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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

NORMAN GROVER C SGT 17097893
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

918199
(Date)

91 Bom B Co 322 Sq
(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.

915199 1045 PIERRES PONT, FRANCE

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

NO. 2, 3, & ENGINES OUT

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 6,000 ft

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

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

ALL MEMBERS YES

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?

2 hit THE GROUND 2MI FROM ME

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.

NO

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

NO - FRENCH SAID IT BURNED UP

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.

NO

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

ALL IN FRANCE

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "B" 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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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

NORDMAN GROVER C SGT 17097393
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: LUDWIGSHAVEN

Date mission in action: 9/5/44

1
(No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: 9/6/44

322
(Squadron) 91
(Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT KELLY E.R. - UNKNOWN
CO-PILOT - " "
NAVIGATOR KAROTI A.R. - BAILED OUT
BOMBARDIER LANCASTER - BAILED OUT
RADIO OPERATOR NORDMAN G.C. - ARRIVED UK 9/6/44
TOP TURRET GUNNER KRAMMES - BAILED OUT
BALL TURRET GUNNER DUEMMER E. - LANDED IN WOODS
WAIST GUNNER Mitchel, Z.M. - " "
WAIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER DOYLE R.E. - BAILED OUT

Decorations:

Date of Birth: JULY 27, 1922

Private Address: 603 Allison Ave DES MOINES, IOWA

Length of Service: 25 MO.

Job as Civilian: CLERK

From what field did you take off? Take off time. BASSINGBORN 0750

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? YES

Were you wounded? Give details. NO

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

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

Did you have identity papers? YES

(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? YES 63 Brook St 9/18/44

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. REMES, FRANCE 9/6/44 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.

"C" Report

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Sgt. Grover C. Nordman

On the 5th September 1944 we had to bail out because of mechanical failure. I landed in a field at Pierrepoint (M. & M.) and entered the barn of a nearby farmhouse. I declared myself to the farmer who took me into his house and fed me and gave me clothes. Germans were approaching so I hid in a thicket. Young Jacques (probably farmer's son) then walked me to the village of Bois de Belchene (M. & M.) where I was given more clothing by the Maqui. 3 of the Maqui then walked me as far as Spincourt (M. & M.). I then walked toward Etain (Meuse), but met other men of the Maqui who took me a few miles past Spincourt to a Roadside Tavern where I met an American patrol. I was evacuated through channels.

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2nd Lt. AUS

Target Ludwigshafen 5 Sept.

Lost 3 engines thru mechanical failure.
dropped out. Lost altitude, Ordered bale out
Bald out at 6000. Landed in a field at
Parsfont. N.E. Verdun. French say plane banded up.
I liked my chute, entered nearby barn, stuffed
seated suit etc in bag. Frenchman hid my chute.
I hid myself to Kormier, entered his house & with
phrase but a heavy bearing of L. here 5 miles away,
got clothes & food. on approach of being hid in
chickens, being was looking for flyers. Walked
with young Jacques to small town 6 mi away.
~~to town~~ (between Spincourt & Longuevie. Here I was
given more clothing. Then walked At Bois de
Belchère where same day maguire had shot 2 German
aviators (probably from wreckage of SS Ju) Here I was
given more clothing & then walked with 3 maguire
to Spincourt. Here walked for Ctair, met more
maguire in car who took us a few miles past
Spincourt to a Roadside Tavern. Here I met
American patrol. they took me to along with
them. next day went back with gas truck
to Rheims. Then got ride on C 47. to
no maidenhead (Lt Col. Thompson. Flew me).

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 17097393 SGT NORDMAN G.C.

Unit:- 91st Bom B Gp 322 Sq.

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?
- 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.
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? FRANCE, BELGIUM, HOLLAND

Compass, NO

File (hacksaw), NO

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. FRENCH
How did you spend the money? PAYING GUIDE

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. STILL HAVE ONE LOST ONE

Compass. HAVE

File (hacksaw). TO

Surplus currency. FRENCH

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion?

YES

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

If so, how many? YES 12

b. Did you use them? NO

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

G-2 BOSSING BROWN, BIRMINGHAM AUG 40

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?

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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

AG 883.6 (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 supercedes letter, AG 883.6 (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) GROVER C. NORDMAN
Rank SGT A. S. N. 17097393
Unit 91 BOMB GP 322 BOMB SQ

Signed Grover C. Nordman
Dated 8 Sept. 1944
Witness [Signature]

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