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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

*MIYO MICHAEL R. S/Sgt. 12034507*

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

*29*

(No. of missions)

*455*

(Squadron)

*323*

(Group)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: *2/5/44*

Date arrived in UK: *10 Sep 44*

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT *1st Lt Robert Mims, 0793816 - P/W*

CO-PILOT *1st Lt Leon R Jackson, 0671941 - MIA*

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER *1st Lt John B Rush, 0731739 - P/W*

RADIO OPERATOR *Sgt. H. Vermillion, William F, 37128367 - P/W*

TOP TURRET GUNNER *S/Sgt. M.R. Miyo Narrator*

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIIST GUNNER

WAIIST GUNNER *Harry E. McCandlish Sgt, 35423802 - P/W*

TAIL GUNNER *Don't know name*

Decorations: *D.F.C. A.M.*

Date of Birth: *46/2 Jan. 6, 1920*

Private Address: *13 Second Avenue Boebing New Jersey*

Length of Service: *33 months*

Job as Civilian:

From what field did you take off? Take off time. *Carl come*

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *yes*

Were you wounded? Give details. *no*

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? *no*

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

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?

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: no

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: —

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air.

9/10/44/ — air

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

1st Lt J.K. Brush — 1st Lt MIMS R.P.

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

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~~Also~~ B-26 crew member shot down  
Calonne Ricourt Ricourt. First 2  
days in woods, then got civ  
clothes + stayed with farmer for  
1 week. Edouard Strba, Hestras,  
par Pernes en Artois, P. de C. Thence  
to Calonne Ricourt Met Mme  
Leon Benoit, 43 Rue d'Hesdin.  
Stayed 7 months. Good helpers.  
Back to Strba for 10 days in  
May. Sgt Ferguson was there  
at Benoit's for last 2 months  
of my stay. Lt John Martin, of  
B-26, shot down 5 Feb, in  
Calonne. Saw him several times.  
Came there in May. Stayed with  
M. Derosiaux at 63 Rue L'Ecrivain.  
About 15 people shot by Germans  
in this area, indiscriminately,  
during a local mine strike.  
~~There was a Polish pilot (specifies~~

5/Sgt. M. R. MIYO, - "C"  
1203,4507  
323 Gps

1944  
11 Sep

I was a crew member in a B-26 shot down on 5 Feb 44 at CALONNE RICOUART, Pas de Calais. I spent 2 days hiding in the woods, then I was helped by EDOUARD STRBA at HESTRUS, par PERNES en ARLOIS, with whom I stayed 2 days. I then went to CALONNE RICOUART where I stayed with M. et MME LEON BENOIT, 43 Rue d'HESDIN for 7 months. They were very good to me. In May I went back and spent 10 days with STRBA, then returned to BENOIT's. During July and August, Sgt FERGUSON (E+E—?) was here. Also at CALONNE, staying with M. DÉROSIAUX at 63 Rue L'ECRIVAIN, was Lt. John Martin of a B-26 shot down nearby on 5 Feb. He had come there in May, and I saw him several times. I was picked up by allied forces in their advance through this area during the first week of September.

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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) MICHAEL R. MILYO..... Signed Michael R. Mayo.....  
Rank 3rd Lt / Sgt..... A.S.N. 12034507..... Dated 7/11/44..... Place London.....  
Unit 323 B.G. 455 P.S...... Witness R.D. Field.....  
1st Lt Inf

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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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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

MICHAEL R. MIV/0 S/Sgt. 12034507

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(Rank)

(ASN)

(Date)

(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT  
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BALL TURRET GUNNER  
WAIST GUNNER  
WAIST GUNNER  
TAIL GUNNER

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

1330 - Dec. 5, 1944 - Epps - Pas - De - Calais - France

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

Right Wing was hit - tip was on fire - Right Engine damaged very badly

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 500-600 feet

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

I was told that one of my crew was killed on jumping his parachute did not open

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

tail gunner

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? - no

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 receive information - that three members were captured - one killed in jumped - one evading - no members names were given

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

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?

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

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? - *no need*
- 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? - *I give it to the French and took care of me*
- 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? *no*  
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.

*I turned them over to the French  
that took care of me*

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

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

If so, how many?

b. Did you use them?

*yes - three  
Pass Port.*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

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

*yes, by my Sgdm. back  
in January of 44*

*No*

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- b. If not, why? *no need*
- 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.

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State color of stripes and letters. *—*  
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- b. Did you use the purse? *no*

(over)

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? *none*

Maps. Which ones?

Compass,

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

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d. How did you dispose of:- *turned it over to the French*

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a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *yes Back in my*  
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *39th in January of 44*

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?

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.,.....)

~~I was given no military information  
I only saw small groups of German  
soldier - the town where I live was  
bombed on Feb. 13, 1944 about 1400 homes  
no military target - what ever was in  
this town calonne Recouvert Pas-la-croix  
France - 16 person were - killed and  
about 30 wounded.~~

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