# MOST SECRET

APPENDIX "B"
MIS (X).....

The following information has been obtained from our interview with
who escaped after capture
by the enemy/evaded capture by the enemy after being in enemy/enemy occupied territory.
Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so it is important not
to divulge any particulars of source.
Statement of information covering period from
to
1. Airfield at Juvisy - noted 1 ME 110 - Nov. 10 2. Bridge across Leine at Corbeils mined by Sermans heresay Oct. 1 3. Chateau Courrances - 450 motorcycle troops training for Eastern front. Quartered in
banacles around Chateau. Heresay Oct 1.
4. noted German troops, tucks on flat
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19 October 1942

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TO : Personnel concerned.

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(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 benyessation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4a.

e. No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of the War or Navy Department.

By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

(signed) RALPH PULSIFER, Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

#### 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 that the American Military Attache to whom I first report, or an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) RALPH D. SMITH	Sioned Ralph Domith
	Date /2-/5-43
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Name (Frint) RALPH D. SMITH	Signed Ralpe D. Smith
Rank 2 mal + A.S.N. 0-801345	Date 12-18-43
Unit 100 BOMB & 10 349 & G.	Witness

SECRET - AMERICAN MOST SECRET - BRITISH MIS (X)

HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS PW and X Detachment Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

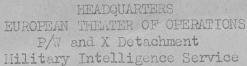
- 1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. Smirt, RALPHD. 2nd Lt 0-801345
- 2. Decorations.
- 3. Unit or Squadron. 10013 om 13 Gp. 349 de 5q.
- 4. Division (Army) or Group. 100th Bom B 6.p.
- 5. Date of Birth. July 21, 1918
- 6. Length of Service. 2 yRS 8 mors.
- 7. Private Address. 136 E. HIGH St LONDON 0410
- 8. If in A.F., on what operation were you engaged? State place, date, and time of departure. Where and when did you come down?

  Were Aircraft and all instruments and papers destroyed?

  THORAS ABBEY SEPT 3, 1943 7:30 AM BALLANCOURT FRANCE 930 AM
  - YES CO- PILOT What was your position in aircraft?
  - 10. Were you wounded? YES
  - Did you pay your guides? If so how much? No 11.
  - Do you speak French? Spanish? LITTLE FREIIC 4 12.
  - Did you have Identity Papers? No 13.
  - Have you been questioned before to-day on your escape or evasion? If so, 14. where and by whom? Have you given anyone a written report on your experiences. Where and when? YES GIBRALTER BRITISH INTELLICENCE
  - Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? 15.
  - Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about 16. your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? YES 12-13-43

    ALLAMA - SpaiN - FIBRALTER 12-15-43

    Date of arrival in Spain. 11-18-43
  - Date of arrival in Spain.
  - Date of arrival at Gibraltar. 12-15-43. 18.
  - 19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.
  - Place and date of arrival in U.K. BRISTOL 12-18-43 20.



E & E REPORT NO.271

EVASION IN FRANCE

DEC. 18, 1943

Ralph D SMITH, 2d Lt. 0-801345
(Rank)

349 (Squadron) (Group)

TAIL GUNNER

AGE: 25
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 2 YRS 8 MON.
HOME ADDRESS: 136 E. HIPH St
LONDON, OHIO U.S.A.

3 September 1943

MIA

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB) Narrators Official Disposition Disposition 0-738320 2d Lt Charles B WINKEIMAN PILOT NARRATOR 0-801345 2d Lt Ralph D SMITH CO-PILOT FOR RET Marida 0-800093 2d Lt William H BOOTH NAVIGATOR E&E RPT 258 0-676325 2d Lt Howard M HARRIS BOMBARDIER 37426256 T/Sgt Jean E RAY MTA RADIO OPERATOR TOP TURRET GUNNER 14134640 T/Sgt Thomas E COMBS MILA MIA 32437605 S/Sgt Thomas L CUCCARO BALL TURRET GUNNER WAIST GUNNER 31042353 S/Sgt Alfred J ZEOLI E8E 259 E&E RPT 167 32443852 S/Sgt Michael F DARCY WAIST GUNNER

Were you wounded? YES - FRACTURED ANKLE (LEFT). BROKEN TOED PLOT WAS SAFE IN BALLACOURT RIBS. BY FRENCHMEN.

