

9 April 1943.

SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

TO : Personnel concerned.

1. It is the duty of all Americans to safeguard information which might, either directly or indirectly, be useful to the enemy.
2. It is an offense, carrying heavy penalties, to publish or to communicate to any unauthorized person any information which might be useful to the enemy.
3. 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.
4. 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:
 - (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. 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 ANDREWS:

Ralph Pulsifer
 RALPH PULSIFER, *R.T.S.*
 Colonel, AGD, Adjutant General.

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 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) James G. Wilson Signed James G. WilsonRank S/SGT ASN 10600498 Date Dec 27 1943Unit 407 Bomb Sqd 92 Bomb Grp Witness [Signature]

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. *James Godfrey Wilson S/SGT.
10600498*
2. Decorations. *Air Medal*
3. Unit or Squadron. *407 Bomb Sqd.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *92 Bomb Group*
5. Date of Birth. *Dec 27, 1915*
6. Length of Service. *9 Months* *APR 41 - FEB 43 in RCAF*
7. Private Address. *901 S. Braddock Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.*
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? *Yes.*
Op. Stuttgart Sept. 6 1943 Take off 5:00 AM?
Near Frevent North France. Aircraft banded
more than 2 hours
9. What was your position in aircraft? *Waist Gunner*
10. Were you wounded? *No*
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much?
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? *No*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? *Yes - FR MADE 1256744*
14. Have you been questioned before to-day on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom? Have you given anyone a written report on your experiences. Where and when? *No*
15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? *No*
16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *Yes London Dec 27, '43*
17. Date of arrival in Spain.
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar.
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *Dec 26, 1943*

To 0900 6 Sept - to altitude c 19,000' - forget who crossed
coast - near Beachy HD PR.B. Tail's called flesh c 5 miles to -
hard us - led P. sy to (C-P. young) to show some tricks about flying
formation! - P. lit's pulled over to it! Inleph went dead - but time
why - started climbing - stalled out - nose down - speed up -
saw us pulling from formation to it - motors seemed in perfect

condition - waning light at m - Will not say to best of
knowledge - Looked to IPO - to guard BB let in door - guard by
guards from into R Room. BT up - dashed to waist door
Pull release - I kicked door out - ^{then} ran to BT get pack -
back-out. I putting on my chest pack - He that bleed
his chest - I did moved from WG as it not go out -
he grabbed his chest & out - 1st at waist. Still had my
O₂ mask on - trying to get N - couldn't release straps
on helmet - could pull O₂ up as far as eyes & no further.
Other W6 on floor - evidently lost balance - struggling with
pack handle - RO back - would help him. Plane picking up
speed - then discovered my chute open & on floor - p. chute
open. Had hooked on one side - couldn't see other hook -
out on edge of door - went in - did not. Saw by
straps hooked. Seem back and for long time - looked
up at chute saw cords twisted - on one side slid of N -
by my chest - looked 3-4' by - 6-7" at widest part
seemed seemed coming fast - look up - saw cords straightening
out - seemed then to be in knots. Next they know came to -
yelling I'm not going to die. Spit - mouthful of blood - front
teeth had cut inside of mouth - leg badly bruised - body

Capt
1314 mg
Mochelle
showed in picture of 7/10/44

Took in 15 mg list 2 1st 3 days - said to look about us

same - she that I spoke to, Miller Herrard - 75 Rue de la Banque
Lille - said school teacher working down there for summer - photo?
Came in of town - got suspicious of her - she told me she engaged to
to soldier fighting in Russian front. Asked me & then questioned about facts
I not tell her anything - they tell farmer I not trust her - she only one
around with by. She ask me what I want do - go by - 1 hour - Spain. She
said take if I get I/P - seemed to be trying to get into my.

4th day c 2000 c 6 men - had black I/P for Domburgue - taking
my description. Next day man with camera.

