

C O N F I D E N T I A L

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 42021887 Rank Sgt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Edward F. Duemmer

Unit 322 Sq, 91 B AF.

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)
on 21 Oct 19 44 and has signed a Security Certificate.

He ~~should~~/should not be re-interrogated.

John Forsyth
1/lt, CAC

Major

IMPORTANT:

THIS CERTIFICATE ~~SHOULD~~ BE OBTAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH) AN OFFICER OF M.I.9
OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X DET.-M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

If E & E is returned to the United Kingdom, he will report to 63 Brook#
Street, London

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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
and QUESTIONNAIRE FOR I. S. 9 (WEA) PERSONNEL

Oct 24, 1944
(Date)

EDWARD F. DUEMMER SGT 42021887
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Manheim 1
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: Sept 5, 1944

Returned to UK: Oct 23, 1944

322 Squadron 91 Bomb Group
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (List names by positions and indicate what happened to each one)

PILOT 2nd Lt. ERNEST R. KELLY - safe in allied hands.

CO-PILOT 2nd Lt. Alfred Anderson - " " " "

NAVIGATOR 2nd Lt. Alton Karoli - " " " "

BOMBARDIER 2nd Lt. Geo. Lancaster - " " " "

RADIO OPERATOR Sgt. Grover Nordman - " " " "

TOP TURRET GUNNER Sgt. Ira Krammes - Prisoner

MID TURRET GUNNER Sgt. Edward F. Duemmer - Returning

WAIST GUNNER Sgt. Zalma Mitchell - Killed

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER Sgt. Richard Doyle - ~~safe returned~~
safe in allied hands.

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. Sept 5, 12 AM, 1 mile out of Pierpont

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

2 engines feathered, 3rd going out being attacked by enemy fighters.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 10000 Feet.

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

Waist Gunner Sgt. Zalma Mitchell

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

Whole crew bailed out ~~with~~ with exception of 1 dead waist gunner.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Don't know.

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.

French Farmer told me of the body found in wreckage and that one was taken prisoner and four were being hid by Marquis in Forest

(over)

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

Total was hout nothing salvagable

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?

FRENCH MEN who aided me gathered his information from fellow villagers who seen crash and the chutists.

Were you wounded? Not wounded but spent ~~some~~ some time in hospital suffering from slight dizziness caused by parachute jump.

Were you in German hands?

No.

Did you kill any Germans in escaping?

No.

Have you previously given the names of your helpers?

No.

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given.

None.

Paul + Marie Kless } hid for 5 days
town outside Pierpont

What security briefing were you given?

What souvenirs do you still possess?

None.

Home address.

39 Woepple St. Buffalo 11, New York

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

SGT. IRA KRAMMES.

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

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVASION CAPTURED/RESCUED FROM (Name of Country) ... France

For all Personnel.

- 1. No. 42021887 Rank. Sgt Name. Edward F. Duemmer
- (U.K. Acting, Temp. or F/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Purple Heart
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details. Injured ear drum in Landing
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 322 Sqn
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 91 Gp. 6. Job. (Pl. Cnl., Etc., etc.) B. Turret Gunner
- 7. Date of Birth. 30 Jan 1925 8. Length of Service. 1 yr, 2 mos
- 9. Peace time occupation. 30 Jan 1925 10. Private address. 39 Woepple St. Buffalo, NY
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph. Dogtags
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? no

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

- 13. No. and location of O.T.U.
- 14. No. and location of Conversion Unit.

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS WHO BALE OUT.

- 15. Post in Crew. Ball Turret Gunner
- 16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.
N.B. - Airborne and Parachute Troops: list below names and units of other occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.
- PILOT. 2nd Lt. Ernest Kelly. - In US Hands
- CO-PILOT. 1st Lt. Anderson " " "
- NAVIGATOR. 2nd Lt. Karoli " " "
- BOMBARDIER. 2nd Lt. George Lancaster " "
- RADIO OPERATOR. Sgt. Grover Nordman MIA
- TOP TURRET GUNNER. Sgt. Ira Krammes PW
- BALL TURRET GUNNER. Narrator
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) Sgt. Zelma Mitchell KIA
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) None
- TAIL GUNNER. S/Sgt. Richard Doyle In US Hands
- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure. B-17, Bathingorn, 5 Sept. 0800, 44.
- 18. Where and when did you come down? Near Longuyon, Meunthe et Moselle, 1300
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Hid them in brush
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Had none

Interview by I.S.9. (WEA)
Date. 21 Oct. 1944

- Attached:
- Appendix "B"
- Appendix "C"
- Appendix "D"

I grade this evasion No. 5

John Forsyth
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- Disposal: RETURNED TO UNIT
- DISTRIBUTION:
- HQ. I.S.9(WEA) 2
- 12th Army Group 2 (less C)
- 9th AF 1

Our target was Mannheim. About 3/4 hr. short of target, we had engine trouble, so we pulled out of formation. Shortly after some ME 109s appeared, and as we had no chance with them, the pilot ordered us to bale out. I hit the ground hard between two wooded areas. I got rid of my equipment. Then I saw some farmers, and followed them. On the way a cyclist saw me, came over and looked at my dog tags. He then took me to a farmer with whom I stayed 5 days. On the 10 Sept. the Germans pulled out of the area, and one of the Frenchman took me on a motorcycle to some US TD Troops. They sent me to some infantry. I was having dizzy spells from the hard landing, so I was sent to a hospital. I spent the next month in several hospitals and then got into the hands of the Air Corps. They sent me to Paris for interrogation.

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)/6/603/1902

If further circulation of this information is made, it is important that its source should not be divulged.

No. 42021887 Rank Sgt Name Edward F. Duemmer

Date of Interview 21 Oct. 1944

The people that helped me were:

MeMne Paul et Marie Kless, near Pierpont,
Meurthe et Moselle, fed and sheltered
narrator for 5 days.

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

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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,
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Departments;
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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.

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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 supercedes 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.

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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.

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Name (Print) EDWARD F. DUEMMER Signed Edward F. Duemmer
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