38220710 S/Sgt Emis M BANKHEAD

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

E & E REPORT NO. X 72 EVASION IN FRANCE

December 18, 1943

William H. Boothardet. 0-800093
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

AGE: LENGTH OF SERVICE: /w//mo

MIA: 3 SEPTEMBER 47

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with FWIB)

Official Narrators

Disposition . Disposition PILOT 0-738320 2 4 LTCHARRES B.W. NKLEMAN MIA CO-PILOT O-861345 29 LA RALPH D SMITH EXETT Naviator NAVIGATOR 08 00093 201/4 WILLIAM H. BOOTH NARRATOR BOMBARDIER U-676325 2 4/LT HOW ARD M. HARRIS EYE# 258 RADIO OPERATOR 37426256 /SGT JEANE, RAY MIA TOP TURRET GUNNER 14134640 T/SET THO MASE. COMBS MIA BALL TURRET GUNNER 32437605 /SET THOMAS L. CUCCARO MIA WAIST GUNNER 31042353 SISGT ALFRED J. ZEOLI EVE#259 WAIST GUNNER 32443852 SISET MICHAEL F. DARCY EYE#167 TAIL GUNNER 38220710 S/SET ENNIS M. BANKHEAD MIA

Were you wounded?

Told I crew member was killed with chute unopened when he struck the ground-unidentified.

LT SMITH'S STORY UNTIL JOINING LT BOOTH:

We were going in toward PARIS when we ran into a heavy flak barrage.

A gas-tank was hit and the supercharge on that engine blown up. We made a scheduled turn after that and I saw that our number one engine was one fire.

Pieces of hot metal were peeling off the wing when the bale-out wred order was given by the pilot. I left my seat and went into the lower hatch and navigator bombardier saw the kankardiar just leaving. The kankardiar was kneeling the escape door.

The pilot had left his seat and had gone to the bomb-bay but the bombs were still in their racks and the doors were not open. I think he went back into the cockpit and put the plane of on AFCE because the aircraft had lurched however, several times as if getting out of control; it was in smooth flight when I jumped. I was out ahead of Lt BOOTH who had not finished buckling his chute. The pilot and engineer were coming into the lower hatch as I fell through the escape door.

BECAUSE OF BODY SPIN

SAMAGED BY

I delayed my jump from around 23000 feet to around 13000 feet, opening the chute at that altitude because I was in a terrific body spin which I of could not control. The position my body was on when the chute opened must have been respensible for the cause of several ribs being broken because my harness had been fitted well.

There was a chute above me which I thought was Lt HARRIS and in the distance I counted five other chutes. Around 3000 to 5000 feet two bursts

May Have Reen of light flak were fired from the ground; they whistled by and know exploded at a higher altitude. At 2000% feet an Me 110 passed me on that level in range and level in range and

I had seen, from the air, farmers running toward me, and, when I landed in a sugar beet field they surrounded me. I was in an awkward position, when in hitting the ground, and fractured my ankle. The farmers put me on my feet and pointed to a wood, with gestures indicating that I should hide quickly. They took my chute and flying equipment and helped me for a few yards but I had to cover most of the distance alone. While I was running the three kilometers

HELPED BY FARMERS

to the wood I saw three German soldiers wroseingx through the fields SEES GERMANS ARRIVING toward where I had landed. I stopped running while they were in sight, hoping they ON SCENE OF JUMP would think me a farmer if they looked in my direction. By the time I reached the wood I could hardly take another step because of the pain in my ankle. A farmer came out of the wood as I xpxxxxxxxxxxx got near the edge, and, taking me by the Joins CREW MEMBER arm, led me to Lt BOOTH.

The farmers made no effort to hide us immediately and seemed not in the

least worried though we kept saying that we thought we ought to hide. We were told that ma) English-speaking person had been sent for and was expected at any mement. He arrived, satisfied himself as to our identity by asking some questions, and, then went into a hiddle with the other Frenchmen. They seemed at loss as to what could be done with us, and, while they were discussing it, another farmer arrived with the news that some Germans were on their way to search the wood. We were told to follow an old man who guided us very leisurely along the edge of the wood before we cut across some fields to another wooded area. There was a small roak cave in this wood which gave us excellent cover, and, we were left alone here after being told that someone would return in the afternoon. Several people came during the afternoon. Our Aids Boxes and First Aid kits were brought to us;

The English-speaking man came to see us after dark to tell us that we would'x must spend the night in the wood but that we would be moved the next day. There were no more visits until the next afternoon when the English-speaking man brought a doctor to see us. The doctor spent the rest of the afternoon in our hide-out and after dark several Frenchmen appeared. They arranged a stretcher for me (Lt Smith) and we were taken to a road where bicycles were given us. Before leaving the cave we changed into civilian clothes. After cycling about nine miles we were taken to a house where the rest of our journey was arranged.

in addition to more food than we could eat. Between visits we lay quietly in the

cave-sleeping and whispering and at mortime saw any Germans though we were told

who we talked; we

that they were searching the woods.

