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TO : Personnel concerned.

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2. It is an offense, carrying heavy penalties, to publish or to communicate to any unauthorized person any information which might be useful to the enemy.
3. Information about your escape or your evasion from capture would be useful to the enemy and a danger to your friends. It is therefore SECRET.
4. a. You must therefore not disclose, except to the first Military Attache to whom you report, or to an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations:
 - (1) The names of those who helped you.
 - (2) The method by which you escaped or evaded.
 - (3) The route you followed.
 - (4) Any other facts concerning your experience.
- b. You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the Press.
- c. You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.
- d. You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4a.
- e. No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of the War or Navy Department.

By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

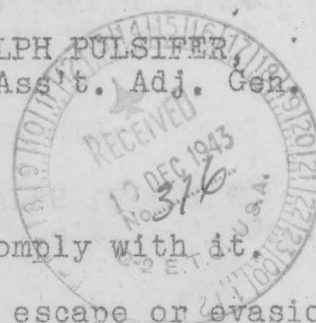
(signed) RALPH PULSIFER,
Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

CERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

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Name(Print) RALPH E. HOUSEY Signed Ralph E Housey
 Rank Sgt A.S.N. 36355163 Date 11/6/43
 Unit 95th Bomb Sq 335th Sqn Witness James W. Washburn
Col. GSC



9 April 1943

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Name (Print) HouseySigned Ralph E HouseyRank 1st Lt ASN 36355163Date 8/11/43Unit 335th 57 95th B.G.Witness [Signature]

(3)

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
PW and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. *Ralph E. Houser Tsgt
36335163*
2. Decorations. *NONE*
3. Unit or Squadron. *95th BOMB GP. 33567AN*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *95th BOMB GP*
5. Date of Birth. *April 10-1911*
6. Length of Service. *17 MO.*
7. Private Address. *ALMA-CENTER WISCONSIN*
8. If in A.F., on what operation were you engaged? State place, date, and time of departure. Where and when did you come down? Were Aircraft and all instruments and papers destroyed?
*8600 STUTTGART - SEPT-6-5:00 - HULLS FROM
501500 SAS - FRANCE - DID NOT SEE PLANE COME DOWN
SEPT-6-04:30 DID NOT DESTROY ANYTHING*
9. What was your position in aircraft? *Waist GUNNER*
10. Were you wounded? *NO*
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *NO*
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? *NO*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? *NO*
14. Have you been questioned before to-day on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom? Have you given anyone a written report on your experiences. Where and when? *Yes - Gibraltar - Mr Parilly*
15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? *NO*
16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *Yes - Gibraltar
6/11/43*
17. Date of arrival in Spain. *27-OCT*
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *NOV-6*
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *AIR - NOV 7*
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *Bristol - 8/11/43*

#2 my ran away before leaving jungle - not bucked to
 4 overhills - left from - blind bombs and started down -
 under attack - down to 10⁰⁰⁰ - ~~heard~~ order to prepare to go
 had been given to at 10⁰⁰⁰ we left - delayed jump -
 into spin when left plane - got out of spin by pulling
 out arms + putting feet together - held arms out - coming
 down over woods - it comes up fast - time it was
 like floating - ~~the~~ my at 3000 - saw I would land in
 forest - chute hung over a limb + I was down easily -
 gunnapped chute - finally got it out of trees + with shoes
 the mud covered them with leaves - walked to
 edge of woods - heard $\frac{1}{2}$ overheads - ^{with} saw no head
 anyone looking for me - walked to road at dusk -
 people passing - at night looked for hand track - went
 back to woods where I did not find - early next am. to
 road - walked to + road along edge of wood - saw a
 signboard to head maps - when looked around saw elderly
 man on bike - 0530 hrs - rode by - I ducked into woods + he whistled
 at me - came back to me - I came out + he asked if
 Am + hungry + thirsty - got food - told me to lay there
 if he came back + cut down brush - made bed - noon with
 food + it came with fitote + took me to woods where met
 Delvento - lot - peacocks -

\$ Houses

Troops and equipment were observed moving through St Erme to Germany ~~at~~ on the moon train almost daily from 8-18 Sept.

