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NINTH AIR FORCE

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APO 696, US Army,
7 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : 2ND LT RAY L STEWART, O-756920, 381 Bomb Group

You will proceed on or about 7 September 1944 from Headquarters, Ninth Air Force to the United States Special Reception Center, 63 Brook Street, London, W-1, England. TDN by IIT, mil acft or rail. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

By command of Major General VANDENBERG:

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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Ray L. Stewart 2nd Lt. 0-756920
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

8-9-44
(Date)

A.C.

(Unit)

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.

24-6-44 0830 30 kil. south of Tours.

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

No 3 engine on fire.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 24000'

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

Three were killed either when it blew up or when it hit the ground.

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

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? Before

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.

Pilot, Richard L. Kellum killed. Buried by the French people who had his name, rank, serial no., and address. They showed me the grave.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

No. But the French people showed me where parts of it fell the fuselage about a mile from the rest of the plane.
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?

Four dead, three prisoners of war and possibly one other besides myself evaded. All told to me by the French people.

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Ray L Stewart 2nd Lt 0-756920
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: Tours, France

Date mission in action: 24-6

Date arrived in UK: 18-3-44

25 (No. of missions)

534 (Squadron) 381 (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT P. W. Vic Ramaskoe 2LT.

CO-PILOT Richard L. Kellum 2LT

NAVIGATOR Chandler F/O

BOMBARDIER Ray L Stewart 2LT.

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

Killed. Buried by the French people who showed me his grave.
According to what the French people told me three men were in the plane when it hit the ground all were killed. Another was killed because his parachute pulled loose from the harness. Three men were taken prisoner by the Germans one man having a broken leg. The one remaining man must have ~~dropped~~ evaded as I had no news about him.

Don't know names of other men

Decorations: Air Medal with two clusters.

Date of Birth: Jan 17, 1920

Private Address: 1503 Mt. Vernon, Yakima, Washington

Length of Service: 1 1/2 years

Job as Civilian: Salesman

From what field did you take off? Take off time. Ridgewell

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

Were you wounded? Give details. Right knee. was unable to walk for the first week and very little for three weeks after that

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? No

Do you speak FRENCH? a little SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE?

Did you have identity papers? No

(over)

No 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?

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. *Laval, France 7-9-44 by air*

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.

Check
dispositions
in file

Pilot 0814558, 20Y+, Victor R. Romasco ✓ MIA

Copilot 0695264, 20Y+, Richard L. Kellum ✓ MIA

Nav. T-123924, F/O, James H. Chandler ✓ P/W

Narrator

R.O. 37478325 S/Sgt, Paul H. Cosandier ✓ MIA

TTG. 19103322 Sgt, Elbert F. Siddens ✓ P/W

BTG. 38432008 Sgt, Grover L. Scoggins ✓ MIA

W.G. 19150904 S/Bgt, Harry E. Owens ✓ MIA

W.G. —

T.G. 39227045 S/Bgt, Ernest L. Waldow ✓ P/W

381 Sp - 24 June

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *2nd Lt. Ray L. Stewart*

Unit:- *A.C. 581st Bomb. Gp.*

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? *Because I was unable to walk very much for a month and stayed with some French people who fed me and so on.*
- 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.

Sewing kit.

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *Left it with some French people.*
- 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? *yes.*
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.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? *yes*

If so, how many? *7*

b. Did you use them? *I used them trying to get papers but*

was not successful

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *yes.*

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *Grand Island, Neb. March 44*

Bovington, England

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?

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.,.....)

I stayed in Pont de Luan which is located between Montbazon and Azay Le Rideau. There was a German training camp about 15 kil. south of there. Pont de Luan, Montbazon and Azay Le Rideau have been liberated by the 771 and many small towns in that section also have been liberated. By liberated I mean the Germans have moved out and the 771 have armed patrols on the road and in the towns. I ~~saw~~ saw about three hundred German troops march thru the town one day most of them looked very young. This was in July. At night the Germans would drive thru the town with trucks, tanks and big guns. Not very many at a time but a few each night, most of them going North. In the evening and early in the mornings I saw many German SS troops on bikes going North also. They would be in small bunches of from thirty on down. At the time I left the nearest German were 30 or 40 kil to the south where there were supposed to be several thousand.