IMMEDIATE

HIDDEN IN

VISITED BY A Doctor

JOHNNELL

LT BOOTH'S STORY UNTIL JOINING LT SMITH:

After we were out of the heavy flak area, in the vicinity of PARIS, enemy fighters attacked from the nose. From then on I was Busy firing my guns and did not know how prepare to severiously damaged we were until I heard the order to/bale out. I was about to replace my oxygen mask and helmet which I had removed taxpax so that I could put on my chest chute, when TXXXXXXXX the bombardier paxxxx opened the escape hatch and jumped. Still fussing with my chute, I turned around once more and saw Lt SMITH waited getting ready to leave the plane. I XXXXXXXX two or three seconds and followed him, out.

PLANS Delayed Jump

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I planned a delayed jump but after falling about 6000 feet down to 17000 feet

I was in such a violent sping, being afraid of losing consciousness, I pulled

the rip cord. One cute was below me, three or feur thousand feet, and, the aircraft,
falling
with the left wing on fire, was/in a slow spin some distance away. I saw it crash

and burn. There was an Me 109 circling near the chute below me and when I got

down to 5000 feet I heard the report of a large gun; and a shot went through the

camppy of my chute leaving seven holes about the size of apples. Six Ju 88's took

off from a field to the south of me and approached on level but did not disturb me.

Before I got to the ground people were running toward the thinly wooded area into
hit
which I was falling. It was not possible to distinguish who they were before I got

to the ground.

as I was out of the chute and had taken off my Mas West I ran to the edge of the

forest and saw the Frenchmen searching along the wood because they had lost the

exact location of my fall when I get into the wood. After looking them over I

Shows self
to searching motioned to a young boy who called to a friend of his, and they came into the wood

with the other Frenchman tailing behind after they realized I was the parachutist.

A man asked if I were American and shook hands with me when I said, yes. I had to be

introduced to all the Frenchmen, and, for a few minutes there was nothing but confusion

while they all tried to talk to me and tax among themselves at the same time. I tried

to let them know that I wanted to hide, and, when they understood they told me that an

English-speaking man was coming to talk to me. While we were waiting they asked if

I had any American cigarettes. I did have some chewing gum to give them. While they were examining this one man pointed out in the fields and we saw Lt SMITH hobbling in our direction. One of the Frenchmen went after him and brought him into the wood.

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#### APPENDIX B:

a. While passing wa a large airfield in the vicinity of JUVISY evaders saw an Me 110

b. Evader were told, around 1 October, that a large bridge crossing the SEINE at

c. At a famous chateau - the Chateau Courances - about 450 motorcycle troops were in training for the Eastern Front. Troops were quartered in barracks around the chateau. Evaders heard this 1 October.

d. Evaders saw several prison camps between BORDEAUX and DAX. The majority of prisoners xxxxxx apprared to be negroes and were usually dressed in long brown coats.

e. On 17 November Evaders saw many German troops and flat-cars loaded with trucks in the railway stations of BORDEAUX and DAX.

f. Evaders were told that most aircraft around MILLY and ST GERMAIN were Ju 88's used in combat training. Frenchman stated that an airfield at ETAMPES used a B-17 for some operational purpose.

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## APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 27

No., Rank, Name: - 2nd Lt RALPH D. SMITH.

Unit:- 100 Boms. 349 th Sq.

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and comments will help (a) Did you use your aids box? OF No; USE Reserved with (b) If not, had you one on you? YES

(c) If not, why had others to evade capture or to escape

### AIDS BOX

- If you used it, which of the following items did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights," etc.

Horlicks tablets.

Chocolate.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass.

- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? FRENCH ORGANIZATION
- (g) 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?

  If so, state COLOR. RED Thipe (3roun) In NOT, State why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? VES
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? Pur a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.