There is an airport for Me 109 north of St Erme (Cheresay) This is a ^{fighter base} training field. Observed the training planes in the environs and the student pilots passing regularly through the railroad station 8-18 Sept.

In Paris the training planes used in the environs were observed to be Me 210. There ^{usually} were not more than eight or ten planes in the air at one time 18-30 Sept.

On the Paris raid of 15 Sept everything in the target vicinity but the target was bombed. (Cheresay)

Few German troops were observed in Paris 18-30 Sept.

Whenever there was a raid the fighters took off in formation. The troops stationed at the field were said to have been moved there from Abbeville and to include some of the original Abbeville kids.

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SECRET
EQUALS BRITISH

MOST SECRET

APPENDIX "B".
MIS(X).....

The following information has been obtained from our interview with
..... (.....) who escaped
after capture by the enemy/evaded capture by the enemy after being
in enemy/enemy occupied territory.

Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so
it is important not to divulge any particulars of source.

Statement of information covering period from

8-13 of Sept, ^{Monday} to
while at Saint Erme France saw troops
and equipment moving on railroad ^{from} France
from France to Germany airport of ~~M.F. 109~~
NORTH of ST. ERME. AND also training
Blones and students ^{France} lots as we saw them
being loaded and unloaded at the railroad station
~~near Paris~~ ^{Paris} could see that they
were training with ~~M.F. 210~~ all the
time I was there. most the time
there wasn't over 4 or 6 planes in the
air at one time. Paris was bomb Sept
15 and an English officer told me that
he was living in the vicinity and they
hit every thing but the target.....
saw a few army Camp as ^{travelling}
MIS(X). thru France. Did not see
a great lot of German soldiers
in Paris, also saw troop and equipment

moving north out of the base fence,
did not see any Guards when crossing
the border into Spain. ~~The tank~~
The air field at St Erme was a
fighter base as we saw them take
off in their formation when ever
there was a raid where also
told that this base was moved
there from Offreville province and
had some of the Mary's original
Offreville kids in it.

E and E 197
(Sgt. Ralph Houser)

App. C

Sgt. Houser came down on 6 September near SAVIGNY SUR
ARDRES (SE of FISMES). He hid in a wood and the next
day was picked up by an elderly man who fed him and
later brought a forester to him. This forester took him into
another wood where Houser joined Cox, Peacock, and
Belvento. His journey was identical with that of Belvento.

E and E 198

(Sgt Ernest Swanson)

~~No~~
App. C

No Appendix C material.

E and E 199

(Sgt. James A. Concoran)

App C.

No Appendix C material

E and E 200 + 201

(Sgt. Philip Teraberry)
Sgt. Michael Sigle
App. C.

No Appendix C material.

see delventos

HEADQUARTERS
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E & E REPORT NO. 194
EVASION IN FRANCE

8/11/43

(Date)

Houser, Ralph / Sgt
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

335th 95th
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 32

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 17 mo

HOME ADDRESS: ALMA CENTER
WISCONSIN

Target: Stollwart

6 Spt 43

MIA: 8/11/43

Arrived in Spain: OCT 27 13 Oct

Arrived in Gibraltar: NOV 6 27 Oct

Arrived in UK: 8/11/43 8 Nov

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT Ransom - Alex. F		IS HOME
CO-PILOT Caldwell - Thomas. C		CAPTURED
NAVIGATOR Goye - Hubert C		DONT KNOW
BOMBARDIER Murry, Kieth. W		IS HOME
RADIO OPERATOR Peacock, Charles. B		with organization
TOP TURRET GUNNER Knotts. W. H.		DONT KNOW
BALL TURRET GUNNER Beacham - John. W.		IS HOME
WAIST GUNNER Delven To. Pasquale J		IS HOME
WAIST GUNNER Houser, Ralph. E		
TAIL GUNNER Cox, Vincent. J		in organization

Were you wounded?

