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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Charles Brashear 9/sgt 39544259
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

9-11-27
(Date)

381st gp 534 Sgd.
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT
CO-PILOT
NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER
RADIO OPERATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER
BALL TURRET GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER

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

Near Bazas 8 AM

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

NO IF ENGINE ON FIRE NOS 1 & 2 IN OP.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

18,000 FT

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

NO

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

ALL

YES

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?

YES

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.

ALL ALIVE

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?

Believed To All Be Safe & Probly
Returned To Duty

INFORMATION OF FFI

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Charles Brashear 2/ser 39544259
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

1 (No. of missions)

534
(Squadron)

381
(Group)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: June 15 47

Date arrived in UK: Sept 26

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

Indicate what
happened to each man
and how you know.

PILOT	Kelly Charles	Last seen in France	
CO-PILOT	DieBrow Robert	Passed thru Spain	Told by FFI
NAVIGATOR	Champ Frank	Passed Thru Spain	
BOMBARDIER	Wixezek Simon	Passed to UK	
RADIO OPERATOR	Brooks Harold	Last seen in France	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	Brashear Charles	Passed to UK	WITH ME
BALL TURRET GUNNER	WORKMAN	Last seen in France	
WAIST GUNNER	Campbell Alfred	Passed Thru Spain	
WAIST GUNNER			
TAIL GUNNER	WORKMAN Ralph	GRAHAM DONALD	Passed to UK

Decorations:

Date of Birth: Feb 10 - 1910

Private Address: 935 Nocta ST. Ontario California

Length of Service: 22 MO.

Job as Civilian: Machinest

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

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? NO SPANISH? NO GERMAN? NO ITALIAN? NO OTHER LANGUAGE? NO

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?

NO

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. BAAR RITZ AIR Sept 26

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.

Lt Charles H Kelly

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.,.....)

As all, or most of France is now free
all military equipment seems to have been
destroyed. Civilian morale good.

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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? *BAZAS*
3. How long was it before you got help? *2 1/2 hrs*
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.

June 15 To July 12	AT	Brignols	in hands of FFI
July 12 To Aug 3	AT	SOS	"
Aug 3 To Aug 18		Averon	"
Aug 18 To Sept 15		Eauze	"
Sept 15 To 28		Bordeaux	"
Sept 18 To 26		BIARRITZ	"

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

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *S/sgt Charles F Brashear 39544259*
Unit:- *381st GR 534th Sqr.*

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?

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.

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *used*

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *yes*

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum. *yes*

Water bottle. *yes*

Compass.

Sewing kit.

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *NO*

e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *NO*

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?

NO

2. PURSE

a. Did you carry a purse? *yes*
State color of stripes and letters.
If NOT, State why not.

b. Did you use the purse?

yes

(over)

All items listed used the first day and night in order to keep moving as Germans were near

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones? *OF FRANCE*

Compass. *yes*

File (hacksaw). *NO*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *France 2,000 Fr.*
How did you spend the money?

To get Necessary items Tooth paste Soap etc.
d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *Turned over to FFI*

Compass. *SAME*

File (hacksaw). *Threw away*

Surplus currency. *None*

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

NO

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? *yes*
If so, how many? *3*

b. Did you use them?

NO

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *At the Base*
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *By INTEP.*

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 escapees?

yes issue each A pocket knife

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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) *Brashear, Charles F.* Signed *Charles F. Brashear*
Rank *9/99t* A.S.N. *39544259* Dated *Sept. 27* Place
Unit *3812d gp 534 Spt* Witness *J. L. Lant, 2nd Lt. AUS*

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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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S/Sgt. Charles Brashear

