

SECRET

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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

HODULIK, HENRY J. S/SGT. 35766661 9/10/44  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)  
397 TH  
(Unit)

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.

APPOX. 10:30 AM. MAY 8, 1944 ABOUT 25 KILOMETRES N/W OF  
NEUFCHATEL-EN-BRAY, FRANCE

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

LEFT ENGINE COMPLETELY OUT. RIGHT ENGINE BELIEVED  
DAMAGED. - POWER SYSTEM LOW -

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

APPROX. 7,000 FT.

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

NO

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

TAIL GUNNER, ENGINEER GUNNER, RADIO OPERATOR, BOMBARDIER-NAV.  
CO-PILOT - DID NOT SEE TAIL GUNNERS CHUTE OPEN

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

NOT CERTAIN -

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.

NO INFORMATION

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.

NO

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

ONLY THROUGH RUMORS DID I HEAR A  
FREE FRENCH OPERATOR SAY PILOT WAS BELIEVED  
TO HAVE GONE DOWN WITH SHIP AND LIKEWISE THAT  
BOMBARDIER AND TAIL GUNNER WERE BELIEVED  
PRISONERS. ALSO THAT CO-PILOT MAYBE FREE. - NOTHING  
CERTAIN

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

HODULIK, HENRY J. S/SGT. 3276661  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

SIX (6) (No. of missions)

596<sup>TH</sup> (Squadron) 397<sup>TH</sup> (Group)

TARGET: Bridge at Rouen

Date mission in action: MAY 8, 1944

Date arrived in UK: SEPT 9, 1944

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT <sup>2d</sup> LT. HARRY E. WALTER <sup>0803539 P/W</sup> NOT CERTAIN - FREE FRENCH REPORT PILOT CRASHED WITH SHIP

CO-PILOT LT. FREEMAN - BAILED OUT - BUT NO REPORTS AFTER

NAVIGATOR LT. HOFFMAN - REPORTED TAKEN PRISONER ACCORDING TO F. I.

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR S/SGT. HENRY J. HODULIK - RETURNED TO U.K.

TOP TURRET GUNNER SGT. O. E. YOUNG <sup>(1900)</sup> RETURNED TO U.K.

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER SGT. MARION ROSE <sup>35623274 P/W</sup> - REPORTED BY F. I. TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN PRISONER

Decorations:

Date of Birth: JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> 1922

Private Address: 740 WALNUT STREET, DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY

Length of Service: 19 MONTHS

Job as Civilian: ASST. PURCHASING AGENT

From what field did you take off? Take off time. RIVEN HALL - APP ROX. 8:30 A.M.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? NOT CERTAIN

Were you wounded? Give details. NO

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? NO GUIDE

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

Did you have identity papers? IDENTITY TAGS

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?

NO YES: 65 BRUOK 10/9/44

Date of arrival in Spain: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: \_\_\_\_\_

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. DIEPPE HARBOR BY SEA  
9/9/44

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

LT. HOFFMAN - NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER  
SGT. MARION ROSE - TAIL GUNNER

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

ALL OTHER AIRMEN THAT WERE  
HIDDEN BY THE FFI. KNOWN TO US (NOT  
BY NAME) WERE LIBERATED BY THE  
ARMY AND NOW PROBABLY IN THE U.K.



Walter - given

Elmer C. Freeman, 2d Lt, .0805432 M.I.H.

George A. Hofmann, 2d Lt, 0741310 PW

Henry Houdlik - Narrator

Oscar E Young, Sgt, 39852035 (1900)<sup>898</sup>

Marion Rose, Sgt, 35623274

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.No., Rank, Name:- Hodulik

Unit:-

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? ONLY MAPS AND COMPASS
- b. If not, why? IT WAS FULL OF THEM
- 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.

WALKING ONE NIGHT AND 3 HOURS  
NEXT DAY

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? NO
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? FREE FRENCH HIDE THEM
- 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?

NO2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse?  
State color of stripes and letters.  
If NOT, State why not.

YES  
\* O.D. - CONTAINING 2000 FRANCS

- b. Did you use the purse?

YES - MOSTLY FOR TOBACCO  
TOILET ARTICLES, ETC. - RETURNED  
WITH 490 FRANCS.  
(over)

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

Maps. Which ones? YES - MAP OF FRANCE

Compass. YES

File (hacksaw). NO

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. FRANCE - 2000 FRANCES

How did you spend the money? MOSTLY FOR TOBACCO  
TOILET ARTICLES, ETC

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. IN FRENCH HANDS AFTER BEING  
LIBERATED

Compass. SAME

File (hacksaw). "

Surplus currency. None

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

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? NO  
If so, how many?

b. Did you use them? NO

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? YES - AT BARKSMALE  
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. FIELD SHREVEPORT, LA.  
AND IN IRELAND, BY EVADERS THEMSELVES

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



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.,.....)

IN ALLIED HANDS

S/Sgt Henry J HODULIK

32766661  
596 Sqdn, 397 B Gp

10 Sept 44

1899

I bailed out on 8 May and landed at NEUVILLE (10 kilos NW of MESNIERES EN BRAY). I hid for several hours, but ~~honne~~ <sup>honne</sup> approached. I walked southward all night and the next day obtained civilian clothes from a farmer.

~~xxxxMESNIERESxxxI bought xxxrailroadxticketxtotxPARISxxxThexticketxx  
seller~~

At MESNIERES EN BRAY, I decided to buy a railroad ticket to PARIS. The ticket-seller there, M. Henry FOLLET, was very helpful. He took me to his home, and got into contact with helpers. His address is Chef de Gare, MESNIERES, SEINE INFERIEURE.

I remained with him from 9 May to 13 May. Then I was taken to the home of M and Mme DUMOCHEL ~~where~~ in NEUFCHATEL. Here I met Sgt Oscar E. YOUNG. From this point on, my story is the same as his.

*H. Hodulik*



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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) HODULIK, HENRY J. Signed [Signature]  
 Rank S/SGT A.S.N. 3276666 Dated 1/6/44 Place London  
 Unit 397TH BOMB GROUP Witness [Signature]  
596th Bomb Sqdn

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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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(See Reverse Side)

See Sgt. Oscar E. Young

folder for story

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