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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Bunnell Richard F. S/Sgt 19160013
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Oct 20, 1944
(Date)

388 Bomb Grp 562 Sqdn
(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. July 8, 1944

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

Plane on fire and exploded

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

10,000

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

Not positive but was informed pilot folded over wheel, and I called the ball turret twice and received no answer so think he was dead

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

Lt Alperin (Bombardier), Schwark (Engineer), Bunnell (Waist g) 3 chutes opened

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 the above mentioned

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.

None of the others were seen

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.

On land

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

Believe dead, saw no other chutes.

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Bunnell, Richard F S/Sgt 19160013
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

7 (No. of missions)

562 388
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: Supply depot first
near Paris

Date mission in action: 7/8/44

Date arrived in UK: 8/1/44

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT 1st Lt SJ Fisher - 0816279 unknown KIA

CO-PILOT 2d Lt John Healey - 0821009 KIA

(NAVIGATOR) 1st Lt Togglier Smith, Wilbert 33411434 KIA

BOMBARDIER 2d Lt Jerome Alperin 01320377 P/W Bailed out, talked to him after landing

RADIO OPERATOR T/Sgt George Webster unknown 6960141 KIA

TOP TURRET GUNNER T/Sgt Gustave Swank SCHWARK 36042567 P/W

BALL TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt Salvator Culotta unknown 16006667 KIA

L WAIST GUNNER S/Sgt Beryl Smith unknown 37659021 KIA

R WAIST GUNNER S/Sgt Richard Bunnell 19160013 known out, passed out to safety

TAIL GUNNER S/Sgt Robt Piner 37536669 KIA Believe all unknowns dead as there were only 3 eights from plane.

Decorations: Purple heart

Date of Birth: May 28, 1907

Private Address: 728 No. Avon, Burbank, Calif.

Length of Service: 24 yrs

Job as Civilian: Grade Construction

From what field did you take off? Take off time. Kneetashaw, approx 0615

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Not known, but imagine they were

Were you wounded? Give details. Top of head creased with flask and left ear badly torn, slight concussion, compression fracture of spine, body wounds from explosion

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? recaptured

Do you speak FRENCH? no SPANISH? no GERMAN? no ITALIAN? no OTHER LANGUAGE? no

Did you have identity papers? no DOG TAGS

(over)

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

Yes at my base by Lt Rosen of SI

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

Yes to Lt Rosen

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

Same as above

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. *Cherbourg, 8/1/44, sea*

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

Lt Jerome Alperin

S/Sgt Gustave Schwark

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

none

MIT 8 July
UK c 1 Oct

2429

R E S T R I C T E D
HEADQUARTERS
314th (US) Station Hospital

GVS/WJT/ lg

SO: 170

APO 511
19 October 1944

1. S/Sgt Richard F. Bunnell, 19160013, is reld fr asgd Co D, Det of Pnts 4158 US Army Hosp Plant APO 511 and is disch to dy eff o/a 20 Oct 44 and WP w/o delay on temp dy for approx two (2) days to HQ, ETOUSA, APO 413 reporting upon arrival to Asst Chief of Staff G-2 for interview. Upon completion of such temp dy EM WP w/o delay to 388 Heavy Bomb Grp, APO 559 reporting upon arrival thereat to CO thereof for dy. Travel by rail is auth. TCNT.TDN 60-136 P 431-02 A 212/50425

<u>A or S</u>	<u>Type Casualty</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Asgmt</u>
AC	B	RTD	G

AUTH: VOGG UK Base and Cir # 69, HQ, ETOUSA, dtd 13 Jun 44.

2. Pfc John N. Varveris, 35918323, is reld fr asgd Co B, Det of Pnts 4158 US Army Hosp Plant APO 511 and is trfd to asgd Det of Pnts 4134 US Army Hosp Plant APO 508 eff o/a 20 Oct 44 for further obsn and treatment. Travel by ambulance is auth. TDN 60-136 P 431-02 A 212/50425.

