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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Richard O. Pass TSgt 15334123  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Oct 7, 1944  
(Date)

397<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group  
(Unit)

599<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq.

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. Aug 9, 1944 - near Paris

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc? None bailed out. Plane was shot up with flak. One engine out and the other one cutting out

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? Did not bail out. Rode the plane down from about 800 ft.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? Yes. The pilot had a flak wound

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

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? No. It broke up and was burning.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? Saw three alive and Germans told me two were dead.

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. Germans told me two were dead. The crew members were not identified by names.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition? Plane was not examined closely but it was broken up and scattered over about 200 sq yards.

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? Consider 3 of crew dead by word of Germans. Know that two besides my self are alive.

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R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS  
13TH REPLACEMENT CONTROL DEPOT (AVN)

APO 149, U.S. Army,  
3 October 1944.

SPECIAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 274 )

1. VOCCG, IX Air Force Sv Comd, 16 Sept 1944, placing CAPTAIN WASHINGTON MAST, O-199028, AC, Repl Pool, Sq "C", 13th Repl Contl Depot (Avn), Sta 433, on D/S for a period of thirty (30) days, directing him to proceed fr Sta 433 to Sta 472 and such other places as may be necessary, for dy w/58th Mobile Trng Unit (Prov), is hereby confirmed and made of record. Upon completion of this temp dy he will ret to proper orgn and sta. If govt qrs a/o subs are not furn, mont alws for actual cost of qrs a/o subs, a/o \$4.00 per day for qrs and \$1.25 per day in lieu of subs, is atzd, in accordance w/Par 2c, Cir 63, Hq, European T of Opns, USA, 5 June 1944. This auth terminates upon completion of this temp dy. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

2. So much of Par 30, SO #209, this Hq, cs, as reads: "\*\*\*asgd to 1513th QM Trk Bn Avn (SP), AAF Sta 544\*\*", is amended to read: "\*\*\*asgd to 1515th QM Trk Bn Mobile Avn, Sta 528\*\*".

30 days  
3. T/Sgt Richard V Pass, 15334173, is reld fr dy and asgmt w/Repl Pool, Sq "A", 13th Repl Contl Depot (Avn), Sta 433, trfd in gr WP Hq, European T of Opns, USA, Brook Street, London, o/a 4 Oct 1944. Rations in kind will be furn by QM while traveling. TDN by rail or GMT. 60-136 P 431-02 A 212/50425.

4. The following named EM are reld fr dy and asgmt w/Repl Pool, Sq "A", 13th Repl Contl Depot (Avn), Sta 433, trfd in gr WP orgns and stas indicated o/a 5 Oct 1944. TDN by rail or GMT. Rations in kind will be furn by QM while traveling. 60-136 P 431-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: Memo 35-15, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 9 Sept 1944.

Pvt Francis J Creamer 17045661 10TH REPLACEMENT DEPOT, APO 574

Cpl Francis P Ryan(756) 33361941 70TH REPLACEMENT DEPOT, STA 594

5. CAPTAIN ROBERT D WHITE, O-1691292, DC, Repl Pool, 13th Repl Contl Dep (Avn), is reld fr temp duty with/340th Serv Sq, 74th Serv Gp., and is placed on further T/D w/Hq, 20th Repl Contl Depot (Avn), WP as soon as practical. TDN by rail or GMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: VOCCG, IX Air Force Sv Comd, 3 Oct 1944.

6. The following named EM are reld fr dy and asgmt w/Sq "A", 13th Repl Contl Depot (Avn), and trfd in gr to Repl Pool, 13th Repl Contl Dep (Avn). (No travel involved)

Cpl John L Shea(405) 37500731 Pfc Louis C Ermert(405) 16159983

7. The following named Pers, orgns indicated, are placed on temp dy for a period of three (3) days WP Sta 590, o/a 4 Oct 1944. Upon completion of this temp dy they will ret to proper orgn and sta. If govt qrs a/o subs are not furn, mont alws in lieu of qrs and/or subs, a/r \$4.00 per day for qrs and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd the officer, in accordance w/Par 2c, Cir 63, Hq, European T of Opns, USA, 5 June 1944, and mont alws a/r \$2.25 per day for subs and \$1.25 per day for qrs, is atzd the EM, in accordance w/Par 3a, Cir 63, Hq, European T of Opns, USA, 5 June 1944, as amended by Sec IX Cir 84, Hq, European T of Opns, USA, 31 July 1944. TDN by rail or GMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

MAJOR MORTON SIMONS 0-418461 MC REPL POOL, 13TH REPL CONTL DEPOT (AVN)  
Sgt Thomas F Ryan 17049908 HQ & HQ DET, 13TH REPL CONTL DEPOT (AVN)  
Cpl Charles M Tucker 39327822 " " "

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SO #274, Hq, 13th Repl Contl Depot (Avn), 3 October 1944.