On the 15th June 1944 our plane was hit by flak and I bailed out, landing in a vineyard a short way from BAZAS (GIRONDE). I hid there until the following morning when the owner of the vineyard brought one of the Maqui to me who took me by cycle to a small village 5 Km N of Grignols ^{or S} (GIRONDE). From here Maurice Adom, a Lt in the Maqui, took me on his motorcycle to the home of M. Meric, a Sillas, par Grignols (GIRONDE) where I met Sgt. Graham, Sgt. Brook, Sgt. Workman, Sgt. Campbell, F/O Champ, Lt. Disbrow and Lt. Kelly, all of my crew. On the 17th June Sgt. Wilczec was brought in. We stayed here until the 20th June when we were moved to the home of one of the Maqui about 2 Km away and near Grignols. We stayed here until the 25 June and we then moved to a Maqui camp located in the woods about 1 Km from Sillas. Patrick Mahon a priest from Bouglon (LOT & GARONNE) visited us and told us to insist on being sent to Spain. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
On the 26th June Sgt. Brook and Sgt. Workman left for Spain. Lt. Disbrow, F/O Champ and Sgt. Campbell left with a guide on the 5th July. Lt. Kelly, Sgt. Graham, Sgt. Wilczec and I left in a car with 2 of the Maqui on the 12th July. On the main road near Fargues (LOT & G.) we were attacked by the Melice. We left the car and in the woods became separated from our escort. We continued walking and met a member of the Maqui who drove us to the Maqui Hq in Arx (LANDES). From this point on we were always in the hands of the Maqui who controlled the territory through which we passed. We were evacuated by air from Biarritz on the 26th August.

At Sos (LOT & G.) Lt. Kelly was given the burnt dog tags of Sgt. Shaw who was presumably killed.

At Bordeaux we saw the burnt dog tags of Sgt. Elbert F. Lozes - 34154974 of New Orleans who was a casualty.

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2nd Lt, AUS

~~Ralph~~
 Sgt ~~Waghman~~ Sgt ~~Brook~~ Brook
 Harold
 Graham
 Hitzel

Kif by jacks, engines fired losing
 alt, at 18,000 ordered out, we landed
 in field very ard, 1 foot, just
 N of Begas few 100 yds. P Brook, clate
Melvin, went thru fore to lt 6 Arm
 following A.M. there the owner contacted
Magne. Magne gave me cycles we ride to
village 5 Km N of Grigole. they put
 me on motorcycle with Maurice Adams
Lt in Magne (Spanish origins) went to
farmhouse of Meris M. a Telas, Par
Grigole (Lot et Garonne) there I met
Sgt Graham, Sgt Hitzel, Sgt Brook,
Sgt Waghman, Sgt Campbell, F/O Champs,
Lt Las borow, Lt Kelly.

Graham Landed in field, gird met me,
led me away about 1 mile where met Sgt
Stackman with other French. Wanted 15
men for Brook & Champs wh French
knew were coming. a French youth who
spoke English contacted Magne who
picked us up to a small village to Ag. Stayed
in bar. In afternoon, Campbell came,
Stayed rest of day & at nightfall he came to
but after evacuated.

(One of them Lucien Roche (Magne Bregnot) 2
by Magne, we & went hange near Meris
by bus & had supper. they then took us to
Meris, the next day met. Brashares.

Nitzsch delayed to 15000 landed in
forest, walked west to highway. Frenchman
saw me, led me to group of farmhouses.
Hayman gave my food & had me hide in wood.
that night 5 boys took me to woods
where met Pilot & Co. they then took us
to a house where fed. then a few Xel to a
house where left house of Ch. Filleau.
Next day gave us clothes (16) and took us to
a car with Maurice Adam who took us
to Hq is where, went to same house near Meris
for beats. then on A.M. 17 went to Meris.

all 3.

Worked on Meris farm until 20 June.
Destroyed our identity, hidden under barn was
parachuted arms etc. (Meris was just a helper)
On 30th left 1-3 AM to Magne house in
wood near Bregnot. On 5 day (25 June)
~~guard~~ Magne ^{4 AM} ~~abandoned~~ German attacking
Hq in little town near Bregnot (this is Hq mentioned above)
many Magne were killed. We ~~left~~ look to wood.