1st
2nd Lt. Ray L. Stewart 0-756920

534/381

21 Jan - 8 Sept

On the 24th June 1944 my plane was hit by flak. I bailed out and landed in a woods about 10 miles E of Pont de Ruan (INDRE & LOIRE) where I was surrounded by French who took me to a house. I was hidden in the woods and fed. I remained in the woods until the following morning when a M. Delancourt (spelling may be wrong) came for me and took me in his car to his chateau in the vicinity. I stayed here for 6 days, hiding in the woods during the day and sleeping in the chateau at night. He was leader of a group of men. He was accidentally shot in the leg and an FFI Captain took over command of his men. M. Delancourt and 2 Frenchmen took me by cycle to the Hotel de Grande Bretagne in Pont de Ruan. The proprietress was Mme. Bourne who worked with the FFI and helped evaders. I stayed here a month and then spent 4 days in the nearby house of Mme. Grenez. I stayed a further week with Mme. Bourne and then a M. De Levant, a Resistance leader from Bordeaux, took me back to the chateau. I stayed here 10 days during which time I went out with M. Delancourt on sabotage missions. Then M. Delancourt's servant TOOK ME to Mme. Bourne's Hotel. On the 4th September M. Bourne, a Lt. in the FFI and 2 other Frenchmen drove me to Tours from where I was evacuated through channels.

On about the 15th August Mme. Bourne induced 2 Polish and 2 Czech soldiers in the German Army who had stopped at the Hotel to give themselves up to the local FFI.

Casualty Information

According to the Secrtaire de Mairie, Valleres, (Indre et Loire), my Co-Pilot was buried in that town. He was 2nd Lt. Richard Love Kellum - 0-695264.

R. Sarant: A Red Cross woman whom I met in D'Azay-RedRideau (Indre et Loire) told me that Harry Owens was buried in Tours.

R. Sarant
2nd Lt AUS

Read
RS

DÉPARTEMENTAL

Richard Love
Kellum

William

CRÉDIT

2nd Lieutenant

Copilot

MAIRIE DE VALLERES

Harry Owens

Tours

DÉPARTEMENT

INSTRUCTION MINISTÉRIELLE

VIREMENTS AUX COMPTES DE CHÈQUES POSTAUX

du 11 Août 1928

N° du compte à débiter

AVIS DE CRÉDIT

A fournir
par les Ordonnateurs

MONTANT NET DU TITRE DE PAYEMENT

Montant brut du titre de paiement ..

A DÉDUIRE :

RETENUES

pour opposition

pour taxe de virement

pour

Montant net du titre de paiement..

Le (1) soussigné

a l'honneur d'informer M.....

que les dispositions nécessaires ont été prises le.....

pour que le compte ouvert à (2).....

nom

à { la Caisse centrale du Trésor public.....

la Recette centrale de la Seine.....

la Trésorerie générale de

la Banque de France (succursale de.....

la Banque de.....

(succursale de

au bureau de Chèques postaux de.....

sous le N°....., soit crédité de la somme de Frs. (en toutes



MAIRIE
DE
VALLÈRES

Vallères, le 194

ARRONDISSEMENT DE CHINON

CANTON D'AZAY-LE-RIDEAU

Richard Love Kellum

D 695 264 - 534

Williamsburg Ohio

2nd St AC

ne' 7. 6. 1921

Objets pris par les allemands sur le mort

1 pistolet avec étui

1 parachute An 42/6513 LA 558308 H16623

1 briquet

1 montre bracclet avec trottuse

2 flousis

2 shirings

19 livres sterling (19 billets d'1 livre)

2 broches en or

1 feuille de tickets d'un aéroplane s'élève à 2000

Lt. Stewart

24 June

Just over target and as about to let bombs go hit by flak. I let bombs go. Next thing I knew escape hatch was off. I baled out at 24000, delayed jump to 10000 and came down in woods where fell in clearing spraining my right knee. about 10 Km.