AUTH: VOGO and Cir # 69, HQ, ETOUSA, dtd 13 Jun 44

3. The fol named O and EM, orgns indicated, are reld fr atchd Det of Pnts 4158 US Army Hosp Plant and are asgd Det of Pnts 4158 US Army Hosp Plant eff o/a 19 Oct 44. No travel involved. AUTH: VOGO and Cir #69, HQ, ETOUSA, dtd 13 Jun 44.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ORGN</u>
2D LT HAROLD O. CHARLSON,	01172798	45 Repl Bn
Pfc Fred I. Baker, Jr.,	31285798	112 Inf Regt
Sgt Lawrence C. Blackmore,	36464519	460 Ord Evac Co
Pfc Irwin C. Bone,	35449084	330 Inf Regt
Cpl Joseph A. Bove,	31218025	197 AAA Aw Bn
Tec 5 Robert A. Burkhardt,	33070008	8 Inf Regt
Pvt Harry W. Cason,	38510581	115 Inf Regt
Pvt David S. Cumbee,	7023236	112 Inf Regt
Pfc Elmer E. Davidson,	37625886	60th Inf Regt
Pfc Patrick Demato,	32161052	67 FA Bn Regt
S/Sgt Francis J. Grugan,	33143811	36 Armd Inf
Pvt Frank C. Gunnison,	33710885	2 Inf Regt
Pvt Lawrence Hayes,	38490072	667 QM Co
Pfc Chesley L. Kmita,	31017909	119 Inf Regt
Pvt John C. Machinski,	12017962	26 Inf Regt
Pvt William J. Mallers,	36892246	60 Inf Regt
Pvt Robert L. Nielsen,	36629274	307 Med Co
Tec 5 Louis F. Olszewski,	36157575	391 FA Bn
Pfc Gordon C. Potter,	33271609	41 Armd Inf
Pfc Frank A. Voss,	13031507	17 Armd Engrs
S/Sgt Harold G. Whiteside,	34708248	330 Inf Regt
Pvt Frank Zizlavsky (NMI)	36784361	119 Inf Regt
Pfc Mathis E. Kiefer,	35154116	9th Inf Regt
Pfc Donald W. Baas,	33345891	314 Inf Regt
Pvt Norman A. Beals,	33714731	366 Repl Center
Cpl Meyer S. Bernstein,	33161686	630 TD Bn
Pvt Herbert B. Burroughs,	34066282	974 QM Serv Co
Pfc Joseph A. Calcagno,	32735234	378 Inf Regt
Pvt William E. Campbell,	36672050	302 Port Co
Pvt Eugene S. Carr,	34549292	3247 QM Serv Co
Pvt Vester W. Clouse,	38403999	358 Repl Co CAC
Pfc Lurvey S. Cramer,	34537917	118 AAA Grp
Pvt Joseph A. Cutrera,	33583960	434 FA Bn
Pfc Victor L. Denson,	32799773	156 Inf Regt
Pvt Guadalupe T. Flores,	38123641	241 FA Bn
Pfc William C. Gearson,	37243861	3622 QM Trk
Pvt Joachim L. Hess,	32999142	1st Med Bn
Pvt Carlous Higgins (NMI)	35039719	109 Inf Regt
Tec 5 Harry L. Holmes,	32215272	67 Serv Sqd
Pfc Fred Laase (NMI)	35021639	41st Armd Inf
Tec 5 Harold J. Rowe,	31282988	3532 Armd MAM
Pvt Bertram C. Smithcamp,	39411092	332 Repl Bn
Pvt Fred S. Stroheker,	36786301	9th Repl Armd

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SO 170, Hq, 314th Sta Hosp, dtd 19 Oct 44 - Cont'd

4. The fol named EM, orgns indicated, are reld fr atchd Det of Pnts 4158 US Army Hosp Plant APO 511 and are asgd Det of Pnts 4158 US Army Hosp Plant APO 511 eff o/a 19 Oct 44. No travel involved. AUTH:VOCO and Cir #69, HQ, ETOUSA, dtd 13 Jun 44.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ORGN</u>
Cpl Barrios H. Vargas,	30410408	3267 QM Co
Pfc Cecil Wachtel (NMI)	36056595	112 Inf Regt
Pfc Francis W. Vascocu,	34070394	156 Inf Regt
Tec 5 Thomas H. Heatley,	31327486	150 Engrs
Pfc Franklyn L. Beaudoen,	36546508	101 Airborne Div.

5. The fol named Officers and Enlisted Men are relieved from DS with Det of Pnts 4158 US Army Hosp Plant and fr atchd unasgd to units indicated and are trfd to asgd Det of Pnts 4158 US Army Hosp Plant APO 511. eff o/a 19 Oct 44. No travel involve

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ORGN</u>
2D LT ELMER F. ERICSON,	01316541	507 Pcht Inf Regt
2D LT EDWARD E. GIDEON,	01013756	502 Pcht Inf Regt
Pfc Harry J. Bennett,	31264828	502 Pcht Inf Regt
Pvt Lewis C. Burns,	39858700	501 Pcht Inf Regt
Pvt Harold W. Craig,	19088216	505 Pcht Inf Regt
Pvt Thomas J. Flangan,	15320909	502 Pcht Inf Regt
Pvt John W. Given,	37521394	505 Pcht Inf Regt
Pfc Anthony G. Gorney,	19099631	507 Pcht Inf Regt
Pvt John D. Kennelly,	13124412	505 Pcht Inf Regt
Pfc Frank E. Koenig,	13123927	505 Pcht Inf Regt
Pfc Edward J. Lacey,	32341506	507 Pcht Inf Regt
Sgt William P. Molesky,	32289782	505 Pcht Inf Regt
Pvt Proco J. Moreno,	36641486	508 Pcht Inf Regt
Sgt Alfred K. McHaney,	39236910	507 Pcht Inf Regt

AUTH: VOCO and Cir # 69, HQ, ETOUSA, dtd 13 Jun 44.