NO.

See Delventos
Crew which
is attached

I baled out at 10000 feet after the order had been given. As soon as I cleared the aircraft I fell into tumbling spin but by holding my arms together in front of me and pulling my feet together I straightened out. At the higher altitudes there was a sensation of floating but around 3000 feet the ground was coming up fast so I pulled the rip cord. There was nothing but forest beneath me and my chute caught ~~in~~ on the low limb of a tree, letting me down easily.

Delayed
JUMP

I pulled the chute out of the tree, wrapped my flying shoes and helmet in the silk and buried everything ~~in~~ under some leaves. The forest was a large and there were no sounds of anyone coming through the undergrowth. I walked toward the edge of the wood, reaching it about dusk. There were aircraft flying overhead but I could not be seen. The wood ended at ~~the~~ road and while I lay there watching, many Frenchmen and Germans passed. At night I looked for a haystack in the fields but went back into the wood when I couldn't find one.

LANDS IN
LARGE WOOD

At dawn the next morning I followed the road but kept well within the woods so that I could not be seen. Thirty minutes later I came to the edge of the road to look at a signpost ~~xxx~~ and was looking for the name of the town on my maps when a Frenchman rode up on a bicycle. He approached me so quietly I did not see him until he was beside me. ~~I started to run into the wood~~ I started to run in the wood but he whistled at me and made several friendly ~~at~~ motions so I came back to him. By using sign language he asked if I were American and hungry. He got food and helped me make a ~~hiding~~ comfortable hiding place in the undergrowth. I slept all day and at 1600 hours he brought ~~xxxx~~ to me a man who led me to Sgt DELVENTO and from there my story is the same as his.

FOUND AND
AIDED BY
FRENCHMAN

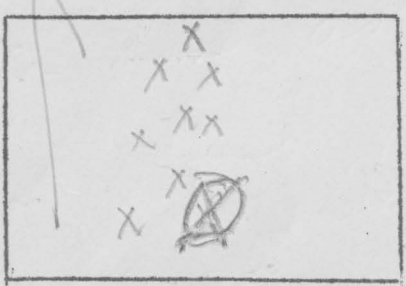
APPENDIX B:

- a. Troops and equipment were observed moving through ST ERME toward GERMANY on noon trains almost daily from 8 to 18 September.
- b. There is an airport for Me 109's north of ST ERME. This is a fighter base and training field. (hearsay). Training planes flew constantly over ST ERME and German Air Force pilots passed steadily through the railroad station at ST ERME. 8-18 September. Fighters from this field took off in formation ~~whenever~~ when there was raid. Troops here were said to have been ~~seen~~.
- c. Training planes seen over PARIS suburbs were Me 210's. Usually there were never more than eight to ten planes in the air at one time. 18-30 Sept.
- d. French stated that in the PARIS raid of 15 September everything in the vicinity of the target was bombed except the target.
- e. Very few German troops were seen in PARIS between ~~22~~ 18-30 September 1943.

stationed at ABBEVILLE at one time.

NAME House R.P.E RANK 1/1st ASN 36355163 REPORT NO. _____

SQ 335 GROUP 95 A/C NO. 0271 Letter _____ Load 10-500 Date Sept 6-43



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing:

Enemy Fighter Tactics: ATTACKS FROM ALL SIDES
Markings:

Our Tactics: STRAIT FORMATION

Our Fighter Support: NONE

<u>Flak</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
	<u>NONE</u>		

Technical Failures

Motors: YES - 1 BROKE PROP. GOVERNOR PROP. GOVERNOR
#2 over-heated

Armor: NO

Armament: NO

Miscellaneous: NO

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

BLACKOUT - NO
Bailout - NO

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

Unit:-

HOUSEX, R. E, T/59T
95th BOMB GP 335th SQDN

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must 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? YES
- (b) If not, had you one on you? YES
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box? HAD ONE
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights," etc.

Horlicks tablets. (-)

Chocolate. (-)

Milk (tube). ~~---~~

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum. (-)

Water bottle.

