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Rank T/567 ASN 36746 275	Date Dec. 27, 1943
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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

- Full Name, Rank and Serial No. ALLEN J PRIEBE 1/567 36246275
- 2. Decorations.
- Unit or Squadron. 563 BOMB SQDN. 3.
- Division (Army) or Group. 388 BOMB ERP.
- MAY 16, 1928 Date of Birth. 5.
- 6. Length of Service. / ½ YR.
- 7. Private Address. 2227 NORTH AVENUE MILWALIKEE WIS.

- 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? PLACE-KWETTISHAL DATE - SEPT. 6 TIME (6 AM?) TROYES HAM SHOT DOWN. I SAW SHIP EXPLODE ON GROUND AND BURN
- What was your position in aircraft? RADIO OPERATOR
- 10. Were you wounded?
- Did you pay your guides? If so how much? NO 11.
- Do you speak French? Spanish? NO 12.
- Did you have Identity Papers? YES 13.
- 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?
- 15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?
- 16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? YES DEC. 27, INTERIGATION
- 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

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MIA: 6 September 1943

Arrived in UK: 563 Bemb Squadren, 388 Bemb Group

TARGET: Stuttgart

27 December 1943

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MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

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# SGT MARTIN: "Ther perone restern?" entent prohotes tot a south Attrace entance

PUTS CHUTE ON BACKWARDS

I went out through the bomb-bay after seeing that the crew-members in the waist were ready to jump. I had pulled the emergency handle on the bomb-bay doors, then straddling the front of the bomb-bay, I pulled my legs together and dropped out like a bomb. It was my intention to delay the jump down to 2000 feet from 12000 feet, but just as I was ready to go I noticed that my chute was on backwards. Not knowing whether this was serious, I pulled the ripcord at 6000 feet, hoping that I could correct any fault if there was one. I had no trouble with spinning, but, I made the mistake of looking down when I pulled the ripcord and the silk struck me in the face, blinding me mementarily our that I was to night hidden where he had put me. <

has walked, he indicated the time of his return, and made. There were three chutes in the air other than my own, and, I watched our plane do three complete loops. Enemy fighters were still circling it. Before I lost sight of them they had circled one of the chutes above me.

SHEDS CLOTHING IN AIR

I got rid of as much flying equipment (helmet and mask) as I could while still in the air. Because of my position in the plane I was wearing GI shees instead of flying boots.

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There were both woods and fields beneath me; I thought it best to try to get into the fields rather than hang up in a tree and, to do this, I spilled the air from my chute.

IMMEDIATE HELP

HIDDEN BY FRENCHMAN

I came down on a hillside, started rolling, and, for some reason, passed out. When I recovered there were five Frenchmen trying to unbuckle my chute. They took my harness and mae west; one of the men made signs of burning this equipment and ran off with it. I was asked whether I was English or American and replied, "American parachutist." One of the men, motioning me to follow, led me into a wood. Using his watch, he indicated the time of his return, and made it clear that I was to stay hidden where he had put me.

I slept until the early afternoon when my helper returned with two bicycles. We cycled about two miles to his home. Our route was through the fields and along the edges of woods so that we would never be under direct observation except when we once had to cross a paved road. Arriving at the house, I was not taken inside immediately but hidden in a bramble patch. While I was being hidden a German patrol car passed but we had heard it in time to duck into some bushes. I slept again for most of the afternoon and until after dark when the Frenchman took me into the house.

We had supper before starting, on our bicycles, for a small village outside the area patrolled by the Germans still looking for airmen. I spent four days - well hidden and well cared for - in the home of a friend of my helper. I was reassured many times that someone was working to help me. Because of language difficulties there was very little conversation with my friends after they understood that I wanted to evade capture, and, that I wanted to go to Spain instead of Switzerland. At the end of the four days I was told that my journey was arranged. A few days later I joined Sgt PRIEBE.

JOURNEY

## SGT PRIEBE:

CHUTE ON BACKWARDS

STRAFFED BY ENEMY FIGHTER I jumped from the waist door around 12000 feet. My chute was on backward, and, I couldn't stop spinning long enought to watch the ground so I pulled the ripcord around 8000 feet. There was one chute below me. Our aircraft crashed and exploded before I got down. The wind was carrying me into a village but I avoided it by spilling the air from my chute. After I got on the ground an FW came over and made three passes at me while I was running out of the field in which I had landed. I got away from him when I crawled into a potato patch. He came back twice after losing me, and, then the sound of his plane died away.

