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9 April 1943.

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By command of Lieutenant General ANDREWS:

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

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

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Name (Print) IVAN L. SCHRAEDER Signed Ivan L. Schraeder
Rank SGT ASN 16052287 Date Jan 6th 1944
Unit 388th Bomb Grp 561st Lgd. Witness _____

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SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

HEADQUARTERS
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PW and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. *IVAN L. SCHRAEDER 16052287*
2. Decorations. *AIR MEDAL*
3. Unit or Squadron. *388th BOMB, GRP 561st Sqd*
4. Division (Army) or Group.
5. Date of Birth. *OCTOBER 10, 1921*
6. Length of Service. *2 YEARS*
7. Private Address. *812 W. VIRGINIA, PEORIA, ILLINOIS*
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?
*STUGART - PARIS - ABBEYVILLE.
CAME DOWN AT MONTESSEON, Sept 9th '43*
9. What was your position in aircraft? *T/GUNNER*
10. Were you wounded? *NO*
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *The French did*
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THOUGH
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? *NO*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? *YES*
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? *AT GIBRALTAR, the office of the English
INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZED BY THE AMERICANS.*
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? *AT GIB JAN 3, 44*
17. Date of arrival in Spain. *19 NOV. 1943*
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *Dec 31, 1943*
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *Jan 4, 1944*
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *BRISTOL Jan 4, 1944*

25 Nov

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tickets for Barcelona - when on train Sp police see us & take
to B. 1st took us to place when searched - given to Cu 3rd - marched to
Central Police Bldg - slept in jail like several - 3 N, 2, 1, 1 & A Sp.
Then that night. At 1300 next day Sp council sent by delegate to obtain
my release.

To Sp council - he sent cable to folks.
That night tried them about fulfilling Spul letter. To keep for 2
weeks. Invt con.

Sent to court - C4 - 5 days, staying at Hotel Antinatal.
They asked me when I can access - think Mr something
Mr Scott - asked me how many in party.
How we arrived notes.

\$ more Sp in from Sigueras - St Taylor, Obachuk, Bunko,
Lush, Anderson. met more Sp
Sp SC fellow to Saragossa then to Alama - Chris was there.
Washed briefly.

May Clark ask us for want find about new members.
No question about how to travel.

Clark named Hobbsworth, Darling,

At 1230 they in uniform leave again - Capt -
Chris interrogated me - Capt Anderson
I think Lush - waiting.

Sp police got 2/P

B Factory when at 75 Ave d'Italie
Pardand - joined go by Renault - making tanks & parts 2nd -
planes Av D'ART. Rue NAT. Rue REGNAULT - D.C.
DEPATAY, BOUL MASSENA

B Plan when make Messerschmitt notes
→ Rhone ~~Home~~ (S home) Rue Brillat - E of
PL de RUVHIS

B Paris filled with Sturge

B People I was with seemed to think something Paris
is shooting from ground in airman bailing out -

B. / to going to buy books of RAF who worked - Is designed book
up waffles & flowers - mailed in 7/27.

Schroeder

Smooth until just over Eng coast electric suit out - BT over

CH - up nose got another - 1 kept hands & feet warm

F-lvs hit us over Mont Haur out ^{patch} J. Thompson od put on chits - then bail out - held out wings. Out c 20,000' - As out saw 1 chite gen.

Over small island in sea - pulled out c 2000'. Pretty good landing except hump in tail bar. Excited forgot handle chite - ran to edge of island, in reeds - found broken chite. When I remembered it saw 3 ls. Crawley

look see chit go back & long - saw gardener taking chite put MW in tree, throat nigh nigh in river - crawled beside tree. People who's motioned me down is led - I crawled - to reeds & willows - 3 fellows started over in rowboat - 4 others can from behind - 1 gave me wooden shoes, 1 hat, 1 black jacket. Took Mary & flying clothes -

Ran to another boat - up to factory wall & other side - crew swoop lifted us up - smeared grease all over me. Walked to shower room - took new clothes - disposed of rest of my clothes.

On lookout for 5 gds - pretty soon fellow with ~~to~~ bicycle. To found 1 one of factory workers c 1/2 hr away - On 1 long road to

M. Scherer - makes transformers & portable radios for a big firm - gds. Eng. Went to place where met him - Paul Pronost - ~~so many~~ ^{so many} ~~factory~~ ^{factory}

Scherer advised go to Paris - c 0600 on Sat to station with another fellow T. Pan, met Man Duterre. I follow her - to her get home.

