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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.

I understand that any information concerning my escape or evasion from capture is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the American Military Attache to whom I first report, or an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name(Print) Asbury L. Perkins Signed Asbury L. Perkins
Rank T/5st A.S.N. 6284668 Date November 11, 1943
Unit 547th Bomb Sqdn, 384th B. Gp. Witness H.W. Dosh, Col GSC

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Unit 384th Bomb Group Witness [Signature]

Ht Smith

Ref. 6284668

T/Sgt Perkins. A.L. USAAF

Harrow Rd

This N.C.O has gone to the Military Isolation
Hospital. 283 Harrow Rd This Am. Cunningham
Admission 7342
? He may be detained.

21/Nov/43.

A. G. Partridge
Off Raml
JPN

CAPTAIN
O/I/M/C
LONDON DISTRICT ASSEMBLY CENTRE.

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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. *Asbury Lee Perkins - T/Sgt. - 6284668*
2. Decorations. *Air Medal with one cluster*
3. Unit or Squadron. *547th Bomb Sqdn.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *384th Bomb Group*
5. Date of Birth. *December 7, 1917*
6. Length of Service. *3 1/2 yrs.*
7. Private Address. *310 Alamosa St. SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS*
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?
Took off from home base near Kettering, Eng. Sept. 6, 1943 at 0704. Target was at Stuttgart, Germany. Bailed out just west of Beauvais, France. Radio Flimsy destroyed - Air Craft reported destroyed.
9. What was your position in aircraft? *RADIO OPER.*
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? *YES*
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? *Questioned By British Intelligence at Gibraltar. No written report.*
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 HERE*
17. Date of arrival in Spain. *October 29, 1943*
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *Nov. 10, 1943*
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *Gib. - by air*
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *Near Bristol, Eng. Nov. 20, 1943*

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E & E REPORT NO. 221
EVASION IN FRANCE

(Date)

A.L. Perkins T/sgt. 6284668
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

547th 384th
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 25

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 3 1/2 yrs.

HOME ADDRESS: 310 Alamosa St.
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

MIA: Sept. 6, 1943

Arrived in Spain:

Oct. 29, 1943

Arrived in Gibraltar:

NOV. 10, 1943

Arrived in UK:

NOV. 20, 1943

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Official
Disposition

Narrators
Disposition

PILOT 1st Lt. Ralph R Pulcifer

CO-PILOT 2nd Lt. Merle Johnson

NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. William Eudey

BOMBARDIER 1st Lt. Paul S. Givens

RADIO OPERATOR T/sgt. A.L. Perkins

TOP TURRET GUNNER S/sgt. Thomas E. Furrey

BALL TURRET GUNNER S/sgt. Willard D. McLain

WAIST GUNNER T/sgt. Judson L. DACUS - Wounded in calf of right leg

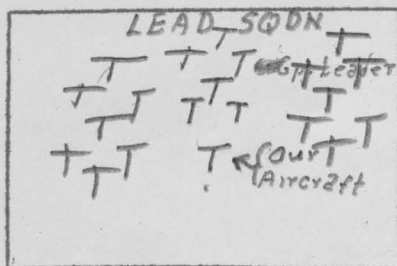
WAIST GUNNER S/sgt. Joe Hawkins

TAIL GUNNER S/sgt. Albert Gase

Were you wounded? NO

NAME AL. Perkins RANK T/584 ASN 6284668 REPORT NO. _____

SQ 547th GROUP 384th A/C NO. 42-5843 Letter S Load 5000 Date Sept. 6, 1943



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing: OVERCAST - NOT OBSERVED

Enemy Fighter Tactics: Enemy fighters first attacked over target.
Markings: F.W. 190s, ME-109s, ME-110s. They seemed to be attacking individually.

Our Tactics: We reached target OK, and were attacked by fighters. Flak was fairly accurate over target and moderately heavy. We made two runs on target due to overcast.
Our Fighter Support: overcast. No fighter support going in but P-47s picked us up on our way out near Beauvais.

Flak	Time	Place	Quality
MOD. HEAVY	1050	Stuttgart GERMANY	

Technical Failures

Motors: Nº 1 And Nº 4 Knocked out. "One" by flak and "four" by fighters. Also out of gas.

Armor:

Armament:

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above: There was light, inaccurate flak over Beauvais. We were out of formation and were flying at approx. 8000 feet.

Not Me

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

T/SGT A.L. Perkins 6284668

Unit:-

34759 3849

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. *NO*

Chocolate. *YES*

Milk (tube). *NO*

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *NO*

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *YES*

Matches. *YES*

Adhesive tape. *YES*

Chewing gum. *YES*

Water bottle. *YES*

Compass. *YES*

- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect? *The Horlicks tablets made me too thirsty to use them. There was no water.*

- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? *Mostly by use and by giving away souvenirs.*

- (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? *More chocolate and less Horlicks tablets; also some cigarettes*

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? *YES*
If so, state COLOR. *GREY*
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? - *OF FRANCE - in my case it helped make my escape possible.*

Compass. - *Most important things in the kits. Without them my escape would have been much more harder.*

File (hacksaw). NOT USED IN MY CASE, But very important

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money? French - 2000 Francs

(a) How did you dispose of:-

Maps. — gave to organization which helped me

Compass. — " " " "

File (hacksaw). " " " "

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. Making my way south in France

Stud compass. Hidden in the lining of my trousers

Swinger compass. in case of emergency.

Fly-button compass. NO

Pencil clip compass. NO

Tunic button compass. NO

Pipe compass. NO

Pouch NO

Special flying boots (and knife). NO

(b) Were they satisfactory? VERY SATISFACTORY

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

a pocket knife, by all means. The kit should contain

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? They were lost

If so, how many? when I bailed out. I found out

(b) Did you use them? later they would have been the wrong size.

State how. They should have been

5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. yes by American and

British intelligence at my base.

(b) Did you find the lectures of value?

The lectures were so very important that had I not had them my escape would not have been successful.

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

to.....

Le Cowdray - An ammunition dump.
I didn't ~~see~~ see the dump but very
reliable Frenchmen told us about
it. ^{August in the town} 7-8 Sept

L'isle Adam - A large construction
just west (approx. 1 mi.) of the town.
I was unable to tell what exactly
the construction was, but it
was surrounded by a heavy
wire fence about nine feet
high. ^{Many people employed} 8 Sept

TOULOUSE - Tank (fuel) cars
just north on the railroad
from Paris. They were partly
camouflaged by nets with a
paint job on the cars. There were
about five or six of them, and

guarded by about fifty German soldiers. There was one machine gun mounted on a tripod; it looked like a cal. 30. The soldiers were on and about a parked truck (G. army type) and were armed with rifles.