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8. Upon the recommendation of their orgn Comdr, and under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1943, the following named EM, Hq & Hq Det, 13th Repl Contl Dep (Avn) are promoted to the temporary grades as indicated.

STAFF SERGEANT (Temp)

Sgt Earl L Eastin 37481049

SERGEANT (Temp)

Cpl Max H Andrews 11107594  
Cpl Joe Cowgill 31182585  
Cpl Harvey L Hodesh 15337562  
Cpl George J Jacobs 32177526

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Pvt Rubin P Griffith 39834540

9. S/Sgt Clarence J Soulea Jr, 32189311, (274), is reld fr'dy and asgmt w/Repl Pool, Sq "A", 13th Repl Contl Dep (Avn), Sta 433, trfd in gr WP Hq & Hq Sq, 45th Air Depot Group., Sta 519, o/a 5 Oct 1944. Rations in kind will be furn by QM while traveling. TDN by rail or GMT. 60-136 P 431-02 A 21250425.

(Travel directed is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr, Hq, European T of Opns, USA, 24 May 1944)

By order of Major BROWN:

LEROY C. HUTCHISON  
Captain, Air Corps  
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

*Leroy C. Hutchison*  
LEROY C. HUTCHISON  
Captain, Air Corps  
Adjutant

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

RICHARD V. PASS 1SGT 15334173  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

FORTY (No. of missions)

599th 397th  
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: Bridge near Paris - SE

Date mission in action: 9 Aug

Date arrived in UK: 30 Aug

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT	<u>J. GROSS - Killed</u>	} <u>heard from Germans</u>
CO-PILOT	<u>HESSER. died from wounds</u>	
NAVIGATOR	<u>E.M.V. J. SERIO - Killed</u>	
BOMBARDIER		
RADIO OPERATOR	<u>R.V. PASS - wounded</u>	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	<u>K. S. STILES - wounded</u>	
BALL TURRET GUNNER		
WAIST GUNNER	<u>R.V. PASS</u>	
WAIST GUNNER		
TAIL GUNNER	<u>J. N. DEEMS - wounded</u>	

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Decorations: air medal good conduct purple heart - E. 20 ribbon

Date of Birth: May 9, 1910

Private Address: R.R. #1 New Castle, Indiana.

Length of Service: 3 yrs.

Job as Civilian: Radio repairman & machinist

From what field did you take off? Take off time. Herrn Field near Bournemouth - about 11:45 a.m. Aug 9, 1944

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes.

Were you wounded? Give details. yes. Back badly wrenched - left ankle sprained - broken ribs - contusions of face & head.

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? no 1067 TAGS

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? *Yes. to my C. O. when he visited me at the 106. Gen Hosp.*

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. *By air near Orleans France*

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.

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T/Sgt Richard V Pass 15334173 599/397 Bomb Gp (Ninth) MIA 9 Aug Inter: 7.10.44

So far as Sgt PASS knows he came down in the region of DREUX-CHARTRES. /the  
Soon after  
plane crashed some Frenchmen gave first aid to the survivors and the Germans arrived  
after about four hours  
to take the men to a clearance hospital. From there/PASS went by cattle trucks to  
Paris to the Petie hospital, where he remained until the city was liberated by the  
FFI.

An interrogator with skull and cross bones insignia tried to find out the sgt's  
group, CO, and whether flying from England or from France.

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## WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 388.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

KLS/el-2B-989 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 388.6 (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) RICHARD V. PASS

Signed Richard V. Pass

Rank 1/SGT A. S. N. 15334173

Dated Oct 7, 1944

Unit 397 BOMB GP 599 BOMB SQN

Witness [Signature]

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name: - *15334173 1/SGT. Richard W. Pass*  
Unit: - *397th Bomb Group 549th Bomb SqW.*

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? *Captured*
- 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?

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *Yes*  
State color of stripes and letters. *Stripe red with red "F"*  
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? *No.*

(over)



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

Maps. Which ones? *None*

Compass,

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *France - 2000 Fr.*

How did you spend the money?  *Germans stole it*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

*Germans stole it*

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? *No*

b. Did you use them?

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *Had several escape + evasion*

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *lectures by S-2 officers and former escaped prisoners in March 1944 at Kasefield near Bientree*

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? *Yes, make every effort to*

*learn the languages that you may be called on to use at least to the extent of being able to ask for something to eat and directions.*

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.,.....) *None.*

Thinks Drews - Chartres - not sure

Crash - Some fr give 1st aid - G. captured  
To clearance camp - p 4 hrs - cattle trucks to  
Paris -

Petie

Then when city taken over by FF1

Trick find out app, CO - playing out of By a  
fr - by interrogator (with skull & cross  
bones)