Compass. (-)

- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect? NO

(f) How did you finally dispose of the box? Thru ^{to helpers} ORGANIZATION

- (g) 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? NO

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? ~~NO~~ YES GRAY
If so, state COLOR.
If NOT, State why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? YES
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.

Maps. Which ones?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money?

to help us
EATS - ORGANIZATION Took
1560 F. FRANCE

(d) How did you dispose of:-

- Maps.
- Compass.
- File (hacksaw).
- Surplus currency.

Helped
~~ORGANIZATION~~ toolkit

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+)
(+Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

(a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?
- If you used any of them state briefly WHEN and WHERE.

NOT ISSUED

- Round compass.
- Stud compass.
- Swinger compass.
- Fly-button compass.
- Pencil clip compass.
- Tunic button compass.
- Pipe compass.
- Pouch
- Special flying boots (and knife).

DID NOT use ANY
OF THESE

(b) Were they satisfactory?

(c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions, which would improve the above equipment?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

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

yes.
3

(b) Did you use them?
State how.

yes - ^{for} french passport

5. LECTURES

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

yes.
LT-NORTHAM-335th 59DN

(b) Did you find the lectures of value?

yes

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SECRET
By Authority of
AC of S, G-2
Initials *WJH/WSH*
Date *19/11/43*

26 November 1943

E & E REPORT NO. 184
EVASION IN FRANCE

Pasquale J DELVIENTO, S/Sgt, 31104691
355 Bomb Squadron, 95 Bomb Group

TARGET: STUTTGART

AGE: 25 years
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 7/12 years
HOME ADDRESS: 148 Highland Avenue,
BRIDGEPORT, Conn.

MIA: 6 September 1943
Arrived in Spain:
13 October 1943
Arrived in Gibraltar:
27 October 1943
Arrived in UK:
29 October 1943

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT	0-735449	2d Lt	Glen F. RANSOM	E&E RPT 163
CO-PILOT	0-672324	2d Lt	Thomas M. CALDWELL	MIA
NAVIGATOR	0-795229	2d Lt	Hubert C. GAGE	MIA
BOMBARDIER	0-729480	1st Lt	Keith W. MURRAY	E&E RPT 196
RADIO OPERATOR	32385488	T/Sgt	Charles P. PEACOCK	MIA
TOP TURRET GUNNER	392396220	T/Sgt	Harold R. KNOTTS	MIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	39252202	S/Sgt	John W. BEACHAM	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	31104691	S/Sgt	Pasquale J. DELVIENTO	NARRATOR
WAIST GUNNER	36355163	T/Sgt	Ralph E. HOUSER	E&E RPT 197
TAIL GUNNER	34132640	S/Sgt	Vincent J. COX	E&E RPT 219

SEES ENEMY
FIGHTER IN
FLAMES

Before the fighter attack started one FW came in at 7 o'clock and just sat out there waiting to be knocked off. I fired several bursts at him and saw him drop in flames. After that fighters came in from every o'clock on the dial. I heard something on the inter-com about numbers two and four engines being shot out and then the navigator asked the pilot if the wheels were down. He answered, "yes", and the tail gunner called the pilot to ask if we were leaving the ship. The pilot gave the order to bale out and the tail gunner came into the waist. We lined up at the waist door but no one seemed to want to leave first. When we heard the IFF explosion we started jumping.

JUMPS AT
10000 FEET

Sgt PEACOCK went first, followed by Sgt HOUSER. Then I jumped and I think Sgt COX and Sgt BEACHAM were fourth and fifth. I was out around 10000 feet and my chute opened immediately. I don't remember whether it was accidental or not - it opened, anyway. The plane was descending at an angle, and I watched other chutes come out. I counted five chutes. There were two fighters still attacking the aircraft, and my first thought was whether they would come back to us. I wanted to smoke but was afraid of setting the chute on fire. The straps were holding my head in a vise so that I could look only up and down.