No 7 Rue Bruninter Terrace - Sat for 2 weeks

Mlle Dupont came - lent books - elderly lady

Mlle La Brie (?) told me I to go with her next mt. to

25 Ave d'Italie. Went with her & Mlle Dupont.

B / ^{Get sent} Saw 1 dead man & young boys in uniforms. Sent 1 brown uniform - to told OT

Met M^{rs} Belleville, Bernard, Daniel. Have son in camp in es. 2 months there

Is had grabbed some of people for forced labor - seemed. Stopped to church on Sun. One to st carnival. Mme du Taut, Mlle Dupont, La Brie, son of Bernard's friends M. Scherer, Lady who owned grocery store where people traded.

C / Typed story of what happened since down. (thinks did wrong) c 1700 very tall bay now began with M - black chess & waltz glasses

Say I to leave next mt at 183 - met in underground. To station for
Toulouse - met M de la Salle - pilot before to field - speaks of
grey hair - married - 2 child - lives Toulouse.

He with to boy - I with him - eat. De la Salle back with
M Brignot + a Czech

Then to Toulouse - apparently saw 4 '8" there - had seen
her at station in Paris - leading 2 more men.

To sit car to de la Salle house - ready for egg - Czech - another to - so

Had wait to catch train to Perpignan.

B { seemed lots of troops in uniforms - field uniforms with guns -
some had some kind of bird or eagle, something like RAF insignia.
most green, some blue uniforms.

I was rode together to Perpignan - guides reports - but met
us at station. To large field on deserted road - met 2 guides.
4'8" - if she - turned back - left with party of 8 - Czech, 6, or, I
2-3 guides - think egg - Presl shot c 18.

To town on other side of Sigüenza - supposed to take 3 days
actually took a week.

Slept from 0700 to 1600 first day. Snow started 1800 heavy
snow to 0300. Long hard tired. Czech have to not down
every 20 min - in - hot. Snow 5 or blowing.

All kept together to last steep ridge before frontier. Czech
out. De la S + 1 other go around mt instead of over it.
2 fellow guides to - Jean Meunier with me. met

De la S + Sig - 2 other to disappeared somewhere.

Dried clothes at home - to mt of black branches. Another
hired 1 guide, walk c 15 km to both sheds. after 2-3 hrs
c 15 km

met that guide again - to last steep before Sigüenza - to next home
around close to Barcelona - took our names & those of fellows who
not with it.

We walk c 6 km - to mt station. Slept in straw stacks. Many

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E & E REPORT NO. 312
EVASION IN FRANCE

January 6, 1944
(Date)

Sgt 16052287
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: Benz Works
near Paris

561st Bomb 388th Bomb
(Squadron) (Group)

Sept, 9, 1943
MIA: Nov 19, 1943

AGE: 22
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 2 yrs.
HOME ADDRESS: 812 W. Virginia ave.
Peoria, Illinois

Arrived in Spain:
Dec 31, 1943
Arrived in Gibraltar:
January 4, 1944
Arrived in UK:

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT A.D. PORTER
CO-PILOT H. THOMPSON
NAVIGATOR ROLAND
BOMBARDIER V.D. ADAMS
RADIO OPERATOR J.R. ASH
TOP TURRET GUNNER J. MOFFAT
BALL TURRET GUNNER R. MALEOTE
WAIST GUNNER MILLER
WAIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER I. SCHRAEDER

Official Narrators
Disposition Disposition

CAMERA - From 561 Sq - Italian - dark wingman

Were you wounded?

NONE whatever

PILOT	0735657	1st Lt	Aldebert D PORTER	MIA
CO-PILOT	0738291	2d Lt	Harold E THOMPSON	E&E 242
NAVIGATOR	0798883	2d Lt	Henry C ROWLAND	E&E 243
BOMBARDIER	0204375	2d Lt	Vernon D ADAMS	P/W
RADIO OPERATOR	14064852	T/Sgt	John R ASH	P/W
TOP TURRET GUNNER	34125582	T/Sgt	John H MOFFIT	P/W
BALL TURRET GUNNER	35473253	S/Sgt	Ralph MALLICOTE	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	35310260	S/Sgt	Roswell MILLER	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	32499151	S/Sgt	Alphonse SULCHINO	P/W
TAIL GUNNER	16052286	23 /Sgt	Ivan L SCHRAEDER	NARRATOR
CAMERA MAN	32414293	S/Sgt	Clement MEZZANOTTE	MIA

