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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

MC CARRY, JAMES S/Sgt. 3434553-1
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
3924 577 sq.
(Unit)

9/20/44
(Date)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT
CO-PILOT
NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER
RADIO OPERATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER
BALL TURRET GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

9/29/44 AT 12:45 CRASHED NEAR WATERLOO, BELGIUM

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

SOAKED WITH GAS + ON FIRE

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 4000'

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

DONT KNOW

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

2 WAIST GUNNERS - TAIL GUNNER - BALL GUNNER - RADIO OPERATOR
NOSE GUNNER.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? DONT KNOW.

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. I RECEIVED NAMES OF 3 CREW MEMBERS THAT WAS HIDING.

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.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? 4 ARE HERE - OTHER 3 DONT KNOW.

Mc Crary

B-24 crew member shot down Jan 44
near Waterloo, Belgium. Canadian girl,
Mary Larda, took him to her father's
house in Wavre. He owned butcher-shop
in town. 5 days. Then got into orgn.
Thence to Peewey, in orgn. ~~thence~~
Met David Kramer, Thunderbolt pilot.
Stayed there 10 days. He stayed on with
those people. ~~Then~~ Later heard he joined
white army. Back now. I went back to
Wavre as orgn evidently unable to
send me off. Back to Wavre 4 months.
Thence to orgn in Brussels 2 weeks.
Don't know street address. Very poor
organization. Did not feed me, etc.
No other allies there. Back to Wavre.
Lardas know name of other helpers.
Back to Lardas 3 mos, until allies came
through

M. et Mme. P. Larda - Marique

5 Rue des Volontaires,
Wavre

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *MCBRARY, JOE. S/Sgt 3434555*

Unit:- *392 A. 5772g.*

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? *DID NOT NEED IT.*
- 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 AT THE PLACE OF HIDING.*
- 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?

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN OK. IF I HAD NEEDED IT.

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? *USED MONEY*

(over)

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones? NO

Compass, NO

File (hacksaw). NO

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money?

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d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. LEFT THEM WITH PEOPLE I STAYED WITH

Compass. I HAVE IT NOW.

File (hacksaw). LOST

Surplus currency. GAVE IT TO YOUNG BOY THAT TOOK CARE OF ME.

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? NO

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? YES
If so, how many? 9

b. Did you use them? YES

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? YES, OCT. 43 AT ~~CHEDDING~~
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

CHEDDING BY S-2 OFFICERS.

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? NO

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 six weeks near _____ where M.E. 110 operated.
monthly, in 88 made a few missions from there. It was Bombed
three times while I was there, the last time finished it for
good. I walked within 1000 yds. of the ammunition dumps.
They used the defence guns lots but from the ground it didn't
look accurate.

I was in Brussels three weeks and heard the bombs but
was not able to see the results.

I was two miles from _____ and it was bombed one night at
11:15; I saw the results which were very bad. The rail
road wasn't hit, most of the village was destroyed.

Troops passed through _____ from the 1st to the 3rd of Sept.
They were of all kinds - tanks, trucks, horse & wagons, bicycles,
cars and on foot. They were all together and didn't seem to
know where they were going. They were strafed by 47s on Sunday
(Sept. 3) but I didn't get to see all the results.

The enemy morale seemed to be very low, the civilian
morale grew as the allies gained ground.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

KIS/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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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) MCCRARY, JOE E. Signed Joe E. McCrary
Rank S/SGT A.S.N. 3431555 Dated 9/14/44 Place 63 Brook St London
Unit 392 Bn. 579 Sq. Witness Raymond F. Pencek

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

MCCRARY, HOB E. 34345551
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
8 (No. of missions)
579 392
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: 1/27/44

Date arrived in UK: 9/9/44

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

Indicate what
happened to each man
and how you know.

PILOT 1st LT. JOHN STUKUS 1st LT. WILLIAM R. ROUGH-NOSE GUN.
CO-PILOT 2nd LT. JOHN E. MOFFAT, 0681164 - PW 0744050 -
NAVIGATOR 2nd LT. RONALD L. LINDLOW, 0683192
BOMBARDIER 2nd LT. LESTER E. GENTRY, 0678355
RADIO OPERATOR T/Sgt. JAMES R. DYKES. - HAS RETURNED EYE 1592
TOP TURRET GUNNER T/Sgt. WILLIAM R. MATTHEWSON, 11088221 -
BALL TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt. LOUIS ROSATI - HAS RETURNED EYE 1888 10 Sep
WAIST GUNNER S/Sgt. HOB MCCRARY - HAS RETURNED Narrator
WAIST GUNNER S/Sgt. ANTHONY P. ANTONIO - HAS RETURNED EYE 1875 7 Sep
TAIL GUNNER S/Sgt. WILLIAM MCGENLEY - HAS RETURNED EYE 1874 9 Sep

Decorations: AIR MEDAL

Date of Birth: 4/21/1917

Private Address: COLUMBUS, MISS. U.S.A.

Length of Service: 2 YEARS

Job as Civilian: PIPER FITTER

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

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

Were you wounded? Give details. NO

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much?

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

Did you have identity papers? YES

(over)

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?

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When? YES 9/10/44

Date of arrival in Spain: —

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: —

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. 9/9/44 BRUXELLES

List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans.

1st LT. JOHN STUMUS - PILOT
2nd LT. JOHN M. FRIT - CO-PILOT

List names of American or British personnel believed to be evading.

S/Sgt. J. E. McCrory — "C"
343 45551 392 Cp

11 Sep
1889

I was a member of the crew of a B-24 shot down on 29 January 44 near WATERLOO, Belgium. A Canadian girl, Mary LARDA, took me to her father's house in WAVRE (Met MME P. LARDA, 5 Rue des VOLONTAIRES, WAVRE). He was the owner of a butcher shop in town. I stayed with them 5 days, then was picked up by "organization" people, who took me to PEEWEZ. I stayed there ten days, meeting Lt. DAVID KRAMER, Thunderbolt pilot. I went back to WAVRE then, and KRAMER stayed on with these people (their names are known to LARDA). I later heard that he had joined the "White Army"; and that he has returned to the UK.

I stayed in WAVRE 4 months, then the organization took me to Brussels, where I stayed for two weeks. This seemed to be a very poor organization as they did not feed me properly, or take good care of me. There were no other allied fliers there. I do not know the street address or anything about the organization, but these people are known to LARDA. I went back to his house in WAVRE for another 3 months until the allies came through and picked me up.

(Source would get a "Sec 8" instead of a "S/Sgt" in my outfit — Rst)