& reached a bird hunter's shack about
 1 Km from Mexico. Stayed here with
 Magne 25th of June 5 & days (til 12 July). German plane
 tried to force us. While here a Priest from
 Bouglon (Patrick Mahore who has a sister in
 Bournemouth) told us to insist on going to Spain.
 On 26 June Brook & Hookman's left on
 their own, — Lt Fiebow & F/O Champ,
 Sgt Campbell left with a Magne guide
 on 5 July. The Priest had helped other
 airmen — he spoke English — a gent' helper,
 wanted us to take message to Sister & Adams
 was leader of these groups & sub-groups.
 While here German dropped leaflet to
 asking Magne to surrender. He & 4,
 left on 12 July in car with 2 Magne &
 2 cyclists. We were attacked by Mexican
 main Road near Fargues! Car was
 knocked out & buried into wood. We all ran,
 me & 4 became separated from Magne. Firing
 continued and we never saw the Magne again.
 He walked to a farmhouse near on S side
 of Lurancie — Boussie Rd. 4 Km from
 Lurancie. The farmer fed & ~~hid us~~ ^{hid us} & then
 Graham & me sprained in jumps from car,
 & he took us a house (farm) 1 Km S. Started
 an Irish outbred house, ^{while farmer went on} half hour later an
 auto drove & brought Magne who took us to

4
Magnus Bg in wood cut Aug. There held 13-14
prisoners until we were identified the next day.
He were imprisoned with Milice etc. He
were identified by 2 speaking men. Stayed
here in a chateau formerly owned by Bg (a
Sanatorium). Left on 14 July. They took
us to Soo a chateau in wood (a Bg.)
we were interrogated by Lt.
of the FFI. He was ^{one of} ~~supper~~ ^{Magnus} ~~dispensary~~ (Lunen ^{one of} ~~Aubert~~ (Merac))
Derrin, interpreter, at the Bg, a liaison
was going to take us to Brit Col in
charge of 1400 Magnis. He was called
Bastard. He were attacked by German
on 16th & we could ^{not} leave. 17-18-19-20
no action on 20-21-22 Germans
attacked again. He left the Bg for wood.
All the bldgs were burned we were shelled etc.
Night of 22 left with 15 made way
thru heavy positions. To a house in
short way away. Ate at this house & then
went to another house about 3/4 way
where slept in haystack until AM when
we all left for Metz in. He stopped at
house on outskirts, the agent of 1 of magnis &
stayed with 1 magnis here for 8 days.
Our Pilot went into town & arranged with
magnis to take us to Brit Col.

On July 30 PM left by car with Magnie
to Montreal where met bendarines in
Magnie. He were given Champagne at N.Y.
Then went under heavy escort toward Avron
& stayed night at farmhouse. Next AM
we were given an auto & we drove to Avron
and reported to Brit Col. (Bastard)
Short in stature & words, small mustache
very British. He nam Magnie, all sorts
of supplies & agent dropped. Capt DeLaRoche
was in charge of getting men to Spain. No one
questioned. He stayed on a Magnie horse.
He took our M S R & radioed them to
England. Capt DeLaRoche came by to take
us to Spain on D day (New) but he
changed his mind & we stayed on 2 days
then went Auze & stayed at Magnie
P/W cage for 3 days. 3 ^{big chiefs} Melles were
executed there.

At Avron above 3 day before D day a
q Mosquito pilot, was brought in
by Magnie in bad shape. ~~When~~ he recovered
he followed us.

On 3 day at Auze Mosq. Pilot & Capt Pilot
left a French Lt for Vincent by car for
Agene. On that day the Magnie took

over Anze. we stayed a collegian town. He helped collect Chitra stuff.

Graham - ^{taken} to Bordeaux by Times & May Gilly (Lt. French) on the 13 Aug. I then met Sgt. Richard. They were driven ~~to Biarritz~~ ^{to Biarritz} ~~on 16 Aug~~ ^{Sgt. Michael Bedel} ~~parent with us~~ in car driven by French man to Biarritz where stayed at Hotel.

Others - ~~He~~ ^{we} were taken to Bordeaux on 16th. Went to theatre & there captured a German denounced by a woman. He took to Maggie Hg & also ~~to~~ a girl collaborator with him. He left 19 Aug & joined Graham at Biarritz. He stayed at Hotel Carlton until 30 when evacuated by air. While there reported to Paul Groszick. He arranged our evacuation.

At Los ~~was~~ Pilot was given dog tag of a Sgt Shaw who was killed (Bournt)
at Bordeaux saw dog tag of ^(Bournt) Elbert F. Lozes 3415 4974
New Orleans (Casualty)