



See E & E 613

for crew list

Sgt Alfred E WENDT, 35348358, 364/305 Bomb Gp (H), MIA 7 January 1944  
Intrvd 13 Sept 44

On 7 Jan 44 WENDT hit the ground hard N of DESVRES (Pas de Calais) after making an excellent delayed jump from 7000'. He walked about 2 km, got in a barn, and hid there for four days. On the fifth night a boy brought him food and gave him civilian clothes. About 0500 the next morning he started S on back roads. He went to St Pol and down the route nationale to Amiens, taking four days to get there, getting food in restaurants where he could, and sleeping in barns. He went through Breteuil, Clermont, and S of Creil. Near Senlis he got a bicycle and bicycled E of Paris to Melun and on to Fontainebleau and Montargis continuing to Nevers and to Moulin where he took the wrong road and then cut over to a town N RIOM. There he got food in a restaurant and got a hair cut. A man who was in resistance work discovered that he was an American and took him home. This trip had taken about nine days. He was given more clothes by the man who had picked him up. He heard later that this man was killed by the Germans.

About 1 Feb he was taken to a village near Chateauneuf where he met the George Hurst and Eric Brearley, British. A Luxembourgbois brought two Englishmen down from Luxemburg, and a French cook and another man were there. A Belgian chef got the food. About 3 April a resistance chief known as the Duc or the Prince took them to a Maquis near Pontaurat (Puy de Dome). After about nine days they met three Canadians: F/Lt Mason, W/O Nelmes, and Sgt Columbus. Sgt Norrie Lea seems also to have joined. On an alert they moved near RUINES, SE of St FLOUR (Puy de Dome). After a couple of weeks an Australian named Buchanan joined and an Englishman named Fearman. They moved about a bit. They had heard of an American 1st Lt, Jacques Lebaige, an English major, and a French Capt Swan who were working with the Maquis and met them. They moved to a place near CHAMBON and Mont Mouchet and built a cabin there separate from the Maquis group. Then a number of Americans came in: Latta and Collier, E&E, Cater and two crew members, E&E,

and Russell, E&E. Major Weinbrenner came in last on 8 June accompanied by a Belgian. From there on his story is the same as Weinbrenner's, See E&E.

Wendt also mentions the name of M and Mme Henri Vizode, Brassac les Mines, (Puy de Dome) as people who helped him.

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Sgt Alfred E Wendt 35348358 364 Bomb Sq, 305 Bomb Gp, Eight Air Force  
Silver Star E&E MIA 7 Jan 1944

With great initiative and daring Sgt Wendt made his own way from the Pas de Calais where he landed down to Riom in central France. He was given help by Frenchmen who later directed him to a Maquis group. From April to Sept 1944 he rendered great service to the French Forces of the Interior, instructing their men in the use of American arms and ammunition and doing this at great risk to himself and in spite of difficulties of language and enemy interference. In his evasion he displayed unusual courage, determination, and leadership.

For distinguished evasion in France demonstrating greatest initiative, daring, and leadership.



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Vient - N. Desvres - out c 7000' - as soon as pulled hit gas.  
Hit hard swinging.

Hit out - walk c 2 km - hit van - by 4 days there -  
S then by car for 3 days - give in clothes.  
0500 Start walk S on back roads -

9 days: S + P 1 - don't. Nat. t. St. Amiens - 4 days to  
the. Get food in restaurants.  
who could.

Brutemil Clement - S. real

Near Senlis got bike

5 day bus - almost all.

cannot  
electric  
with  
in at  
nt.

Took main roads.

13th Melon - go E Paris - 5 days 11 km N - stay in the  
stack.

Fontainebleau - trouble find road

On Rte 7

3 days  
don't

Montargis

Cosne - Nervis. Montargis took my road - to Varennes

Cut over to town N. Rim - got food restaurant - got bar at -  
a man overboard 2 am - am - take bus - got 8 cycling gear.

Sy - restaurant.

Give clothes - Don/Prin my they killed independently

1 Feb  
the

Took t. if near Chateaux - when met George/Hunt &  
Eric Brearley.

Lv 3 April Luxembourg by bus 2 S by train  
from L - French & another from. Belgium chief got  
food.

Don/Prin am - take to M near Portaux -

c 9 days then out S. Candis. F/H of Mason, W/O

Nelson, S + Columbus - Nami Lea

Alent - moved near Paris - SE St. F. low.



C 2 whs - Southern Buchanan join, by Pearman also -  
More a bit

Have led by Jack Helage, 1st Lt (sc, En, Major, & 1st Lt)  
Swan

W. moved place near Chambon / Montmarchet - Built cabin  
Sympathetic for M.

Then no join - Latta, Cates & 2 crew members came,  
Collier, Russell.

8) we last to come Major Weinbrenner - with a Belgian boy.

5/4 from 16 Allied air - the

9) we to die signaled.

10) we 1900 M attacked by 1 die Waffen SS - mixed nationalities  
F/Lt Mason & Major A F F / 1 by - notice turned - but  
he -

Road go - 17) we start N moving N go S.

Went 12-14 km N - camp by lake.