PLANS
EVASION
DURING
DESCENT

From the air I saw an Army camp and some woods beneath me. I tried to pull my shroud lines so that I would drift toward the wood where I could hide. I thought of how I was going to hide all my equipment and decided to bury it because my name was stenciled on most of my stuff. When I lost sight of the Army camp there was nothing but woods and fields below me. I was afraid I was in Germany and meant to hide until I found out. I felt that if this was Germany, it was all over.

LANDS IN
TREE

I landed in a tree and dangled there about twenty feet off the ground. I couldn't see what was directly beneath because of the chute straps, and after finding that I couldn't swing far enough to grab the tree trunk I released the catch on my chute and fell through the trees into a creek. I heard no sounds of any kind and didn't feel rushed, but I spent only three or four minutes trying to get the chute down.

RUNS THROUGH
SWAMP

I opened my Aids Box to get the compass and after checking it, I ran south. The wood was, in reality, a swamp; and I had to wade through mud and water, stumbling over mulberry roots, to get away. I remembered that, from the air, I had seen a narrow cleared strip of land running through the wood, and I was trying to find it. I climbed a tree and thought I saw it, but the clearing I found turned out to be a trapper's path. This led me to the dry ground I was searching for.

As fast as I could travel, I ran and walked along this narrow strip of high ground. Occasionally I ducked into the underbrush because I thought I heard someone running. I was looking around too for some of my crew. An aircraft circled overhead two or three times, but I kept out of sight. When I had traveled about three miles I came to a tar road and followed it to a large road sign. Twice I had to hide while cars passed.

The sign read, "CAMP DE SOLDAT", and I realized it was the same camp I had seen from the air. While I was hiding in the grass a Frenchman passed on a bicycle. He seemed to be looking for someone or listening for something. I thought of stopping him but decided against it.

SPEAKS TO CHILD
TO SEE IF IN
FRANCE OR
GERMANY

There was a large house about 500 feet from my hiding place. While I was watching it a small girl came out. I went up to her to see if I had parachuted in Germany or France. I asked, "Parlez vous Francais?" and was relieved when she answered, "Oui, oui". I was walking away when a Frenchman appeared on the porch and motioned first to me and then up in the air. I said I was an American parachutist and he nodded with pleasure, indicating that I was to enter the house. The family asked if I were hungry and produced food and a French-English dictionary. I found conversing with these people easy because I speak Italian.

IS GIVEN A
DICTIONARY

While I was eating, the Frenchman went to get a friend. He returned soon with a man in uniform. I was frightened when I saw this man and was about to take off for the woods when the people in the house seemed to understand what had me worried and explained that the man was friendly. Identification papers were produced to prove that the uniformed man was French.

I thought we had landed near SWITZERLAND and asked the man how I could get there, but he misunderstood me and produced maps to show me how to get to SOISSONS. After a whispered conference between two of the Frenchmen one of them said he was going to get a 'camarade'. He went into the yard, looked around, then motioned me to follow him. We went into the swamp and took a short-cut to where I had landed.

GIVEN
CIVILIAN
CLOTHING

We were joined later by another Frenchman who brought peasant clothing. He had a wheelbarrow and scythe; and, using these as a part of our disguise, we left the wood to go to his house in a small village. To get there we walked through fields where farmers were at work. Several people spoke to us but we attracted little attention.

This helper was not very conversational. He kept telling me not to worry, and after reaching his house he had me point out

where other crew members might have landed in the wood. After I had done this he indicated that I was to get some sleep but not to remove my clothes.

JOINS CREW
MEMBERS

Four hours later he returned with Sgt COX and another member of my crew. The three of us spent the night in this house. Our helper asked for names of other crew-members and said that he knew where another one was but that every time he approached the parachutist hid.

We were awakened early the next morning and told that we were leaving. We followed our helper into the wood. He left us in some brush and was gone two hours. He had food when he returned and told us that the Germans were still searching but that they were afraid to come into the part of the wood where we were because too many Germans had disappeared there. He left us again for fifteen minutes and came back with Sgt HOUSER. Our helper was gone a third time for more civilian clothing and when he brought it we swapped back and forth until we were well fitted.