E. of Pont de Ruan(S. of Tours). I was immediately greeted by french and disposed of chute etc. who took me to their house. They hid me in the woods. Fed me all day. Stayed in woods overnight. Next day a M. Delancourt or equiv. was brought to me. He took me in his car to his chateau in the vicinity. I stayed here six days, staying in the woods in

daytime and sleeping in his house at night. ~~MAX~~ If not a member of the FFI he worked with them and took active part and had men under him When he was accidentally shot in leg A French ~~Capt.~~ ~~inx~~ took his

men over. Then escorted by Delancourt and 2 other men cycled to A Cafe and rooming house. Hotel De Grande Bretagne in Pont De Ruan. The proprietor was MME Bourne

She was FFI. She had helped other evaders. After I had been here a month, arms were dropped in vicinity where I had come down and germans got most of them. MME Bourne was afraid the Germans would make a search

of the area so she sent me for 4 days to nearby house of MME Grenez

I then returned to the Cafe where I stayed for another week. ~~Mrx~~

~~Delancourt~~ Then M. DeLevant, who was supposed to be a R.e.s. leader in Bomdeaux, and who had been forced out due to Gestapo, on the suggestion of Delancourt came for me in his car and brought me back to

Delancourt house, from where he went on to Paris. I stayed here for 10 days. During time I went out with him on missions. Cutting Te. poles and wires, Another day 6 of us with machine guns hunted German Cars but no success. I then went with Delancourt servant back to the

Cafe where I stayed until Sept. 4 when Mr. Bourne a Lt. in Res and ~~another~~ 2 other Frenchmen drove me to Tours where I reported to Capt. Calahan 329th Inf. and then to Capt. Bagley S.-3 329.

I stayed here until the 6th where I was taken to air field at Le Mans. No body knew what to do with me. Maj. Neire and 2 then directed me to Laval where we drove on the 7th. There I got my order and proceeded to England.

One day in middle August 2 Poles and 2 Czechs in German

Army stopped at Cafe inx while enroute for their outfit. She

talked them into giving themselves up to the local Res.

who took them away in a car.

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1. Because disclosures of information regarding evasion from capture, escape, details of imprisonment, release from internment, and repatriation have been made, the lives and services of fellow soldiers and those who help them have been lost or endangered. All information which you possess on these subjects, including the experiences of others as well as your own, briefings and equipment for evasion and escape, and preparations and other activities in connection therewith, constitutes MILITARY INFORMATION which is classified SECRET by the War Department.

2. You will therefore disclose no information whatever, beyond the fact of your return to duty from "missing in action" or "prisoner of war" or "internment", to anyone except the following military officials:

- a. The first Military Attache to whom you report;
- b. An officer designated by the Commanding General of an overseas Theatre of Operations;
- c. The Prisoner of War Branch, MIS, Washington, D.C., the interrogating agency designated by the A/C of S, G-2, War Department General Staff;
- d. Certain other officers holding written authority from the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, to interrogate you.

3. You will particularly guard against disclosure of SECRET information to relatives, friends, representatives of the press and radio, and military officials, except as noted in a, b, c and d above.

4. In order to protect yourself against disciplinary action, any question involving publicity must be referred BY YOU PERSONALLY to the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, Washington, D.C.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have read and fully understand all of the foregoing and the Directive of the Secretary of War, 6 Aug 43 (on the reverse side), and will at ALL TIMES hereafter comply fully therewith.

I understand that all information concerning escape, evasion from capture, activities and equipment in connection therewith, and details of imprisonment or release from internment, is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone except the military officials specifically designated. I further understand that disclosure to any other person will make me liable to disciplinary action for failure to safeguard MILITARY INFORMATION.

I realize that publicity concerning my experiences, by word of mouth or otherwise, will endanger the lives of many persons and therefore it is my duty to take all possible precautions to prevent it.

I further certify that I have received a copy of the foregoing.

Name (Print) Ray L. Stewart Signed Ray L. Stewart
Rank 2nd Lt A.S.N. 0-756920 Dated 8-9-44 Place
Unit A.C. 381st Bomb. Gr. 534th Witness Ray L. Stewart, 2nd Lt. ADJ

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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 Forces;
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 supersedes 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.

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(See Reverse Side)