Next day - by then I living in crowd haystack - 6 hours for week.

c 3 day B

Noticed by gun flash battery & seem get hit in last 3 days -
Next day told car was for me - gave me shirt, pants, coat, rubber -
broad new hat. C 1200 - for description -> car

for guard - that they broke by on leaving & taken P/M

On 1st man living in bar - been taken P/M. Told me Rice showed.

They had wanted names of anyone in shop - told me how it was
& death - they that a mess with us - said we were
killed. Going to funeral Sun - wanted mark guns with
names.

3 young men in it - 1 Guistard - father Prof in Zavent.
To see went by back roads - stopped in city - guard came up
shook hats - had them canvas sack - to Zavent - to get
directing to office - picked up another by - abridged last page
& I to house - through - into back door house adjoining. Rice
there.

c 20 (?)

3 days there - woman c 70, ditto who was beauty shop in first
part of house.

Relatives about the age - one Jean.
 3 days to the side of town - to west of clinic - Mill Husson, nurse,
 then Baby next door, by books & cigs. Nurse not let anyone
 in to visit, when she went as I like - except babies & family
 C 3 weeks there - could go in walked in garden - watched saw the sweeps
 over.

B | On day before say not before to Tiger take destroyed - ~~Brown~~? ~~Brown~~
 Told me new ~~house~~ in only near there - with names I had given
 Unexpected 'baker' - & then it one - but blood turned out to be fruit / man.

R14 }
 house }
 stop for }
 being }
 caught }
 I - walk all over town - All to garden suggested to be old at
 former had of my - ~~Dr~~ - picked up in St Pol with 2 waders -
 C 300 people picked up.

B | Present in you - c 2-3' - almost foot - right - hand of you.
 Only took anything on in by. Boat 2 P day before left - from Dunkerque.
 by some men as took picture - said had been PW to - slight scar at jaw.
 Black hair - blue eyes - soldierly appearance. Lived in 'baker'
 On of 12 in total - to Aux / Chateau - to house to c/100.
 Another man took from house to station, but P's recognized at house.
 Lay in children, 2 young women, old woman.

RAF }
 W100 }
 1 B's in - tall, dark hair, blue suit - said born in NY -
 working with B's - had been shot down as Typhoon pilot - anxious
 to fly - deserting, after - newspaper reports - been in Greece &
 Egypt - enlisted RAF Egypt.

B | All said not to let to catch us.
 Said all to in area had seen short paratrooper in uniform & not
 to be driven for us.

2 N2 with in John Chubbett, ^{fight} Keen - thanks Chubbett gave MP.
 C 1600 - car - R14 & I in back seat - other 2 in front. P's in - shot, dead,
 c 5' - in 20's - never saw him before 5 years.

Baeder driving us - in what called front you car.

B | Half way between Aux & Amiens - what look like R/2 on little
 platform left - E of road - c 20 yds off road - huge P's
 things sleep like ready to - telling what they are - CSU! drinks

B / Aerials about as high as around 4 is
 Out shots of Amiens - grand avenue material strip - drive in quickly.
 Lots of 15 in town - to station
 Baedeker - heavy set to fat - looks right to Am of her descent - blond,
 her features, c30 - gray teeth.

B3 / Train - Baedeker left. Paris express.
 Quite few AA guys in flat cars out of Amiens - young poor type
 To Paris - Amiens met - to metro - 4 underground, left. Paris took us
 to Versailles station - got on 8 floor c 2 blocks from station. Met.
 Saw in 9TP. ^{Raoul met at} next by & next mt. To young. Met Raoul at
 apt. Jeanette met at Versailles station.

Paris & Raoul & Jeanette - picked up c 3 Amms - Brooke, Label,
 1 Hungarian - to young - ^{plane will be available then.} train. Also left at station above. Saunas
 Raoul walk with Raoul & young. Saunas parked & to around
 with neighbors. To house on edge of town. Lawland & Brooke
 there. C work there. 2 young men in hotel about suburbs
 Men had been in artillery - the mt Capt

Paris took 9 of us back to same apt in Paris. Down to young station.
 Apt MSE of road to Versailles. Men staying at come with us
 when into apt. Over mt. ^{Grann, Hargrove, P. D. Lawland, Brooke} ^{Grann's job put it, Chubbett & Beams,}
 Next mt to Vannes - Raoul took us by ^{Train} - Paris with another apt
 in same car.