6. Par 1 SO 164, this hq, cs, as reads " The FD will reimburse the above named EM for the actual cost of qrs and rats not to exceed two dollars (\$2.00) per day for subsistence and two dollars (\$2.00) per day for lodgings in the event that Govt qrs or rats are not available." is hereby amended to read " The FD will pay monetary allowances to above EM in accordance with ETOUSA Cir 63, 5 Jun 44, as amended by ETOUSA Cir 84, 31 Jul 44 for period of travel and/or temp dy in event Govt qrs and rats are neither availbale nor furnished. TDN 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425."

7. Par 5 SO 154, this hq, cs, as reads "The FD will reimburse the above named EM for the actual cost of qrs and rats not to exceed two dollars (\$2.00) per day for subistence and two dollars (\$2.00) per day for lodgings in the event that Govt qrs are not available." is hereby amended to read " The FD will pay monetary allowances to above named EM in accordance with ETOUSA Cir 63, 5 Jun 44, as amended by ETOUSA Cir 84, 31 Jul 44 for period of travel and/or temp dy in event Govt qrs and rats are neither available nor furnished. TDN 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425."

8. Lv of absence is hereby granted the fol named O:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DAYS OF LV</u>	<u>EFF o/a</u>
2D LT MILDRED H. BONFOEY, N752297, ANC	7	23 Oct 44

By order of Colonel BARBOUR:

OFFICIAL:

George V. Stephens
 GEORGE V. STEPHENS,
 Capt, Med Adm C,
 Adjutant

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 Adjutant

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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.,.....)

S/Sgt Richard F BUNNELL, 19160013, 562/388 Bomb Gp (H), MIA 8 July 1944
Intrvd 20 Oct 44

BUNNELL landed in a poppy field somewhere in N France abd probably W of AM-
IENS, 8 July 44. He crawled to a woods, stood up, found that he was bleeding
badly and could not get around well, and stepped out and surrendered to a German
who had been firing at him, apparently as he was parachuting. (He had been
creased by flak on the top of his head and on his left ear, suffering slight con-
cussion, and he had compression fracture of the spine and some body wounds from
the exploding plane as he was thrown out.) He was taken to a small town which he
thinks was CELLE where he met Lt ALPERIN and Sgt SWAK. A French doctor dressed his
wounds. The next day he was taken to a transfer point, picking up Lt GILL from
his group and two of Gill's crew. BUNNELL was then taken alone to an hospital at
AMIENS where he stayed about three weeks. He was moved to CHARLEVILLE for four
days and then to CHALONS sur MARNE where he stayed three weeks and where he was
taken
~~recaptured~~ by the advancing Americans about 29 Aug.

At the first point some effort was made to interrogate Bunnell, but the inter-
rogator's English was so feeble and Bunnell was so foggy that nothing seemed to
have been gained.

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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? *no*
- b. If not, why? *no chance, was taken from chute harness by Germans*
- 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?

- 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?

Small tooth brush

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse?
State color of stripes and letters.
If NOT, State why not. *Had water proof package of Francis*

- b. Did you use the purse? *no was taken by Germans*

(over)

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

Maps. Which ones?

Compass,

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money?

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

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? *3 I think*

b. Did you use them? *Taken by Germans*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *yes all through training*

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?

Concentrate on delayed jump

After hitting the ground (in poppy field) crawled to woods & stood up found I could not get around well and was bleeding badly so stepped out and surrendered to German who had been firing at me from the ground. Was taken to small town, met Lt Alperin & Swank, (also under guard) on the way, received medical attention and wounds were dressed ^{by French doctor} after waiting for about 2 hrs. Remained there balance of that day and night, then was taken to transfer point by truck, picked up Lt Gill and two of his crew ^{of one} on the way, here we were split up and I was taken to the hospital at Amiens. Remained there for about 3 weeks then was taken to Charleville, was there 4 days, then to Chalons sur Marne, was there 3 weeks and recaptured. c 29 Aug.

Tried interrogation at first place - but little Eng - & I
hazy

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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.

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 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) Bunnell, Richard F

Signed Richard F Bunnell

Rank S/sgt A. S. N. 19160013

Dated Oct 20, 1944

Unit 388 Bomb Grp 562 Bomb Sqdn

Witness William G. J. Ws

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