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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

SIMON J. WILCZEK SGT 38396524  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
381<sup>st</sup> BOMB GP  
(Unit)

Sept 27, 1944  
(Date)

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. JUNE 15, 1944  
ABOUT 8:00 AM NEAR BAZAS

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
ONE ENGINE ON FIRE + TWO ENGINES OUT

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? FROM 19 000 - 18 000

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? no

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

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?  
I SAW ALL

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?

I Believe all are safe, and if not returned to duty, all soon will be

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

SIMON J. WILCZEK Sgt. 38396524

(Name)

(Rank)

(ASN)

ONE

(No. of missions)

534<sup>th</sup>

(Squadron)

381<sup>st</sup>

(Group)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: JUNE 15/44

Date arrived in UK: SEPT - 26 - 44

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT CHARLES H. KELLY - LAST SEEN IN FRANCE. I SAW HIM  
CO-PILOT ROBERT DISBROW - PASSED THROUGH SPAIN - TOLD BY FFI  
NAVIGATOR FRANK CHAMP PASSED THROUGH SPAIN. TOLD BY FFI  
BOMBARDIER SIMON J. WILCZEK - IN ENGLAND NOW -  
RADIO OPERATOR HAROLD C. BROOKS. LAST SEEN IN FRANCE. I SAW HIM  
TOP TURRET GUNNER CHARLES F. BRASHEAR - IN ENGLAND NOW - BY AIR  
BALL TURRET GUNNER RALPH J. WORKMAN - LAST SEEN IN FRANCE  
WAIST GUNNER ALFRED CAMPBELL, PASSED THROUGH SPAIN. TOLD BY FFI  
WAIST GUNNER  
TAIL GUNNER DONALD S. GRAHAM - IN ENGLAND NOW - BY AIR

Decorations:

Date of Birth: NOV. 17 - 1923

Private Address: ~~241~~ LOYAL, OKLAHOMA

Length of Service: 20 MONTHS

Job as Civilian: FARM HAND

From what field did you take off? Take off time. 4:00 A.M. APPROX.

381<sup>st</sup> BOMB GP.

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?

Did you have identity papers? NO

(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: *no*

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: *no*

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. *BIARRITZ Sept 26. 44*  
*BY AIR*

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.

*CHARLES H. KELLY AMERICAN*



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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.,.....)

*All military installation were destroyed. North of Bordeaux were some German troops still resisting.*

*The Civilian Morale was rising quickly as soon as the vicinity was free -*

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APPENDIX C. TECH. SHEET

1. Did you jump or crash land? *JUMPED*
2. What was the town or village nearest to which you jumped or crash landed? *BHZNHS*
3. How long was it before you got help? *ABOUT 1/2 HOUR*
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.

*The F.F.I. #1 (GRIGNOLS) SOS, JULY 12 - AUG. 3*  
*(JUNE 15 - JULY 12)*

*AVIRON - AUG. 3 - AUG. 18*  
*FAUZE AUG. 18 - SEPT. 15*  
*BORDEAUX SEPT 15 - SEPT 18*  
*BIARRITZ SEPT 18 - SEPT 24*

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

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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) SIMON J. WILCZEK Signed Simon J. Wilczek  
Rank Sgt A.S.N. 38396524 Dated 9-27-44 Place   
Unit 381st Witness Sarant 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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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *SGT. SIMON J. WILCZEK*  
Unit:- *381st BOMB GR*

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. *yes*

Milk (tube). *yes*

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *no*

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches. *FOR TO LIGHT FIRES + CIGARETTES*

Adhesive tape. *TO TAPE Blisters*

Chewing gum. *yes*

Water bottle. *yes*

Compass. *yes*

Sewing kit. *yes to SEW MY TROUSERS*

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *no*  
e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *the FFI took it*  
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)



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

Maps. Which ones? *ONE OF SOUTHERN FRANCE*

Compass, *yes*

File (hacksaw). *no*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *FRANCE 2000 FRANCS*  
How did you spend the money? *FOR NECESSITIES. TOOTHBRUSH, SHAVE*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *GAVE TWO TO THE EFFI*

Compass. *NOT DISPOSED OF*

File (hacksaw). *NOT DISPOSED OF*

Surplus currency.

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? *FIVE*

b. Did you use them? *no*

5. LECTURES

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

*AT MY BASE BY INTELLIGENCE  
OFFICER.*

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? *no*

"C" Report

Sgt. Simon J. Wilczec

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Our plane was hit by flak on the 15th June 1944. I bailed out and landed ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ in a forest near Bazas(GIRONDE). A Frenchman took me to a group of farmhouses where I was fed. I was then hidden in the woods until nightfall when 2 boys took me to another woods where I met Lt. Kelly and Lt. Disbrow of my crew. We were taken to a nearby house and fed and then taken to the home of Eli Filleau. We stayed overnight and were given clothes the next day. Maurice Adom, a Lt in the Maqui, then took us in a car to a house in Silas(GIRONDE). The next morning we were taken to the nearby house of M. Meric, Silas, where we met Sgt. Graham, Sgt. Brashear, Sgt. Brook, Sgt. Workman, Sgt. Campbell & F/O Champ, all of my crew. From this point my story is the same as Sgt. Brashear's.

R. Sarant  
2nd Lt, AUS

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