Hungarian has
 picked up post.

To house where man & wife, dtr. 2 boys there Hargrove & d.
 Kelt takes us to Baedeker - surprised by absence of 15 in neighborhood.
 To house in yard - on boat it is land - by Commodore 'Dus' Jorges & boy
 Zerkos in island - told Jorges to in area - walk as wish. Counter,
 paint for own dog. Also Capt in tank corps - Jean son - etc.

To church - on mt then
all next day. Left following
morning. Walked to St. My -
with fisherman Pierre.

Demi from Canyon there with eggs.
Rich - grand, thin - wore glasses,
& well dressed - seemed shy - very young -
C18.
Red head - Yves with another y.

Into town Pierre disappeared. Yves lost tickets, To Canyon - mostly
Saul & Gerriod (?) - proprietors of St. Marie ^{my} Hotel - took us to Moyaet.

B

Paired 3 sets of 12 sentries. ^{put up in his house.}
5 dets
Walked to Moyaet with 110's & 88's - air base at P. Louisville.
Pierre here at Moyaet. Post closed - somebody left by
Battery of heavy guns across bridge. Finding boat

Cub there - fixed up the helter's house.
Demi's had garage in which cars @ 95's used a Buick in jail on 2/1/4
more. School teacher & Mayor of little vly picked up. C 220/4

Left Moyaet - walked to town - into Dr's car - @ 95's - to red bridge.
Wanted for Jean & men from Canyon - to looking on water front.
Arrived 72 ^{4:15} ~~6~~ yellowed - 22 got away, A J is left - not enough room.

They left - we back to Canyon - passed 15 sentries. Pierre the
fisher, Pierre from Canyon, Paul - Pierre, Wiam, Moyaet &
stopped. Pierre fish on to canyon on bicycle. Wanted - to started
long T practice - sounded like 75's - 60's - 01's on hills and -
left HAA & sentries

B

Back to canyon with fish Pierre - stayed with strokekeeper - looking
over, stayed over garage.

To house kept by 3 old women - quite modern - Rec'd 1 then.
2 or 3 days - to Brest - girl & fish Pierre. Met at Quimper
by Paul - fish Pierre again. Paul led us around town - left with school

c 4 1/2 hrs - and train - walked and waiting for train, to
Brest - took train back, took Benzou, Rue N. Gamin, Paul,
Lewicki, I - just before Brest - walked into city c 4 kms
Passed Sunday school front, tank barriers
Back into city, many high stone walls with barbed wire on them
Passed LW Hq.

B3

To Cols apt 3 Rue Neptune - I saw 2 Eng men there.
Dinner taken by Lt back - station w/gm - Paul Priser - read book
c 20, short, captured
by Gestapo.

Chris - tall, effeminate, smart - liked

I To Paul Priser's home - night by - Francis - better night good
by, to some. rather ex-ang I from 14

Paul & Chris in dept of - said they in 'Secret Serv' - all set
to liquidate us I - port from some nearby. Paul held his gut
in country good deal. Had fake papers.

met: Micky - clever chap in still another way - his took to
Rennes from Brest to fly out by airplane - showed me watch
from American Nav you that way.

Had pictures of himself in many diff uniforms.
Very good looking fellow, small mountebank, neat & clean, well dressed
Very clean. met mt. In Eng now - good that Loulette told
me that.

Paul had led Micky in London.
Mick - Michael - at Col's when back from London

3-4 days - Paul say chief of his in 6 see me; 2 men in drink.
New day tag - I said to have in 1 Lt + 8 Lt City - that other -
had lived in Am 3 yrs c 45, thin, hair combed at back.
broad face, athletic looking

Boys at Nivant who help have ass foot ball team

Chief - looks like used to first Pami's father - c 45, short, blond, not very big.

