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We crashed near Malhouse.
I set off with S/sgt Garbisch & E#.
Near the Swiss border we met a
farmer (name unknown) who helped
us across the frontier.

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All I know is that the
Oxygen was out and that
we had left the formation. I knew
of no flak or fighters when
"Heard" "Prepare for crash-
landing". We dipped our
chutes in gas and set them
on fire near a wing tank.

We were 400 yds away when
the aircraft blew up.

I took off with ~~the~~
Sgt Garbisch ~~and~~. The
Navigator said that
we were near ^{the millhouse} ~~the border~~, and
we travelled about through the
woods by compass.

Being very hungry and
tenting ourselves in Switzerland
we approached a farmer
Whom told us the border
was still ahead and offered

of take us across.

We came to a sentry
box which he investigated
and found empty. We crossed
a field and mountain before
being picked up.

My departure from Switzerland
was delayed by personal
arrangements.

know of no flake or
fighters. Officer was out
of we were out of formation,
guard prepare for crash-
landing. Landed O.K.
Dipped blades in gas & set
on fire one on wing near tank
When 400 yds away she
exploded.

We took off in p.m.
I was with Garbisch, travelled
through woods by compass
S. Navigator told us near
Mulhouse. Near to border
we picked up a guide. Very
hungry thought in. Surely approached
they were asked us in
of eat. We set out & he told
us he would take us over
& he did. Then woods set
at sentry shack he investigated
it was empty saw across
fields over to Switzerland.
Porrentruy picked up at border
Dier made hotel of Bern Glon
Geneva currency delayed &
left.

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

Unit:-

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. _____

~~Chocolate or Peanut Bar.~~ _____

~~Milk (tube).~~ _____

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? *NO.*

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?

NO.

2. PURSE

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

b. Did you use the purse?

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

Maps. Which ones?

FRANCE.

Compass,

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money?

Belg Dutch Fr
GAVE TO FRENCH.

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

CARRIED ALL TO SWITZERLAND
& THE SWISS TOOK THEM

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

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?

If so, how many?

8.

b. Did you use them?

NO.

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

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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 escapers?

NO.

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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;
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.

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) HEATH ROYCE Signed Heath Royce
 Rank Sgt. A. S. N. 39558369 Dated 10-5-44
 Unit 728 58 452 GR Witness Stacy P. Smith Capt #609C

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S E C R E T

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Heath Royce Sgt. 39558369
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: Strasbourg

Date mission in action: 5-27-44

Date arrived in UK: 4-7-44

7 (No. of missions)

728 (Squadron) 452 (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT MARD - PW. - RED CROSS
CO-PILOT ? - PW. ? Told us that
NAVIGATOR Mc DONALD - PW.
BOMBARDIER WIGGINS } ESCAPED
RADIO OPERATOR HEATH }
TOP TURRET GUNNER BOYCE - PW.
BALL TURRET GUNNER GARBISH - ESCAPED
WAIST GUNNER YOUNG - PW.
WAIST GUNNER CHUCK - ESCAPED
TAIL GUNNER Smith PW.

Decorations:

Date of Birth: 4-30-44

Private Address: 2226 So. TOWNER ST., SANTA ANA, CALIF.

Length of Service: 2 YEARS

Job as Civilian: AIRCRAFT WORKER

From what field did you take off? Take off time. DEAFEN GREEN 07.30

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? YES.

Were you wounded? Give details. NO.

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? All the money in ESCAPE KITS.

Do you speak FRENCH? NO SPANISH? NO GERMAN? NO ITALIAN? NO OTHER LANGUAGE? English

Did you have identity papers? NO.

(over)

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

YES. BY MILITARY ATTECHE IN SWITZERLAND
/ BY SWISS MILITARY

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?

YES. BERN SWITZERLAND JUNE 21st 1944

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?

→
MILITARY ATTECHE

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When?

SAME ABOVE

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

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

SECRET

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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Heath Royce Sgt 39559369
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

10-5-44

(Date)

728 Sqd 452 GR
(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.

5-27-44 NEAR MELL HOUSE FRANCE

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

crash oxygen system all I knew about

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

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

No

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

None

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

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 members were identified by name or otherwise.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

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?

Red X says all P/W but
co pilot whose name I did
not know as a spare

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.,.....)

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