JOURNEY
ARRANGED

Three Frenchmen came then and took us to a house in a village where the rest of our journey was arranged.

Compiled By:

John F. White, Jr.

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1st Lt, AC

Approved By:

W. S. Holt

W. S. HOLT
Lt Col, AC
Commanding

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AC of S, A-2, IX AF	4	MIS, WASHINGTON, POW BRANCH	5
MIS, Washington, POW Branch	5	File	<u>3</u>
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SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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APPENDIX "B" TO E & E REPORT NO. 184

1. The following information has been obtained after an interview with a Sergeant who evaded capture by the enemy after being in enemy-occupied territory.

2. Further circulation of this information may be made; but, when doing so, information as to the source may not be divulged.

Statement of information covering period from 6 September 1943
to 13 October 1943

- a. Between 9 September and 16 September there were two trains a day at ST ERME, France. German Air Force officers, in groups, came in on each train. On 9 September there were two bus-loads of German officers who arrived by train and after that there were rarely more than five officers a day. (observation)
- b. ME 109's and FW 190's flew over the ST ERME station every day at low altitudes. (observation: 9-16 September)
- c. Freightage on trains passing through ST ERME seemed always to be hay and lumber. Nothing of military nature was seen.
- d. Heard there was a large operational airport about 8 miles from JUVISY.
- e. Saw many aircraft flying in the vicinity of JUVISY. One aircraft was similar to the ME 210 and heard that it was a discontinued model now used as a training plane.
- f. In ST ERME area there were no automobiles available for use of German officers and troops. They used buses or horse-drawn vehicles. (observation)
- g. Heard that all German personnel must be off the streets of PARIS at a definite hour in the evening because of accidents which happen to them after dark.

S E C R E T

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 184

No., Rank, Name:- Pasquale J. DELVENTO, S/Sgt, 31104691

Unit:- 355 Bomb Squadron, 95 Bomb Group

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must 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, had you one on you? Yes
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box? Didn't need it
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.

Horlicks tablets.

Chocolate.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass.

- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? Gave to helpers
- (g) 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 cannot be larger?

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? Yes
If so, state COLOR. Brown
If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? Yes - gave to helpers.
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.

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.)

Gave to helpers.

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE -- (GADGETS) Not issued
(+Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

(a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?
If you used any of them state briefly WHEN and WHERE.

Round compass.

Stud Compass.

Swinger Compass.

Flybutton compass.

Pencil clip compass.

Tunic button compass.

Pipe compass.

Pouch.

Special flying boots (and knife)

(b) Were they satisfactory?

(c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions,
which would improve the above equipment?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? Yes
If so, how many? Two

(b) Did you use them? Kept by French; had others made in France.
State how.

5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape?
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM

Base - two evaders - July and S-2 Officers

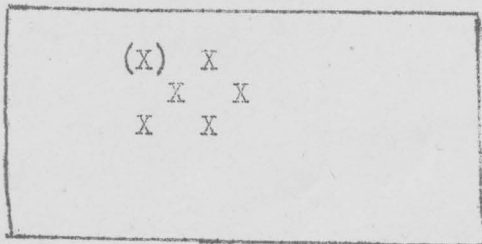
(b) Did you find the lectures of value?

Yes

APPENDIX "E" TO E & E REPORT NO. 184

NAME Pasquale J. DELVENTO RANK S/Sgt ASN 31104691 REPORT NO. 184

SQ. 355 GROUP 95 A/C NO. 230271 Letter _____ Load _____ Date 6 Sept. 1943



Position in formation.
Make diagram.

OBSERVED RESULTS OF BOMBING: Salvoed before target on target of opportunity.

ENEMY FIGHTER TACTICS: Fighters circled from 500 yards and then made passes
MARKINGS: at 7:30 o'clock. Two attacks from nose 11 o'clock, then a few attacks from 3 o'clock.