Man who been in town of Santiago after here.

Paul says he known there since March 43

House near San Antonio for women & got house for married by'

Had been bomb hit by armour piercing bomb - crater c 12' across - blew column of dirt out in air - but no damage

C.B. look for more boys.

Chris connected with this guy.

Butcher had been NCO under Colo but not believe connected with Prison.

Got in suddenly in night took Dean & me in same way to start over - Col then

Butcher & Butcher man - met way back in Brest - all in one way at least with M. the Por. To Landman - met by Barnet, Man Binkard (old)

who son 22 Hamilton Sanders. Dean & I stayed at the house overnight.

By truck - supposed to go to - to waste

1 bunch back first take over.

To Chateau. Boy, Dunning, Brown,

Quitted by man whom we little - To near Colo, walked to. Stayed with Col

Little less with aunt - knows Prison boy well.

At Camery - say to raided get in Paris - King Reed & Pami up by trucks getting.

At Brest - Christian - say in cafe at Rennes - Paul & Pami spotted by woman. Paul shot by 2 Pami get away. Reed supposed to be killed.

Paul Brest lot of me just missed Brest in - was very hard - not sure, for some.

B

may be heard

stay say.

in my hand book.

Christina After that had msg that Paul did it - by some means
in the.

Result that people in Brest completely at sea - not know
how get us out - seem dependent on us for money.

Then Sammel up - Then had clear whiskers - thin, white
complexion, high forehead.

Came into Max - I'm impressed at once as cunning - peculiar
way of looking at you - sharp, powerfully built,
dark hair and hair.

Paul told me by that being - Ray & I gave note. Truth about
leaving. Then he that left - from Paris. Then Rose said
had been captured. Fisherman whose boat tonight had turned
with Desportes for money. They planning who take can fishermen.
In long time not know what taken, who not. Found out Paul in
prison in Brest - all worried. He said to talking - but
nothing show up.
Lorette mention 11 or boys on boat - on story that 9 caught -
on that they all got away - but not know. Went on that at
Desportes against among them.

Mal took out at 3 boats - & 3 help gether.
Davyson, Rice, Schaffer, Nilson, Adams, - in boat.
Davyson find to is lead - cursing, exclaim in other boat, seem
getting farther away. Lost in rain storm. We spotted
Davyson - helping part - filling with water - making us
heading. Davyson lead in is lead. I took Nilson, by signal,
I signal from position @ couldn't possibly see from boat -
only by his on track. Decided to buy a new go sharp pick
by supplies left. To care for rest flight.
In morning Davyson saw some fish boat sailed before - in -
catch for food.

Before returned - boy in front on ship gathers took us to shore.

While the fishermen picked up 2 oars for British boat. Beach landing - everybody in eyes - in contractors' back hand - skits Boat - I to Colborne with boat - Bye, Allen, 2 boys, 2 sailors with us, 1 Hangeron; Dunning. All at Col's boat. Then And

Then told me for you - then to D's.

In boat with 14 - Skafes, Brown, 1 Hangeron,

2 security lectures. 'Lower people who know names of people can be better - in my'

Asked many places what had you proposed;

Why find one person who talked to D's that it

On
in
owner

to want to know what our you doing

to led of not spirit. All afraid to be subject power.

Smith's speech broke them up - was if E's think that should never broadcast it.

Most of stayed with de Baulists.

Jump at 19.11.14 - very large - 20 affairs behind coming down

for tanks at opposite midline

21 by left from Germany 3 destroyers.

13
Draw
Kans.

Sub pas not in new letter - but up with it.

At said he thought is defend first - city merged
with defences
St only with defences going in land instead of to
west.

The following information has been obtained from our interview with James G. Wilson
..... (.....) 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 Sept. 6, 1943
to Dec. 27, 1943.....