SEE E&E
242-243

I was tail gunner in the plane ~~from which~~ from which Lts THOMPSON and ROWLAND have returned. (SEE E&E 242-243.) Just over the English coast my electric suit went out, but I managed to keep my hands and feet warm. The ball turret gunner's electric suit also ~~went out~~ ^{failed to operate}; he went up into the nose to get another. ~~Just over~~ When we were over MONTESSON, fighters came out of the clouds after us. The next thing I new Lt THOMPSON ordered us to put on our parachutes. Then the order to bail out came, and the alarm bell rang. I went out the tail hatch at 20,000 feet and did not pull the rip cord until about 2000 feet. As I went out, I saw one parachute open. ^P I made a good landing except for a sharp bump on the coccyx. I was so excited that I forgot to hide my parachute. I ran to some reeds at the ~~edge of~~ water's edge. While I was hiding, I remembered my parachute and started back to hide it, but I saw a farmer ~~hiding it~~ taking care of it. I also saw three German soldiers some distance away on the other side of the river. I hid my mae west in a tree and threw my throat mike into the water. I saw some people motioning for me to move along the river bank, so I crawled ^{through} ~~along~~ the reeds and willows at the water's edge. Three men started toward me in a row boat, but before they could reach me four others arrived with some civilian clothes. They took me ^{in a boat along the river} to a factory. A crane scooped us

Bailed
OUT

LANDED

If 110

HELPED

up into the factory. I smeared grease all over myself and walked to the shower room as I was directed. There I was given more clothes, and ^{Civilian} ~~my remaining~~ ^{the rest of my} ~~clothes~~ ^{uniform was} disposed of.

JOURNET
ARRANGED

I was taken to a house, and from there my journey was arranged.

Compiled by:

Approved by:

D E EMERSON
1st Lt, AUS

W.S. Holt
W STULL HOLT
Lt Col, AC
Commanding

Appendix A-E

Appendix B

1. The following information has been obtained in an interview with an 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 9 September 1943 to 19 November 1943.

a. In Paris in late September informant saw a number of elderly or very young Germans in brown uniforms which the French told him were Organization Todt uniforms.

b. In TOULOUSE in November informant saw a great many German troops in field uniforms. Some of the troops were wearing, apparently as a shoulder insignia, a bird or eagle something like the RAF insignia.

c. Informant also saw some blue uniforms around TOULOUSE.

d. In October the University of Paris was full of German troops quartered there. (Observation)

e. Frenchmen told informant that the Germans are mining Paris.

f. Frenchmen also told informant that German soldiers are shooting at American airmen who bail out of planes.

g. Informant was told by Frenchmen that the Germans interfered with a group of Frenchmen who were burying some RAF men who had been killed in a recent raid. This incident seemed to have taken place in August or early September, but informant can not specify the location or any other details.

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *Juan R. Schneider Sgt. 16052287*
Unit:- *388 th Bomb Grp. 561 st Sgd.*

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 - IMMEDIATE HELP*
(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? *the french hid it*

- (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? *yes*
If so, state COLOR. *Brown Red*
In 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.

Maps. Which ones?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money? *FRANCE at church, carnivals, hair cuts.*

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

SPANISH hooked it

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+) *NONC*
(+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).

I was lectured by a captain at Bovingdon and at the 388th Bomb Gp by some sergeants who had evaded.

Yes. I learned to be patient and to do just as my helpers told me to do, without hurrying them or being impatient.

Suggestions: I think aircrews should be told that they should not be discouraged or disillusioned by rumors that they will be returned to England in 10 days, flying back or coming some other easy way. What ever ~~this/that~~ version of this story you are given, you just walk over the Pyrenees anyway.

GI Shoes: I could not wear GI shoes under my electric shoes.

(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?

two

(b) Did you use them?
State how.

no

5. LECTURES

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

Bovingdon; 388th. By Capt. T. & by Sgts who had

(b) Did you find the lectures of value?

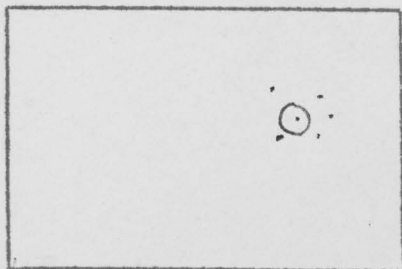
yes

*Being patient - doing just as told not try & hurry helpers
Burgling parachute - keeping out of light in windows
Don't be disillusioned by rumors of back in 10 days - fly back, et al*

No GI shoes - couldn't get them under electric shoes

NAME Ivan L. Schraedy RANK Sgt ASN 16052282 REPORT NO. _____

SQ 56 GROUP 388 A/C NO. 395 Letter H Load 400 Date Sept 9, 1943



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing: _____ shot down before reaching
target

Enemy Fighter Tactics: _____ head on out of clouds.
Markings: _____

Our Tactics:

Our Fighter Support: good

<u>Flak</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
Scattered		VARIOUS	POOR

Technical Failures

Motors: _____

Armor: _____

Armament: _____

Miscellaneous: Electric suit did not work; neither
did the ball turret gunners.

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above: