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P/W and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

YOUNG, OSCAR E. Sgt. 398 52035 Sept 10
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)
596TH Bomb Sqon 397TH Bomb Group
(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.

May 8th 10:30 25 Kilometres N.W. of Neu Chatel
Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc? FRANCE

Left Engine Out Right Engine Failing, No Fire
At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

7,000 FT.
Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

I was slightly wounded. None Dead.
What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? Chutes Opened
NAV, CO-PILOT, RADIO, ENG. GUN, ARM. GUN. YES ALL

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?

Yes, Radio Operator.
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
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?

1 Dead, 2 Prisoner, 2 Evaded. AND / NOT
Certain

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

YOUNG OSCAR, SGT 39852035
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
4 (No. of missions)
596TH B. 397TH B.
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: Bridge at Rouen
Date mission in action: MAY 9
Date arrived in UK: SEPT. 9. 44

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT LT. HARRY E. WALTER, Not Certain P.W. BUT FROM ALL REPORTS, HE CRASHED WITH SHIP. → M.I.A.
CO-PILOT LT. FREEMAN. No Report As to His Location AFTER HE BAILED OUT.
NAVIGATOR LT. HOFFMAN. TAKEN PRISONER BY THE GERMANS → P.W.
BOMBARDIER Accoromg to F.F.I. → RTP
RADIO OPERATOR S/Sgt. HODULIN, HENRY J. EVADED CAPTURE AND RETURNED TO ENGLAND WITH ME.
TOP TURRET GUNNER SGT. OSCAR E. YOUNG → RTP
BALL TURRET GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER SGT. MARION ROSE TAKEN PRISONER BY GERMAN AS REPORTED BY THE F.F.I. → P.W.

Decorations:

Date of Birth: NOVEMBER 29, 1920
Private Address: 4184 UTICA ST. DENVER, COLO. 8000
Length of Service: 22 MONTHS
Job as Civilian: MACHINIST.
From what field did you take off? Take off time. ROUEN HALL. 08:30

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? NOT CERTAIN.

Were you wounded? Give details. I RECEIVED A SLIGHT WOUND IN THE CHIN FROM FLAK. IT WAS NOT SERIOUS

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? I HAD NO GUIDE
Do you speak FRENCH? SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE?
VERY LITTLE

Did you have identity papers? IDENTITY TAGS ONLY.

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? ~~HO~~ Yes, 43 Brook 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, BOMBER DIER
SGT. MARION ROSE, A.M. GUN.

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

Not Known

1900

Sgt Oscar E. YOUNG
39852035
596 B Sqdn, 397 B Gp

10 Sept 44

I bailed out on 8 May and landed at CLAIS (approximately 25 miles NW of NEUFCHATEL). I was hidden by ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Gabriel SWINDGECOW, a Belgian farmer. I remained in his home ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ for 3 days.

A man named Serge FLAMBERT ~~XXXX~~ brought me civilian clothes and told me he had helped more than 20 Allied airmen to escape. His brother, a resistance chief, had been killed in an American bombing. His address was : Serge FLAMBERT, Rue de Penitents, NEUFCHATEL EN BRAY, SEINE INFERIEURE. He made the contact with my other helpers. *(in Neufchatel)*

(Their home address is St.)

On 10 May, I was taken to the home of M and Mme DUMOCHEL ~~SE~~ MARTIN L'HORTIER, par NEUFCHATEL EN BRAY, SEINE INFERIEURE.) Sgt Henry J HODULIK ~~was brought to this house~~ on the 13th. *Joined me there*

The two of us remained with this family for about 6 weeks. At one time, we spent 10 days on the farm of M and Mme George ADAM, MENNON VAL, par NEUFCHATEL EN BRAY. Then we returned to the DUMOCHEL home and remained there until 28 June.

At this time, we were taken to the home of M and Mme Jean QUILLEN. We stayed there until 1 July, when the town was bombed. Then we returned to the ADAM farm. We remained here until 4 September.

One officer in the resistance in this section was Alphonse HERMANTIER, Perceptor, NEUFCHATEL EN BRAY. We were told that there had been a robbery in his tax-collector's office, and ~~that~~ as a result, he was in great disfavor with the resistance group.

On the first of September, we reported to a Polish officer, and were told to wait for the arrival of more troops. On 4 September, we decided to start making our own way back through the lines. We hitch-hiked to DIEPPE, arriving there on the 5th or 6th. ~~It took us~~ We spent several days ~~trying to locate the RAF~~ there before we located the RAF. Then we were flown to the UK on 9 September. ~~With~~ Sergeant HODULIK and I reported to 63 Brook St upon arrival in the UK.

[Handwritten signature]

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "B" 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~~

RESTRICTED

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) OSCAR E. YOUNG Signed Oscar E. Young
 Rank Sgt. A.S.N. 39852035 Dated 9-10-44 Place London
 Unit 596th B.Soon. 395th B.S.P. Witness William Henry Capt. 2nd

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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)

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 3985303, Sgt. OSCAR E. YOUNG

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? No.
- b. If not, why? It was taken in by the French people.
- 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 the people I stayed with in France.
- 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. GRAY - Red letter
State color of stripes and letters.
If NOT, State why not.

- b. Did you use the purse? Yes

(over)

Following items in the purse did you use?

Compass,

File (hacksaw).

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

d. How did you dispose of:-

Mps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

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

PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

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

b. Did you use them?

LECTURES

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

Did you find the lectures of value?

Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers?

No
No

2,000 FR francs
FRANCE, H.
Helped PAY THE EXPENSES

Left with French

No

No

U.S. PROSEC. AND ENGLAND
Yes

May 8th - bailed out - ^{delayed}

Hodulik - landed Neuville (10 miles. w of Mesvicières en BRAY)
hid - Fr. inns came - walked s. all nt. -

carries for farmer - ticket to Paris for Mesvicières en BRAY
ticket seller in Henri Follet

May 9 - 13th chef de gare
Mesvicières ~~en BRAY~~
Seine Inférieure
FRANCE

YOUNG - bailed out - landed CLAIS, hid, Belgian
farmer Gabriel Swindgeouw - hid gun - stnd

carries from Serge FLAMBERT
moved him to Ruc de Penitents

home of helped 2-6
for more
at go side

Neufchatel, en BRAY
Seine Inférieure

great helper
bro. formerly
res. chief &
killed by
Armed
bombers

in Neufchatel M + M^{me} Dumoche
st. MARTIN l'hortier

home address
MAY 10 - June 28 par Neufchatel en BRAY
Seine Inférieure

joined by Hodulik on 13th

10 days at farm of M + M^{me} Geo. ADAM
MENNON VAL

par Neufchatel en BRAY
Seine Inférieure

(back to Dumoche)

June 28 -
July 1st

M + Mme JEAN
QUILLÉN

bombing - back to Adam

July 1 - Sept. 4th

officer in resistance
(tax-collector)
at C time - robbery so
in disfavor

{ Alphonse. Hermandiere
Perceptor
Neuchatel en BRAY }

Sept. 4th reported to
Polish officer. Sept 4 - hitched to Dieppe -
Sept 5th to
3 days find RAF, left Sept 9