OUR TACTICS:

OUR FIGHTER SUPPORT: Saw no signs of fighter support

FLAK Saw no flak

TIME

PLACE

QUALITY

TECHNICAL FAILURES:

MOTORS:

ARMOR:

ARMAMENT:

MISCELLANEOUS:

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON ANY OF THE ABOVE:

DID YOU BLACK OUT? No

DID YOU USE BALE-OUT BOTTLE? No

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MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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E & E REPORT NO. 194-
EVASION IN FRANCE

TARGET: STUTTGART

Ralph HOUSER, T/Sgt, 36355163
35 Bomb Squadron, 95 Bomb Group

MIA: 6 September 1943
Arrived in Spain:
13 October 1943
Arrived in Gibraltar:
27 October 1943
Arrived in UK:
8 November 1943

AGE: 32 years
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 5/12 years
HOME ADDRESS: Hlmh Center *Alma*
WISCONSIN

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT	0-735449	2d Lt	Glen F RANSOM	E&E RPT 163
CO-PILOT	0-672324	2d Lt	Thomas M CALDWELL	MIA
NAVIGATOR	0-795229	2d Lt	Hubert C GAGE	MIA
BOMBARDIER	0-729480	1st Lt	Keith W MURRAY	E&E RPT 196
RADIO OPERATOR	32385488	T/Sgt	Charles B PEACOCK	MIA
TOP TURRET GUNNER	392396220	T/Sgt	Harold R KNOTTS	MIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	39252202	S/Sgt	John W BEACHAM	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	31104691	S/Sgt	Pasquale J DELVENTO	E&E RPT 184
WAIST GUNNER	36355163	T/Sgt	Ralph E HOUSER	NARRATOR
TAIL GUNNER	34132640	S/Sgt	Vincent J COX	E&E RPT 219

DELAYED JUMP

I baled out at 10000 feet after the order had been given. As soon as I cleared the aircraft I fell into a tumbling spin but by holding my arms together in front of me and pulling my feet together I straightened out. At the higher altitudes there was a sensation of floating but around 3000 feet the ground was coming up fast so I pulled the ripcord. There was nothing but forest beneath me and my chute caught on the low limb of a tree, letting me down easily.

LANDS IN
LARGE WOOD

I pulled the chute out of the tree, wrapped my flying shoes and helmet in the silk and buried everything under some leaves. The forest was large and there were no sounds of anyone coming through the undergrowth. I walked toward the edge of the wood, reaching it about dusk. There were aircraft flying overhead but I could not be seen. The wood ended at a road and while I lay there watching, many Frenchmen and Germans passed. At night I looked for a haystack in the fields but went back into the wood when I couldn't find one.

At dawn the next morning I followed the road but kept well within the woods so that I could not be seen. Thirty minutes later I came to the

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APPENDIX "B" TO E & E REPORT NO. 191 ¹⁷⁷

1. The following information has been obtained from an interview with a Sergeant who evaded capture by the enemy after being in enemy-occupied territory.

2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so, information as to the source may not be divulged.

Statement of information covering period from 6 September 1943
to 13 October 1943

- a. Troops and equipment were observed moving through ST ERME toward GERMANY on noon trains almost daily from 8 to 18 September.
- b. There is an airport for ME 109's north of ST ERME. This is a fighter base and training field (hearsay) Training planes flew constantly over ST ERME and German Air Force pilots passed steadily through the railroad station at ST ERME. 8-18 September. Fighters from this field took off in formation when there was a raid. Troops here were said to have been stationed at ABBEVILLE at one time.
- c. Training planes seen over PARIS suburbs were ME 210's. Usually there were never more than eight to ten planes in the air at one time. 18-30 September.
- d. French stated that in the PARIS raid of 15 September everything in the vicinity of the target was bombed except the target.
- e. Very few German troops were seen in PARIS between 18-30 September 1943.

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 194 197

No., Rank, Name:- Ralph E HOUSER, T/Sgt, 36355163

Unit:- 335 Bomb Squadron, 95 Bomb Group

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must 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? Yes
- (b) If not, had you one on you?
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights," etc.