SECURES IMMEDIATE HELP

I was up, runing again, as soon as I knew he had gone. There had been no Frenchmen near while the FW was buzzing me but suddenly they appeared from everywhere. I had started running toward a wood away from a small village when two boys caught up with me; I hadn't yet gotten rid of my flying boots. They patted me on the back repeating over and over again, "comrade, comrade." While I tried to talk with the boys there were other Frenchmen gathering up my chute and flying equipment which I had left scattered in the field and potato patch. When this was done the boys motioned rapidly with their arms (they strike the inside of their left elbow with their right hand) indicating that I should go with them. They turned back toward the village, and, on the outskirts of the village I was turned over to a man (he seemed to be waiting for us) who put me in a nearby barn. After I was given a coast, hat, and food, the man questioned me about when the allied invasion was to take place. Within an hour of my being moved to the barn, the Germans arrived in the village but did not make an extensive search. They came to the house of my friends to ask if any para chutists had been seen. After the Germans left I was moved into the house, and the next morning told that I was being taken away - that my journey had been arranged N.S. Holt

JOURNEY ARRANGED

JOHN F WHITE, Jr, Capt, AC

W S HOLT, Lt Col. AC

- a. There were several thousand German Air Corps cadets training in TROYES. (Sept-ember October)
- b. In BREST evaders saw volunteer workers (hearsay) dressed in light grey-green uniforms. They were white arm-bands showing a red swastika. BREST is the enly place evaders saw these people.
- c. There was a concentration of naval uniforms in BREST; evaders recall only that the uniforms were dark blue and that some of the men had tassels hanging down the back of their caps while others did not.
- d. Evaders saw Germans in BREST dressed in a mixture of army and navy uniforms, e.g. navy cap and army tunic. French told evaders that it was a German trick to prevent numbers of types of personnel being known.
- e. French stated that Germans had started a wide prepaganda campaign to get the French to fight communism. The purpose is to get the French to fight Russia if not England er America. The volunteers for this service wear a 'blue shirt.'
- f. Ten kilometers northwest of TROYES evaders saw four or more anti-aircraft batteries placed where they furnish protection for a large power plant. (could not pin-point.)
- g. In DOUARNENEZ there were five light anti-aircraft batteries on the canal north of POULDAVIC where the railroad crosses the canal to enter BOURNENEZ. The only Germans here were the twenty troops who were the crews of the anti-aircraft batteries.
- h. In September, sections of express trains traveling to PARIS from the east through TROYES were filled with troops carrying equipment for desert fighting.
- i. In TROYES evaders saw German troops dressed in all-black uniforms, black leather knee boots, black leather gloves and black caps. They were told these were the German commando troops.
- j. French wanted to know why BREST was always bombed across the resident district instead of following the river line.
- k. Evaders heard that a new submarine base was being built near the river mouth in BREST. No details given.
- 1. The only German boats seen in the harbor at DOUARNENEZ during November were two regular patrol boats. Times of patrol were not noticed.
- m. French consider bombing of submarine bases to be ineffectual. Cement reinforcements are too thick. French stated that after a late September or early October raid on NANTES that one of the few installations not damaged was the submarine base.

## SECRET

# APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 294

No., Rank, Name: MARTIN, MERL E. 7/sqt., 15703580 Unit: 563 ad Bomb.

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?
- (b) If not, had you one on you?
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights," etc.

Chocolate. " first hight

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Personnal cicultes

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum. the a small burn

Water bottle. long hike

Compass.

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

In NOT, State why not.

YES GREENISH Red Suf

(b) Did you use the purse?

(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.

How did you spend the money? Care to Trench -(d) How did you dispose of :-Maps. BuRN Compass. File (hacksaw). Surplus currency. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+) (+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. NO Stud compass. Swinger compass. NO Fly-button compass. No Pencil clip compass. NO Tunic button compass. NO Pipe compass. Pouch Special flying boots (and knife). NO (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? Two; postered whe to oma Did you use them? State how. LECTURES Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

Did you find the lectures of value?

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Matches.

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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? Two
- (b) Did you use them? YES State how. IDENTIFICATION PAPERS

#### LECTURES

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? yes State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. AT BASE
- (b) Did you find the lectures of value? YES

NAME ALLEN J PRIEBE RANK 1/36T ASN 3/246275 REPORT NO.

SQ563 GROUP 388 A/C NO. 36246275 Letter H Load 22 Date DFC, 27, 1943

LEAD LOW SOON.

Position in formation. Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing: TARGET COVERED WITH CLOUDS

Enemy Fighter Tactics: FIGHTER ATTACKS FROM FRONT AND REAR

Markings: FOUR OR GO AT ONE TIME

Our Tactics:

Our Fighter Support: NONE

Flak

Time

Place

Quality MUCH FLAK OVER TARGET

(STUDGARD)

Technical Failures

Motors:

CONTROLS SHOT AWAY

Armor:

Armament:

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

Much 294

NAME MARTIK MERL E, RANK T/Sq + ASN 1510358 REPORT NO. SQ563 GROUP 388 A/C NO. 222 Letter / Load 2/2 Date 12/27/48 Position in formation. Make Diagram Observed results of Bombing: Couldn't see first target. Enemy Fighter Tactics: one formation came from low 1:00 oblock

Markings: 2nd attack from 11:00 oblock Our Tactics: TURNED INTO SECOND ATTACK Our Fighter Support: KONF Flak Time Place Quality Technical Failures - 3 MOTOR controls shot-up Armament: POOR TopAt bomB bay blasted by 20 m.m. Miscellaneous: Stopped when electrical system. Comments and Suggestions on any of the above: blasted. Fair enough. There were just too many 20 m. m. camnon-shells.