did you find the lectures of value?

Yes

NAME George A. Bossinger RANK T/Sgt. ASN 33365644 REPORT NO. 174

SQ 546 GROUP 384 A/C NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Load \_\_\_\_\_ Date Oct. 30 '43



Position in formation.  
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing:

No bombs dropped

Enemy Fighter Tactics: First attack by 3-109F circled formation

Markings: one plane) Second attack while out of formation, hung on tail (tail gunner downed)

Our Tactics: attached from all sides, High

First attack - Tight formation

Second attack - Evasive action

Our Fighter Support: None

Flak

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
On Return	South of Dieppe	Heavy, localized Red Bursts

Technical Failures

Motors:

Armor:

Armament:

Top Turret controls - Guns swung vertical  
Miscellaneous: and turret revolved left when  
safety switch depressed.

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

Did not black out. Did not use bail-out  
bottle till after chute opened. Alt. at time of jump  
probably 20,000 ft.

Lieut. A. Bosinger  
384 Bomb Corp. 546 Sqn.

MOST SECRET.

APPENDIX "B".  
M.I. 9.(b)/S/P.G. ....

The following information has been obtained from our interview with  
..... ( ..... ) 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 no signs of military activity while walking  
except at one small town at edge of forest. By  
hearsay learned most of troops had been withdrawn  
from north at time of African Invasion. Only troops  
on leave observed in Paris. French said most of  
A.A. guns had been withdrawn from city area. Troops  
in city quiet but not noticeably depressed.

M.I. 9.  
/ /42.

Lieut.-Colonel, G.S.

HQ, ETOUSA  
Office of AC of S, G-2  
MIS Detachment

E & E REPORT NO. 177  
EVASION IN FRANCE

10/30/43  
(Date)

George A. Bossinger T/Sgt - 33365644  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

544 Bomb 384 Bomb  
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 28

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1

HOME ADDRESS: 6421 Landview St  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

MIA: 26 June 1943  
Arrived in Spain: Aug. 22, '43  
Arrived in Gibraltar: Oct. 27, '43  
Arrived in UK: Oct. 30, '43

OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB) Sept

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-515818	2d Lt	Delton C. WHEAT	P/W	
CO-PILOT	0-675097	2d Lt	Donald G. McMULLEN	MIA P/W	
NAVIGATOR	0-670133	2d Lt	Thomas L. KETCHAN	P/W	
BOMBARDIER	0-734419	2d Lt	Robert J. BROWN	P/W	
RADIO OPERATOR	35433828	S/Sgt	Theodore W. FINCK	P/W	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	33365644	T/Sgt	George A. BOSSINGER	- NARRATOR	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	31143855	S/Sgt	John J. KATUZNEY	P/W	
LEFT WAIST GUNNER	38157209	S/Sgt	Warren L. PURSCH	P/W	
RIGHT WAIST GUNNER	35367816	S/Sgt	Ralph C. WOOD	P/W	
TAIL GUNNER	18126300	S/Sgt	Dero (MNI) HURST	P/W	

Nine chutes observed in air besides self.

Were you wounded? No

GRAFTON-UNDERWOOD  
26 JUNE 1943

the air-field at  
VILLACOUBLAY

We left GRAFTON-UNDERWOOD the afternoon of 26 June 1943 to bomb VILLACOUBLAY

At 12,000 feet there was a solid cloud cover. I did not see any fighter escort, nor I did not see any flak or fighters until just before the target. Then three Me 109's came in on our tail, but ~~apparently~~ did no apparent damage. I am sure that the tail gunner shot down one of these planes. ~~There was no flak~~ I saw no flak over the target. ~~The~~ clouds were unbroken, so we did not bomb the target, but turned ~~did not know~~ what was wrong, for all four motors were operating. ~~heavy flak~~ for home. / As we neared the channel, I saw some ~~red bursts~~ <sup>silver</sup> bursts of ~~thick flak~~ behind us.

Then we were attacked by ~~FW's~~ <sup>FW's</sup> which came in high from the side. I gave a burst out the ~~front~~ but then lost control of the turret. I thought that the controls were loose and tried to fix them, so I failed to see the rest of the attack. Over the interphone the pilot gave the order to bail out. I dropped down from the turret and put on my parachute. I followed the co-pilot, bombardier, navigator out the nose; after us came the pilot. I pulled the rip cord immediately and saw nine parachutes in the air. I think we went out at 17,000 feet. On the way down I saw ~~our~~ plane burning on the ground below us.

DID NOT BOMB

BAILED OUT

LANDED IN TREE

HELPED BY HELPED FARMER

I landed <sup>in</sup> in some woods south of ENVERMEU right in a tree. Before I ~~before I~~ ~~came down~~ climbed down, a farmer came and told me to stay there. ~~I managed to get~~ ~~my chute out of the tree~~ The farmer brought me food, <sup>frances</sup> and I stayed ~~in the woods~~ and 100 ~~marks~~ <sup>frances</sup> from my escape purse and clothing. I gave ~~the~~ him my flying suit and put the civilian clothes on over my other clothing. I had managed to get my chute out of the tree, and I buried it with me mae west and other equipment. I stayed in the woods until the next evening. After dark I ~~had~~ followed a compass course south, using a little railroad map which the man had given me, and walked through the fields until dawn.

I decided to travel for five days on dirt roads, avoiding all large towns. I had ~~an~~ chocolate bar in my pocked and ate that as well as the chocolate and Horlicks tablets from my escape kit. I slept in the fields or in haystacks; one night I slept in a barn. I asked for food only once, and then received meat and bread and butter.

WALKED FIVE DAYS

After five days I approached two men in a field, showed them my wings, and let

FOUND  
HELP

them know that I was an American flyer. They gave me some food and had me stay ~~out~~  
~~the/woods/~~ The next day they returned with ~~some~~ a razor, which I had asked for, and  
some food. They slept in a hay stack with me. From there my journey was arranged  
for me.

Compiled by:

APPROVED BY:

RICHARD R NELSON  
Major, AC

W STULL HOLT  
Lt Col, AC  
Commanding

Appendices A-E

Appendix B

1. The following information has been obtained from an interview with a ser-  
geant who evaded capture by the enemy after being in enemy occupied territory.
2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but in that case no  
information about the source may be divulged.

1943.

Statement of information covering period from 26 June 1943 to 21 October

- a. I heard from some Frenchmen that most ~~off~~ the anti-aircraft guns in Paris  
had been withdrawn from the city area; but they did not tell me when the movement  
occurred