About Sept 15 heard that 20 Tiger Tanks were stationed at Conchi (near Frevant) Northern France. Personally observed 4 ^{Tiger} Tanks travelling west through Frevant during week beginning about Sept 15. They were all painted a sand color. Sept. 30 heard that a Tank on patrol had been stopped and burned while on patrol south of Frevant. All of the crew were shot while trying to escape.

Have seen plans through Sept. 8th was asked by "Bob" American born English spy in Auxi-le-Chateau to be sure and tell intelligence that the Germans had and were installing guns capable of shooting a thousand pound missile 360 mi.

Oct 1st to 10th ^{Vannes} Was told German soldiers were being withdrawn from area for Russian front. Moral was very low, several suicides reported. Cycled from Vannes to village of Bader saw no troops and no defenses except some shallow trenches with single strand barbed wire defense at one point - a road junction.

Oct 15th Germans preparing defenses (trenches)
Near St Inez (near Chateaulin, Finistere) Protecting
village from inland attack.

Oct 17 To 23 Saw 3 Me 110's doing acrobatics
over bay at Morgat. One turned on its back
and while upside down climbed about 1600 ft at
a very rapid rate, thereby greatly impressing
Two N.Z. fighter-pilots who were watching.

Walked to Cameret observed numerous patrols
on the road. Observation posts on nearly every
other hill with light Ack Ack placements.
The small bridge between Guazon and Cameret
is mined and there are tank barriers on the
beach at this point.

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

E & E REPORT NO. 289
EVASION IN FRANCE

Dec. 27, 1943
(Date)

4230010
~~42300~~

James G. Wilson S/SGT 10600498
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

407 92 Bomb
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 28
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 9 mo.
HOME ADDRESS: 901 S. Bradock Ave.
Pittsburgh Pa.

TARGET: Stuttgart

MIA: 6 Sept 1943
~~Arrived in Spain:~~
~~Arrived in Gibraltar:~~
Arrived in UK:
Dec. 27, 1943

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

	Official	Narrators
	Disposition	Disposition
PILOT	1st Lt ^{OLEMAN} C.H. ASHER 0659631 - PDR KIA	
CO-PILOT	HARVEY F. PROTZMAN F/O T190651 - PDR MIA	Dead in Ship
NAVIGATOR	FRANCIS G. RICE 2nd Lt. 0729613 - PDR MIA KIA	
BOMBARDIER	JOHN S. CHAPMAN 2nd Lt. 0728255 - PDR MIA KIA	
RADIO OPERATOR	ARNOLD Pfannebecker 2nd Lt. 37134568 - MIA	Prisoner or Shot
TOP TURRET GUNNER	JAMES H. JONES T/SGT 17037946 - PDR KIA	Dead in Ship
BALL TURRET GUNNER	WILLIAM RICE S/SGT 37188210 - R+D	Returned UK
WAIST GUNNER	JAMES G. WILSON S/SGT 10600498 - R+D	" "
WAIST GUNNER	GEORGE C. MAERKI S/SGT 12066397 - PDR KIA	? Dead
TAIL GUNNER	HARRY W. PLYLER S/SGT 33272736 - P/W	Prisoner Broken leg

All info from
French who say 6 were buried.