Following an report it goes - Major, Wood, Latta,  
Collier, Sgt Harris + RSE (Belgian but - Battle)

F/Lt Mason, Nelson, Buchanan & Pearman, | others  
Garnet Columbus, Campbell, Carney, Donley, | divide so  
Russell, Cates, the 2 from. | 5 per  
Gave them contacts to find &

Ans to seek out help.

We walk 2 days to town near <sup>NE</sup> Briande who had contacts  
with number 2 was B F F - Psychiat - about 5'7";  
I had my radio but not think how to use it - had R &  
but I not know code

Watts 1st also to farm - done

c 15 June Montagnon  
Order 3 to small M. men Birnhead.

Had sent M. seg  
in May

P for dgs Belgie join

Burnt 4 get contacts but also done.

Had contact with other 3 men though

FFI M. seg

Also at Pret  
When Received msg to regard  
is with suspicion  
Sent 8 June + this

P 7 day min news - no in line for

I had another contact near Clement Ferrad - no stat  
nally - still in R - Brassac le Mines <sup>regiment M</sup>

Talked to Chief - minted to stay until I was over - accepted.

Maintained contact with 3 - thg join -

c 15 Sept to Issorie - led as some get photo of them -  
found him - Rene Dursek - 502 Pch Br - had been  
in Normandy - M - he gave 10,000 fr - ask him  
to lead group to get out - Stg.

5 Sept - 6 of us took train to Clement Ferrad - met  
see Chief de Price - Swager head - he gave us  
transport to Lyon.

Some difficulty then - just 4th <sup>joined</sup> SF Unit - May Bonner

They wanted to go to 7th Aug 1st - found N. C. N. Lyon -  
Went to (H) by to get transport - talked to Capt  
Evans in Liaison Office -

Met M. g. Seams - 12 Trac SF - Field Int - took  
Amber - Salon - Naples - via Genoa - Algiers  
Casablanca - 5th May.

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P/W and X Detachment  
Military Intelligence Service

APPENDIX C. TECH. SHEET

1. Did you jump or crash land? *Jump*
2. What was the town or village nearest to which you jumped or crash landed?
3. How long was it before you got help? *Deerives, France (Dunkirk & Calais Area)*  
*4 days*
4. List the people who helped you and the location (city, town, or village) in which you were with them, including addresses where possible. After the name or description of each person with whom you stayed give the approximate dates between which you were with him.

*Mr + Mrs. Henri Vinode  
Brassac les Mines  
Puy De Dome  
France*

5. List other American and British evaders whom you saw during your evasion and state where you saw them.

*2/21 Ed Mason - Canadian  
Sgt. Deane West - English  
Lt. French Russell - American  
Sgt. Homer Collier - "  
Sgt. Bob Carney - "  
Sgt. Graham Buchanan - Australian  
Sgt. Eric Brashy - English  
2/28 Johnny Holmes - Canadian  
Lt. James Carter - American  
2/28 George P. Henderson - American*

*Puy De Dome*



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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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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)..... **WENDT, ALFRED E.** Signed..... *Sgt. Alfred E. Wendt*  
Rank..... *Sgt.*..... *35348358* Dated..... *Sgt 13 44*..... Place..... *London, Eng.*  
Unit..... *305 Bomb Group 364 Bomb Sqd.*..... Witness..... *L. J. Meism G. J. M.*

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Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

TARGET: *NY Mannheim*

Date mission in action: *Jan 7, 44*

Date arrived in UK: *Sept 13, 44*

*W0222 AE, SAT, 35346358*

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

(No. of missions)

(Squadron) (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT

*Lt. Lathrop*

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

*Unknown because of first mission with this crew*

*Unknown*

*Sgt. Alfred E. Wendt*

*in U.K.*

Decorations:

Date of Birth: *July 27, 1920*

Private Address: *Route 2, Oak Norton, Ohio*

Length of Service: *21 months*

Job as Civilian: *Fruit grower & Farmer*

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

*Station 105 approximately 8 A.M.*

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

Were you wounded? Give details.

*yes in hands & back*

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

Do you speak FRENCH? *yes* SPANISH? GERMAN? *little* ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE?

Did you have identity papers? *no* *DOG TAGS*

(over)

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?

*Yes Naples, Italy*  
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 London Aug, Sept 13, 44*  
Date of arrival in Spain: *No*

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: *No*

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

*Casablanca, Africa, Sept 13, 44*  
List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans.

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



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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Wendell A. E. Sgt.  
(Name)

Sgt.  
(Rank)

35349358  
(ASN)

Sgt. 13, 1944  
(Date)

305 Bomb Gr. 364 Bomb Sq  
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT  
OFFICIAL STATUS

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TAIL GUNNER

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

1:30 P.M. Near Dievers (Dunkirk Calais area)

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

Badly damaged with fighters

Yes

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

7,000 ft

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

Unknown

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

Unknown

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Yes

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.

None

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?

Unknown



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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

Sgt. Alfred E. Wendt, 35 348 358

Unit:-

305 Bomb Group, 364 Bomb Sq.

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? *yes*
- b. If not, why?
- 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. *yes*

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube). *yes*

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?

- 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?

State color of stripes and letters.

If NOT, State why not.

- b. Did you use the purse?

(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.

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?

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?

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.,.....)

*Territory proved now captured  
French people helped me wonderful & there  
moral in all for the war to finish*