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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
and QUESTIONNAIRE FOR I.S.9(WEL) PERSONNEL

(Date)

WIECZERZAK FRANK F 2nd Lt. 0683171  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

FRANK FORT 7  
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: Jan 29, 1944

Returned to UK: Sept 16, 1944

549th Sq. 385th GP (Bomb)  
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (List names by positions and indicate what happened to each one)

PILOT 1st LT RALPH H. PALMER PRISONER IN GERMANY  
CO-PILOT 2nd LT SKAGGS, RYAL L. EVADED  
NAVIGATOR 2nd LT POWELL, WILLIAM EVADED  
BOMBARDIER 1st LT WIECZERZAK FRANK F EVADED  
RADIO OPERATOR 2nd LT PIAROTE ROBERT "  
TOP TURRET GUNNER 3rd LT PACHA, ARTHUR "  
BALL TURRET GUNNER 3rd LT REYNOLDS LESLIE "  
WAIST GUNNER 5th SGT PATTERSON ALLAN - SHOT AND KILLED IN  
COMBAT WITH ME109s  
WAIST GUNNER 5th SGT WILLIAMS, WILLIAM J EVADED  
TAIL GUNNER 3rd SGT LOVE LAND, ELMORE "

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. Jan 29, 1944, NOON  
NEAR LOBBES, BELGIUM

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
WAS SHOT TO PIECES BY FIGHTERS BARELY HOLDING TOGETHER  
AFTER BAILING OUT IT BROKE IN TWO. ALSO FIRE IN RADIO ROOM  
At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

18,000 ft  
Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? yes, Allan  
Patterson (KILLED) 5th SGT WILLIAM WILLIAMS SHOT IN ARM

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?  
ALL MEMBERS BUT 5th SGT ALLAN PATTERSON WHO  
WAS DEAD IN PLANE (YES)

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

UNKNOWN

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. Yes. The underground  
during the first two days brought me the signatures of  
of the men but the pilot and waist gunner who was killed  
(over)

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?

*ONE KILLED - SOURCE INTER PHONE CONVERSATION  
OTHERS ~~evaded~~ evading - source underground and copilot  
Pilot captured by gestapo - source underground*

Were you wounded?

*On hitting the ground I hurt my spine  
and was in bed for two weeks. Also hurt my left leg and chest  
and abdomen.*

Were you in German hands?

*NO*

Did you kill any Germans in escaping?

*NO*

Have you previously given the names of your helpers?

*YES - IN PARIS*

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given.

What security briefing were you given? *DETAILS IN EVADING AND  
ESCAPING*

What souvenirs do you still possess?

*P-38 automatic (German)  
Pictures of people who helped me*

Home address.

*Frank S. Wierzycki 294 WATSON AVE LYNDHURST, N.J.*

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

*~~NAME~~ 1ST LT PALMER RALPH H.*

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



(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)  
Belgium

EVASION CAPTURE ~~XXXXXX~~ FROM (Name of Country).....

For all Personnel

1. No. 0-683171 Rank 2d Lt. Name Wieczarzak, Frank E.  
(U.K. Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Air Medal 7 missions
3. Were you wounded? Give details hurt back and chest when I hit the ground.
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 549 Sq. 8th AF
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 385 GP 6. Job (Pl. Cmd., Rfn., etc.) Bombardier
7. Date of Birth 2 Dec. 1919 8. Length of Service 2 1/2 yrs.
9. Peace time occupation exp. test. tech. 10. Private Address 294 Watson Ave.  
Lyndhurst, N.J.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? dogtags
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? French and Polish

FOR R.A.F. ONLY

13. No. and location of O.T.U. ....
14. No. and location of Conversion Unit. ....

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS WHO BALE OUT

15. Post in Crew Bombardier
16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.  
N.B. - Airborne and Parachute Troops list below names and units of other  
occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.
- PILOT.....
- CO-PILOT.....
- NAVIGATOR..... See E & E Report No. I.S.9(WEA) 6/280 2158,  
Lt. S. Kager
- BOMBARDIER..... SKAGGS
- RADIO OPERATOR.....
- TOP TURRET GUNNER.....
- REAR TURRET GUNNER.....
- WAIIST GUNNER (R.).....
- WAIIST GUNNER (L.).....
- TAIL GUNNER.....
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure.....
18. Where and when did you come down?.....
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?.....
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?.....

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 15 Sep 1944

I grade this evasion No. 5

Attached:

Appendix "B"

Appendix "C"

Appendix "D"

Disposal: Returned to UK

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ. IS9(WEA).....2

12 Army Group.....2 (less C)

9th AF.....1

R.H. DANA

2d Lt., CAC

Major

I was briefed regularly on E & E. I did not use my aid box but carried a O.D. purse. Spent money on equipment and necessities and helpers.

As soon as I landed people came to my aid. I was hurt and the people immediately found transportation for and brought a doctor. On 4 sep 44, Americans passed through Montsur Marchienne Charleroi, Belgium.



APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)6/283/1750

If further circulation of this information is made, it is important that its source should not be divulged.

No. 0-683171 Rank 2d Lt. Name Wiczerzak, Frank E.

Date of Interview 15 Sep 44

Mr & Mrs Raymond Pilloy, 60 Rue Neuve, Charleroi, Belgium. Fed and housed me for 6mo.

Mr. & Mrs Ame Van den Bosch 119 Rue De Bethlehem, Charleroi, Belgium. Member and chief of organization and placed me in the listed homes.

Mr. Omer Houyoux, 80 Rue Bayet, Charleroi, Belgium.

Robert Maindiaux, 270 Rue de la Sambre mont Sur Marchienne, Charleroi, Belg.

Mr. le Curate Leon Laboulle, Laneffe, Namur, Bel. These two men took care of me for first month and two weeks.

Mr. Raymond Pilloy. Taken prisoner but still continued to aid me through his wife. He was later released through bribery.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-683171 Rank 21LT.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) F. F. WIECZERZAK

Unit 549 Sg, 385 GP.

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)  
on 15 Dec 1944 and has signed a Security Certificate.

He ~~should~~/should not be re-interrogated.

*O. H. Dana*  
*21LT, CAC*

Major

IMPORTANT:

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH) AN OFFICER OF M.I.9  
OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X DET.-M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

If E & E is returned to the United Kingdom, he will report to 63 Brooks  
Street, London

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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-989 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,  
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Army Air Forces;  
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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.

1. 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**.

2. 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, or by A. C. of S., G-2, W. D.
  - (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. 4.
- e No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of A. C. of S., G-2, W. D., or corresponding organization in the theater.

### GERTIFICATE

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

I understand that any information concerning my *escape or evasion* from capture is **SECRET** and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the agency designated by A. C. of S., G-2, War Department, the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations, or to the Military Attache in a neutral country to whom I first report. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) WIECZERZAK, FRANK F.  
Rank 2nd Lt A. S. N. 0-683171  
Unit 549<sup>th</sup> Sq. 385 CP. (Bomb)  
Signed Frank F. Wiczerzak  
Dated 9/16/44  
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