Were you wounded? No

After we had crossed the coast
 We were going to bomb STUTTGART on 6 September 1943.. / The tail
 Over the interphone
 gunner reported flak about five miles behind us. / I heard the pilot
~~say to the~~
 say to the co-pilot, "I'm going to show you some tricks about for-
 mation flying." Later I heard the pilot say, "Let's pull over to
 the right." Then the interphone seemed to go dead; I did not know
 what was wrong.. We started climbing, ⁺ went into a stall, ~~and~~ The ^h
 nose fell down, and we picked up speed.. I saw that we were pulling
 away ~~from~~ the formation to the right. The motors seemed to be in
 perfect condition.. The warning light was not on, and to the best
 of my knowledge the alarm bell was not ringing. When I looked for
 the radio operator, I saw that he was opening the bomb bay hatch
 door.. A quantity of sparks flew into the radio room. The ball
 turret gunner rushed up, dashed to the waist door, and tried to pull
 the release. I kicked the door out. He ran back to the ball tur-
 ret to get his parachute. When he came back, I was put ^{ing} on my para-
 chute, and he thought I had his, for his had been near the door, and
 I had moved it so that it would not slip out.. He grabbed his para-
 chute and went out while I was still putting on my chest-type chute,
 and was having a lot of trouble with my oxygen mask.. The other
 waist gunⁿer, ^{who} was on the floor, evidently having lost his balance, He
 arose, struggling with his parachute buckles. The radio operator
 came back and helped him. The plane was picking up speed. Then
 I discovered that my pilot chute was on the floor, already open. I
 thought that I had had it. I thought that I had hooked only one
 side of my chute and that I did not have the leg straps buckled, but
 I sat on the edge of the door and fell out. ^{PP} I seemed to kick around
 for a long time.. I looked up at my parachute, more than a bit cur-
 iously and fearfully. I saw that the cords were twisted, but that
 they were beginning to slip over the silk and ~~slid~~ straighten
 out. I could see a ~~long~~ rip in my chute, about ^e three or four feet

PLANE LEFT
 FORMATION

PREPARATION^S
 TO BAIL OUT

FELL OUT
 OF DOOR

ROUGH FALL

long and about seven inches wide and the widest place.. The ground seemed to be coming up at me fast.. I saw that I was coming toward a forest.. The next thing I knew I recovered consciousness as I lay on the ground yelling.. I spat a mouthful of blood and thought that I had injured myself internally, but I found that I had bit ^{ten} my cheek.. My leg was badly bruised, and I soon found that I could hardly walk. *Frenchmen told me later that I had been fired at from to the ground.* I managed to gather up my chute and hid it in a blackberry patch with my helmet, harness, and oxygen mask.. About 100 yards away I could see our plane burning and the ammunition exploding. I saw three men coming down a little road, thought that they were dressed in blue uniforms, and started off. Later I learned that they were Frenchmen in coveralls. I thought that I had better get out of the woods $\frac{1}{2}$ because I had been told that woods were searched very carefully. I came to the edge of the woods and crawled into a field of high beets. I lay there in hiding and saw no more of the three men..

HID

GERMANS SEARCHED

In about half an hour I heard a truck. Then I could hear commands being yelled. Next came some motorcycles and another truck.. About three quarters of an hour later I heard men going through the woods. Still more men arrived, and I heard lots of shooting and shouting and some dogs barking.. This noise continued all the rest of the day.. I did not see anything, ^{as} but I was too scared even to raise my head.. After a time the rain fell in a downpour. Two men drove a wagon into the field and ran to the woods for shelter. I think that I slept.. I could hear ^{and see} quite a number of people work- in a field about a quarter of a mile away, gathering hay. When it was getting dark, I began to feel stiff and decided to go back to the woods. There I took off my flying jacket, ^{hated} suit, and flying boots and buried them in some ground-hog holes.. Then I ate some blackberries. I saw people going home through the fields

and decided that I had better approach someone. I saw a boy ploughing with two horses. He saw me coming and stopped work. I walked toward him, exclaiming, "Hello, I am an American aviator." He seemed to turn white and to shake, but he motioned for me to go to the woods, and he walked with me. In some cover I showed him my phrase sheet and asked him if he could help me and get me some civilian clothes. He pointed to his watch and made me understand that he would come back for me. He ploughed some more and then disappeared. I climbed a tree so that I would be hidden in case he was not playing fair with me. I saw a man coming toward our rendezvous with a bucket. In it were some shoes for me. I was taken to a home about a mile and a half away. While a motorcycle passed us, we hid behind a haystack. At the farmhouse I was fed and put in a haystack. Someone poured perfume all over me, apparently to deceive the dogs which were supposed to track me. I slept the first night in the haystack. The next two days I was hid in a pit connected to the barn, sleeping in the haystack at night.

From there my journey was arranged.

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Commanding

Appendices A-E

Appendix B

1. The following information has been obtained in an interview with a sergeant who evaded capture by the enemy after being in enemy occupied territory.

2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but in that case it is important not to divulge any details about the source.

Statement of information covering the period from
6 September 1943 to 26 December 1943..

a. About 10 September 1943 informant saw a ^{6 gun} flak battery in the area of FREVENT

APPROACHED
FRENCHMAN

HELPED

JOURNEY
ARRANGED

b. About September 15 informant learned that 20 Tiger Tanks were stationed at CONCHY near FREVENT. He saw four of these tanks painted sand color traveling west through FREVENT that same week. About September 30 he heard that a tank on patrol had been ~~burned~~ stopped and burned by a Molotoff cocktail south of FREVENT.

c. In late September around FREVENT informant saw a gun about two or three feet long, about a foot in diameter, and apparently rifled.

d. One of informant's helpers told him ^{in September early October} that the Germans in the area of AUXI-le-CHATEAU had order to shoot all parachutists whether they were in or out of uniform.

e. This same source told informant ^{in early October} to be sure and report to intelligence that the Germans had and were installing guns capable of shooting a thousand pound missile three hundred miles..

f.. Half-way between AUXI-le-CHATEAU and AMIENS informant passed what he thought was a radio location station on a hill about twenty yards off the road to the east.. He saw a ~~huge~~ thing shaped like a searchlight, about 50 feet in diameter, with many rods projecting from it. There were aerials about a high as the round thing itself.

g. Going to Paris from AMIENS in late September informant saw a great many pom-pom type anti-aircraft guns on flat cars along the railroad tracks.

h. Around October 6 informant saw at JOINY ^G about 500 young Czech soldiers. They were supposed to be badly treated by the Germans.

i.. In early October informant saw near VANNES a Ju 52 equipped with a large ring which he understood to be a mine-detecting device.

j. Around BADER ^{On the Brest peninsula} in middle October he saw very few defences, but he noticed one concrete gun emplacement which was not yet completed..

k. At the junction of two roads from VANNES, near BADER, he saw some trenches in a ~~bad~~ state of repair and some single strand barbed wire.

l. Many places where informant was helped he was asked by Frenchmen why the Americans had bombed NANTES the way they did, causing so much civilian damage and useless suffering. He was told that about 3000 Frenchmen were killed in the NANTES raids.. He was also told that the Mosquito ~~raids~~ about the same time were "very good."

m. In late October the railroad between VANNES and QUIMPER had been sabotaged.. Informant noticed a troop train of Germans, about five cars long, stopped on the tracks.

n. Frenchmen told informant in October that German troops were being pulled from the VANNES area to go to Russia.. Men were being pulled ten at a time from various units instead of departing as complete units..

MORGAT

o.. Walking to MARGAT from CROZON in late October informant passed three sets of German sentries..

p.. ~~An airfield for Me 110's and Ju 88's was supposed to be located at PLOU~~ .. (Hearsay)

q. A battery of heavy guns was supposed to be located across the bay from MORGAT. (Hearsay) Personnel from the field lived at Margat. ↑

r. German OP's were supposed to be set up on all the hills between MORGAT and CROZON. (Hearsay) + also a number of light AA emplacements. (Hearsay & observation)

s. Walking into BREST in early November from a station about four kilometers out on the way to QUIMPER informant passed an underground German fort and also some tank barriers.

t. In BREST in November informant saw many high stone walls with barbed wire on them

u. Some time after the Italian armistice Italian soldiers had been moved into BREST.. At first they wore yellow arm bands, but by late November that practice had been discontinued.. Only a few of them, however, were armed..