Maps. Which ones?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. 2000 FR (FRENCH)
How did you spend the money? ORGANIZATION PICKED IT UP

(d) How did you dispose of: - (DRGANIZATION) PICKED UP.

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+) NONE (+Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

(a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?

If you used any of them state briefly WHEN and WHERE.

Round compass.

Stud compass.

Swinger compass.

Fly-button compass.

Pencil clip compass.

Tunic button compass.

Pipe compass.

Pouch

Special flying boots (and knife).

- (b) Were they satisfactory?
- (c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions, which would improve the above equipment?

#### 4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs?

If so, how many?

君"No

(b) Did you use them? State how.

5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? YES; BOUING DON State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

Ava 17, 1943 Emarish Major b) Did you find the lectures of value?

Yes; concerning evasive action of immediately ofter Tump.

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### SECRET

# APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 272.

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No., Rank, Name: 0-800093 and Lt Wm H. Booth Unit: 349th Sqdn 100th Group

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must 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; Received immediate aid.
- (b) If not, had you one on you? Yes
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use?
  Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.
  - (i) Horlicks tablets.
  - (ii) Chocolate
  - (iii) Milk (tube).
  - (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue)
  - (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).
  - (vi) Matches.
    - (vii) Adhesive tape.
    - (viii) Chewing gum.
    - (ix) Water bottle.
    - (x) Compass
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?

  If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? Gave to French organization
- (g) 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?

If so, state COLOR.

If NOT, state why not.

(b) Did you use the purse? Yes

- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
  - (i) Maps. Which ones? None
  - (ii) Compass.

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No

(iii) File (hacksaw). //o

(iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. 2000 Fr, French
How did you spend the money.

How did you dispose of:-

Gave to Organization Head in Paris

Compass.

File (hacksaw). " Surplus currency ve To French Organization

AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+) None (+Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

- Did you carry or wear any of the following? If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE
  - Round compass. (i)
  - Stud compass. (ii)
  - (iii) Swinger compass.

LOPS.

- Fly-button compass. (iv)
- Pencil clip compass. (v)
- Tunic button compass. (vi)
- (vii) Pipe compass.

(viii) Pouch

- Special flying boots (and knife). (ix)
- (b) Were they satisfactory?
- Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions which would improve the above equipment?

# PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

- Did you carry passport-size photographs?

  If so, how many? //o, But could have used them
- (b) Did you use them? Was not photographed at Base State how. State how.

#### LECTURES 5.

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

State Where State When and by Whom and by

Yes; particularly actions following Jump

Combine with Booth

NAME SMITH, RALPH D RANK 2nd LT ASN 0801345 REPORT NO.
SQ349 GROUP / 00 A/C NO.? 035 Letter D Load 7000 UDate SEP13, 1843
2nd plane 2nd FLICHT LEAD SQUADRON LEAD GROUP  Position in formation. Make Diagram  Observed results of Bombing:
DIO NOT DROP BOMBS
Enemy Fighter Tactics: ATTACKED FROM 110 CLOCK 7-12  Markings: Ly V ELLOW NOSE (FW)
Our Tactics: No EVASIVE ACTION
Our Fighter Support: RETURED TO BASE JOMINUTES before  FROM OBJECTIVE. FIGHTER ATTACKES  FOLLOWED DEPARTURE OF OUR FIGHTERS.  Flak VERY CONCENTRATED OUER *BEFORE OBJECTIVE  Time Place Quality  9:00 AM. FARIS HEAVY; intense; ACCURATE  68 35 470 KFNAVIRE WEAK!
Technical Failures
Motors: NOI ENRINE HIT BY FLAK BEFORE OBjectivE  Armor:
Armament:
Miscellaneous: GAS TANKWAS PRESUMED HIT AS THE WIND WAS BURNING.

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

and plane and Flight lead Sydn lead Group

Position in formation. Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing:

Did not drop bombs

Enemy Fighter Tactics: Head on attacks at lead Group

Markings: Yellow or white cowling on noses

FW-190'2

Our Tactics:

No evasive action - over Flak avea

Our Fighter Support:

Returned Near Roven - We were affected after our support returned to bases.

Flak

0835 Time 0900 Place Quality
Le Havre We
Paris Int

weak Intense and accurate

rechnical Failures None

Motors:

Armor:

Armament:

Miscellaneous:

#1 Engine struck by Flak and set on five

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above: