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MIS DETACHMENT

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. *Miles B. Jones - TSgt - 15089695*
2. Decorations. *NONE*
3. Unit or Squadron. *359th Bomb Squadron*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *303 Bomb Group*
5. Date of Birth. *May 15, 1923*
6. Length of Service. *15 months*
7. Private Address. *Beauvoir Dam, Kentucky*
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?
LORIENT - Jan. 23 - 10:30 A.M.
NEAR CARHAIX, FRANCE - App. 14:30 P.M. - UNKNOWN.
9. If in AF, give names of other members of crew and what happened to them.
10. Give details and full story of your trip on attached sheets.
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much?
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? *NO*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? *No - they were at Station.*
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 experience? Where and when?
yes - MR. DARLING, Gibraltar - yes MR. PARKING, Gibraltar. APRIL 23, 1943
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 - Gibraltar - April 24
17. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. By ~~sea~~ *Air*.
Gibraltar - April 25, 1943
18. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
PORT WREATH, ENGLAND, April 25, 1943

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3rd May, 1943

E & E REPORT No. 29 31
EVASION IN FRANCE

MIA — 23 Jan 43
Arrived Spain 21 Apr 43
Arrived U.K. 24 Apr 43

15089695, T/Sgt. Miles B. JONES
359 Bomber Squadron, 303 Bomber Group.

AGE: 19
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 15 months
HOME ADDRESS: Beaver Dam, Ky.

OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW:

PILOT	0-437648,	1st Lt. Ellis J. SANDERSON	(Prisoner)	(P/W)
CO-PILOT	0-661439,	2nd Lt. Horace D. BOWMAN, Jr.	(Prisoner)	(P/W)
NAVIGATOR	0-724086,	2nd Lt. John W. SPENCE	(Returned)	(P/W)
BOMBARDIER	0-727137,	2nd Lt. Grady B. WARD	(Prisoner)	
ENGINEER	13028347,	T/Sgt. Sidney DEVERS	(Returned)	
RADIO OPERATOR	NARRATOR			
A/RADIO OPERATOR	36306227,	S/Sgt. Frank W. GREENE	(MIA)	(MIA)
WAIST GUNNER	6583755,	S/Sgt. Harry F. SWANSON	(Prisoner)	
WAIST GUNNER	18067667,	S/Sgt. Carlos J. SILVA	(Prisoner)	
TAIL GUNNER	11041567,	S/Sgt. Joseph L. MARKIEWICZ	(Prisoner)	

25 Jan 43

Enemy Fighters
Destroyed

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Delayed
Jump
CARHAIX

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Immediate
Help

After taking off my chute I hid it underneath a plank in a nearby ditch. It was then I noticed I was about 300 feet from a peasant cottage. There were people watching me and they motioned me to come to them. They seemed pleased to see me and had a large crock of cider for me. They repeated over and over something about the 'Boche' and pointed N.E. Other than the obvious meaning I couldn't understand what they were saying. One of them took me to the top of a hill and made me go in a certain direction along the road. I walked down the hill towards a canal where I was picked up by two boys. They took me back up a hill and showed me another chute. I supposed it to be Sgt. DEVERS'. Another boy joined us and the three of them walked with me away from the canal. We met and joined a peasant farmer. As we walked through the brush on the hillside one of the boys pointed into the valley to two figures on bicycles. He called them the "posse".

24 Jan

The peasant farmer took me to his home. I stayed that night in the loft of the house. The farmer assured me it was safe but had the house been searched I could not have escaped detection. The next morning I went out to a haystack and later in the morning a man came to see me. He brought a French-English dictionary though insisted he could speak better English with his hands than the dictionary. He took my clothes sizes and cautioned me to remain where I was until he returned. He was back in three hours with clothes and a bicycle. I was taken into CARHAIX. I spent the night in a house here and the next evening a friend took me to GOURIN. I spent 9 days with friends in GOURIN while efforts were being made to find helpers.

25 Jan

GOURIN

I suggested that I go on my own but my friends were insistent that I stay. On the eighth day I was joined by an R.A.F. pilot and on the ninth day a man came to talk to us. He spoke perfect English and through him the remainder of my journey was arranged for me.

APPENDIX B

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4. Saw large guns on hill overlooking NICE.
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Chris Debechunt

3 May 1943

E-6 # 29
Evasion in France

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359 Sq - 303 Gp -

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After taking off my chute ~~and getting it~~. I hid it beneath a plank in a nearby ditch. It was then I noticed I was about 3 or 4 ft from a peasant cottage. There were people watching me and they motioned me to come to them. They seemed pleased to see me and had a large crock of cider for me. They repeated over and over something about the Roche and pointed N.E. Other than the obvious meaning I couldn't understand what they were saying. One of them took me to the top of a hill and made me go in a certain direction along the road. I walked down the hill towards a canal where I was picked up by two boys. They took me back up a hill and showed me another chute. I supposed it to be St. Devers. Another boy joined us and the three of them walked with me away from the canal. We met and joined a peasant farmer. As we walked through the brush on the hillside one of the boys pointed into valley to two figures on bicycles. He called them the "posse."

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 flak moderate. Every gun working. I think
 a fighter raked our echelon & knocked out #2
 engine & I don't know whether we dropped bombs. Heard
 Sandy tell Bowman to feather prop. Heard Silva
 say fighter coming at 9 o'clock & looked out of
 window. I saw the fighter explode in mid air -
 it burst like flak. Can't credit it. Then fighter
 (20) swarmed around us. We were alone. My
 inter-com slot out. Saw W. ^{Swanson} gunner go out. Destroyed
 flimsies. Put on chute or adjusted it. Devers came through
 & said "Get out", pushed me out, chute opened all
 right & est. 8,000 & 10,000. 2000 opened. Hit ground
 on left knee very hard. Landed in valley near Carhaix
 & just over hill from canal & about 300 ft. from
 peasant's house. All men-beard, dirty, woman & 2 girls
 & little boy. Took off chute & gathered it up.
 Hid it under plank in ditch. The people motioned
 me to come to them. Couldn't understand the people
 but they were pleased to see me & not catch. They
 kept saying Boche & pointed toward N.E. Didn't
 understand. Girl took me up hill & made me go

a certain direction along road. Went on over
the hill down to canal locks. At Locks
was picked up by 2 boys (14 & 17). Took me back
up hill & showed me chute. Supposed it to be
Devers. Joined by another boy with glasses. One of them
put it under coal. All three took me over hill away from
locks & met peasant. One boy pointed down in
valley to 2 people in bushes. Said pose - getting
twilight. The peasant farmer took me home
with him. Stayed there that night. In loft of
house. ~~Washed~~ house brooms. Next morning went to
haystack. Stayed till 11:30 hrs & met by 26-yr. old man
called "Joe". Told me could speak better with hands
than by. Had dictionary. Took my size for
clothes. Told me to stay where I was until he
came after me - 1:30. Broke clothes. Bike.
Two more friends. In from Carhaix. "August"
worked in French station. Had good knowledge of
Morse code. Both friends took me into Carhaix.
Joe took me to his home. Large roomy house.
Met his mother & young sister. Stayed there
afternoon & that night & next night taken
to sister (Joe's) at ~~St. Gouren~~ ^{St. Gouren}. No Germans. Sucette
Cougyard

husband
Raymond Courgard. Stayed 9 days - Joe said he
was cycling to Paris to contact underground.
Told him I could go on my own & insisted I
stay because he could make contact. About
8th day Joe came & brought NK pilot who
was shot down same day as I. Sgt. Nick Kidd.
Joe had no luck & going to take us through
himself. 5th night at supper a man
introduced self as St. Jean. Said from
big underground in France & spoke very
good Eng. Sgt. Kidd asked questions & he proved
himself chief of occ. France & Am. for us
to leave next morning for Pontivy.
Got a car & took us to Pontivy - accompanied
by Joe & Mr. Courgard. We were given order
by St. Jean to go with him - stayed in
Pontivy from 8 am - 6 pm. Stayed at
Pachis apartment in the town. Where there
we got identity card & used picture that
fit description - taken from police record -
St. J. said my kid boys would take us to
Paris. About 6 he came for us, young boys

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He took us to station & we left for Paris —
Lorient - Rennes - Le Mans & Versailles to
Paris. Sat in compartment with German
Gendarme & Pretended sleep & Kidd rode with
me & uneventful & Arrived Paris went to
Paulette's apt. - 17 Victor Hugo Sq. - & here
met Littlejohn, Roger & Doublemetere & took
this night to Candy shop in old parts of
Paris & Here 3 days & Man & wife & she
spoke English & used to live in England &
Had young daughter (20) - not living here &
Stayed 3 days & met Mr Luvac & his
daughter & Taken to Paris station by Mr. Luvac
& met Roger - Doublemetere & 2 more airmen
7/6 Movie Wilson (Greenoble) & T/Sgt. Arthur Cox
93rd Amb Bn (6219 hills) & Started for h of I
2 in compartment & went to Tours & Caught
suburban train to town on line & Just walked
across bridge over river & 6 miles out
from town to another small town & Had
good time in pub & lorry car came after us
Took us to Loches - Stayed with man
& woman & child, Stayed this night &

next morning got in train & went to Chateauroux
645 & arrived 11:30 then train to Toulouse -
arriving at 8 p.m. Went to Hotel de Paris &
stayed there + Mr "Paul" came &
took his home & sent some of Roger &
Doublenetre x ~~taken to~~ Wife American &
from Chicago, Sister lived here, etc
supper & said meet Mr. Joseph in next
couple days x Day later left at 4:30.
Joseph came x Chief of ~~organised~~ Org. x
Said get passport for so. France &
would leave app. 8 days x 3 days later
H. Roper, Marcel, Jack Dawson came
back - from attempt to cross into. All
six stayed here - Marcel left - —
(Joseph arr. escape of some of boys - one
a big tall Belgian, ^{Tr} Pastor, ^{Tr} Phillippe Franc,
Canadian, & Am Sgt, Frenchman (5)?).
Spread these people over the town - Five
more came to this apartment - One night
slept 11 in room x Joseph came
& made identity cards for 4 of us
gave me a military demobilization paper

Joseph carried all equipment in a sort
of brief case typewriter for forging cards.
Met 'Bey' & they were getting ready
to take us to mts. Plan devised for
9 to go through Perpignan & leaving
in parties of 2-3 & all to meet at
Banyuls. 2 travelled with Philipp Franck
& the rest I don't know about -

Got on train at 12-1 a.m.

(~~At~~ Kidd, self, Franck, ^{Nansen} ~~former~~, Canadian, Am. & 2 Fr -)

Went to Narbonne - train there straight
then to Banyuls - Arr. made was
to meet Col. & 4/10 Wilson in mts - Guy
to go back for them &

Got to Banyuls had to get out on wrong
side of train & run x Canadian & 2 Fr &
Am. were caught - Germans opened
fire, Ran down till & up through
patrol ditch & into mts - Rang, N3.

Philipp, Joseph, Bey & self -

Guide didn't show up & Joseph said he
was going to take us through himself -

^{Pat}
Joseph decided best for us to stay in mascopies
garthouse while Guy went back to get
Perpignan to get another guide, Joad
Cot & Wilson — waited 3 nights & 2 days
and no one showed up — 5 kilos from
frontier to Joseph that we should go back
to Marseilles. Guy had been
caught returning. We walked to
Elone skirting Banyuls. Our route
back to the Elone was to coast — We could
see sea — Caught train from Elone to
Perpignan — Canet Plage (3 days),
Hotel de Tennis. — Back to Marseilles —
There met Fabian & Ben Golon at station —
Fabian Ben had come to Hotel de Tennis &
told Joseph ^{Pat} that Hotel de Paris had been
raided by Gestapo. — Went to Mme Tereie
apt. — Later on in day moved to Mlle Martins in
Marseilles — Met H. Roper — Sgt. R. ^{Dawson} ~~Rogers~~, Marcel,
2 commandos (Chavron & Hm) — With me Kidd —
Wilson — Cox — Nancy — self — Nancy left us —
Lucas had gone elsewhere —

Stayed Mule Martin's 1 mile & 2 days - Fabian
& Ben Grom escorted us to Nice - Hidd Cox
Wilson & self - Then went to apt - of
Mule Swinson ~~1888~~ - Then 4 days later Roper
came in with Fabian & said Joseph
caught - with Lt. Roper rest of way

MOST SECRET.

APPENDIX "B".
M.I. 9. (b)/S/P.G.

The following information has been obtained from our interview with
..... *Gouss* (.....) 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. *Aerodrome - 8 kms SW of Carhaix*
thick fighter
- ~~2.~~ *Narbonne*
Air to Perpignan *coast defences*
Nice to marseilles

large guns overlooking Nice
Construction of submarine base at
Port Vendres (held by
Frenchman)

Aerodrome at Perpignan - fighters (French)
2 miles SW - 5 flak batteries

Large scale map - Perpignan

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Hq ETOUSA

9 April 1943

SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

TO : Personnel concerned.

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 - (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,
Colonel, AGD, Adjutant General.

CERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

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Name (Print) JONES, MILES, B

Signed

Miles B. Jones

Rank T/Sgt. ASN 15089695

Date

April 25, 1943

Unit 303 AB Co. 359th Sgd.

Witness

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REPORT TO COLONEL MENZIES, LONDON DISTRICT TRANSIT CAMP,
GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL, OPPOSITE THE MARYLEBONE STATION, LONDON.

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OFFICE OF THE MILITARY OBSERVER
AMERICAN CONSULATE
GIBRALTAR

22 April 1943.

Subject: Orders.

To: Personnel named below.

2ND LT HOWARD W KELLY 0726785, and
T/SGT MILES B JONES 15089695,

having reported at this station on April 21, 1943, will proceed by the first available transportation to LONDON, ENGLAND. Upon arrival they will report without delay to Headquarters European Theater of Operations, U.S. Army, London. TDN FD 33 P 433-02 A 0425-23.

Distribution:

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Personnel concerned.

File/

Carl W. Holcomb

Carl W. Holcomb,

Lt. Col., CAC.

Comdg. U.S. Army Casuals.

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10. Having rptd at this hq fr missing in action, T/Sgt MILES D. JONES, 15089695, formerly asgd to 359th Bomb Sq, 303rd Bomb Gp, Eighth AF, is asgd to Hq & Hq Sq, Eighth AF, and placed on TD with G-2 Sec, this hq. Upon completion of this TD he will rpt to his proper sta for dy. TCNT. TDN. FD 31 P 431-02 A 0425-23.

By command of Lieutenant General ANDREWS:

C. H. BARTH,
Brigadier General, GSC, Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

RALPH PULSIFER,
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Rank 7/Sgt. A.S.N. 15089695

Date 22 APR 1943

Unit 359th Bomb Sq. 303rd Bomb Bgp.

Witness Carl W. Holcomb

Lt. Col. Carl W. Holcomb, C.A.C.
United States Army
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NOTE

ATTENTION

Marsilles -

variation of water front
between

other points in the city which are not being
in every way connected together.

Further information of this nature may be made, but when done so

it is suggested that the following be done:

Statement of information covering period from

to

1. Statement of the following:

the following:

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Statement of the following:

(Not necessary - (High
Water)

Statement of the following:

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