Horlicks tablets. (-)

Chocolate. (-)

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum. (-)

Water bottle.

Compass. (-)

- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? No
If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? Gave to helpers
- (g) Can you suggest anyway 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? No

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? Yes
If so, state COLOR. Grey
In NOT, State why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? Yes
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.

Maps. Which ones?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. 2000 FRANCS

How did you spend the money? Gave to helpers

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

GAVE TO HELPERS

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+)

(+Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

NOT ISSUED

(a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?

If you used any of them state briefly WHEN and WHERE.

Round compass.

Stud compass.

Swinger compass.

Fly-button compass.

Pencil clip compass.

Tunic button compass.

Pipe compass.

Pouch

Special flying boots (and knife).

(b) Were they satisfactory?

(c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions, which would improve the above equipment?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? Yes

If so, how many? Three

(b) Did you use them? Yes - for French identity passport

State how.

5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? Yes
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

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(b) Did you find the lectures of value? Yes

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APPENDIX "E" TO E & E REPORT NO. 194

NAME Ralph E HOUSER RANK T/SGT ASN 36355163 REPORT NO. 197
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SQ 335 GROUP 95 A/C NO. 0271 Letter _____ Load 10-500 lbx Date 6 Sept 1943

		X	
X		X	
		X	
X		X	
		X	
X		(X)	

Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing:

Enemy Fighter Tactics: Attacks from all sides
Markings:

Our Tactics: Straight formation

Our Fighter Support: None

Flak

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
None		

Technical Failures

Motors: Broke Prop-governors
Number two overheated

Armor:

Armament:

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

DID YOU BLACK OUT? No

DID YOU USE BALE-OUT BOTTLE? No

No., Rank, Name:-

James G McMATH, 2d Lt. 0-680668

Unit:-

384 Bomb Group, 544 Bomb Squadron

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must 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? Yes
- (b) If not, had you one on you?
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights," etc.

Horlicks tablets. (-)

Chocolate. (-)

Milk (tube). (-)

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches. (-)

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum. (-)

Water bottle.

Compass. (-)

- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? Burned
- (g) 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
If so, state COLOR.
In NOT, State why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse?
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.

Maps. Which ones? (-)

Compass. Yes

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. 2000 francs
How did you spend the money?

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps. Burned

Compass. Burned

File (hacksaw). Buried

Surplus currency.

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+)

(+Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

(a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?
If you used any of them state briefly WHEN and WHERE.

Round compass.

Stud compass.

Swinger compass.

Fly-button compass.

Pencil clip compass.

Tunic button compass.

Pipe compass.

Pouch

Special flying boots (and knife).

(b) Were they satisfactory?

(c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions,
which would improve the above equipment?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? Yes
If so, how many? Three

(b) Did you use them? Identity papers
State how.

5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? Yes
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

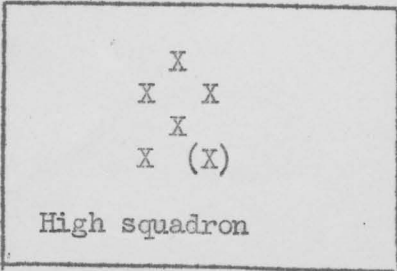
384 Bomb Group

(b) Did you find the lectures of value? Yes

APPENDIX "E" TO E & E REPORT NO. 197

NAME James G McMATH RANK 2d Lt ASN 0-680668 REPORT NO. _____

SQ 544 GROUP 384 A/C NO. 720 Letter P Load _____ Date 6 September '43



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing:

None

Enemy Fighter Tactics:

Markings:

Our Tactics:

Our Fighter Support:

P-47's

Flak

Time

Place

Quality

STUTTGART

Heavy

Technical Failures

Motors:

Armor:

Armament:

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

DID YOU USE BALE-OUT BOTTLE ?

DID YOU BLACK OUT?

}
} Crash landed