v. At many places where informant stayed he asked about American propaganda broadcasts.. He found only one person who listened to the broadcasts, and that person thought they were very bad. He was apparently referring to American broadcasts from England.. Informant was told that the French want to hear what their own forces are doing.. He was told that the French have a great national spirit and that they were all afraid that France would be a subject power after the war. The Smuts speech seemed to break them up completely. They could not understand why, from the point of view of propaganda,, the English should broadcast such a speech, even if it did express English feelings.. Most Frenchmen with whom informant stayed were hearty de Gaullists..

w. On 19 November informant saw a submarine which Frenchmen told him was Japanese. It was very large and had some sort of square affair behind the conning tower..

x. Informant learned from the French that the submarine pens at BREST were not in the main harbor but were up the river..

y. A reliable source with whom informant stayed said that he thought the Germans would defend BREST and that the city was ringed with defences.

NIC

z. Frenchmen told informant that at St INEZ defences faced inland instead of toward the coast. (Hearsay)

aa. Between October 17 and 23 informant saw some Me 110's doing acrobatics over the bay at MARGAT. One plane turned on its back, and while it was upside down, it climbed about 1000 feet at a very rapid rate, to the great amazement of two RAF fighter pilots..

ab. The small bridge between CAMARET and CROZON was mined in October. There were tank barriers in the vicinity.. (Observation) on the beach

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 10600498 S/SGT James G. Wilson

Unit:- 407 Bomb Sqd 92 Bomb 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? *Yes*
- (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.

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? *Turned it over to French*

- (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? *No Yes* *A Red Purse with 9000 Francs*
If so, state COLOR.
In NOT, State why not. *order not to*
- (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.

Maps. Which ones? *- French*

Compass. *No*

File (hacksaw). *No*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *French*

How did you spend the money? *For comforts*

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *To French people*

Compass. *"*

File (hacksaw). *"*

Surplus currency. *"*

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

OMIT (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? *Yes*
If so, how many? *3*

(b) Did you use them? *No lost in Jump*
State how.

*Ams
2 men who came back*

5. LECTURES

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

(b) Did you find the lectures of value? *Yes knew enough*

*To make proper approach to peasant
wait to dark to approach lone farmer who
did
going jump at day - by searching all around
Keeps mouth shut & eyes open
Told head for Spain - thus / suspicious of people who talked
about boots & jump
100% joy with them!*

*SHOULD BE ARMED -
THEY FIRE AT YOU
ANYONE.*

*Had on
jump
Hud & Bab
what if in
IF CHANCE -
Nob.*

4. Passport-Size Photographs

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs. Yes, 3.

(b) Did you use them? No, lost them in jumping.

5. Lectures

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? Yes, by two Americans who had come back from France.

(b) Did you find the lectures of value? Yes. I was told to get away from the place where I had come down and to lie up during the day while the Germans searched. I followed just that advice. I was also told to wait until dark and approach a lone peasant. I did.

I was also told to keep my mouth shut and my eyes open, and no advice could be a better guide for a man evading.

Suggestions: I had been told to head for Spain, consequently I was very suspicious of people who talked to me about returning by boats or airplanes. Perhaps aircrews could be told that everyone is given that story.

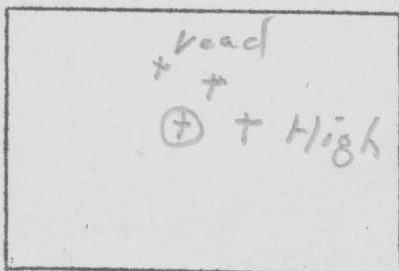
I had heard "an organization" spoken of, but I discovered that there is not one but many.

I think an airman should be armed. He is likely to be shot at from the ground in any event.

6. GI Shoes. I was wearing flying boots and heated shoes. I carried GI shoes in the waist with me in case I should have to jump, but on the occasion I had no chance to remember them or to get them.

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Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing:

None

Enemy Fighter Tactics:

Markings:

NONE

Our Tactics:

None

Our Fighter Support:

None at Time

Flak

NONE

Time

Place

Quality

None

Technical Failures

Motors:

Armor:

Armament:

Probably Bomb or oxygen Fire

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above: