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SaboLEWS Ki Ed. 5/5GT. 36326245

5347/4 38/57 (Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 39
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 14 Demonths STRHOME ADDRESS: 1728 A. HONORE STR-

MTA: /7 A V G /9 A 3
Arrived in Spain:

Arrived in Gibraltar:

Arrived in UK:

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Official Narrators

Disposition Disposition

PILOTSTLT. FORKNER H.

CO-PILOT LT. J. KELLY
NAVIGATOR LT. R. HYATT

BOMBARDIER /ST. LT. E. VINCENT.

RADIO OPERATOR S/SGT. SHATTUCK. C.
TOP TURRET GUNNER 'SHIPE R. - 237

BALL TURRET GUNNER " STEASE R.

" HORTON H. WAIST GUNNER

11 SoboLEuski E. WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER " CHEW. L.F.

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E & E REPORT NO. 330

EVASION IN HOLLOWD, BELGIUM, and FRANCE

JAN. 24 1944

HORTON, JR. H. H. 5/SET 14164586 (Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Target: SCHWEINFURT

534th (Squadron)

38/ST H

AGE: 2/ LENGTH OF SERVICE: 16 MOS.

HOME ADDRESS: 329 PATTON

ASheustle North CAROLINA

MTA: Se AUG. 17, 1943 Arrived in Spain:

Arrived in Gibraltar:

Arrived in UK; - FALMENT H

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with FWIB)

Official Disposition Narrators Disposition

PILOT FORKNER H.L. 1st Lt. (RN HANDS OF CO-PILOT KELLEY, SOSEPH 2nd Lt. (CAPTURED)

NAVIGATOR HYATT, ROBERT. 12 nd Lt.

BOMBARDIER VINCENT; Edwin, 15 Lt.

RADIO OPERATOR ShATTUCK, Chester, E. SKET -

TOP TURRET GUNNER Shipe, PAUL F. 3/567. (AN HANDS OF BALL TURRET GUNNER STEASE, RALPH SKET.

WAIST GUNNER HORTON, H.H. S/SGT. -

WAIST GUNNER SOBOLEWSKI, E.F. S/SGT. (ESCAPED)

TAIL GUNNER Chew, LIN F. S/SGT. (CAPTURED)

Were you wounded?

BRUISED RIGHT ANKLE CRIENT IN PARACHUTING.

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E&E 330-331: S/Sgts Edward F SOBOLEWSKI and Harry H HORTON, Jr

MEMBERS OF CREW:	(THIS INFORM	MATION CHECKED WITH PWIB)	
PILOT SO I WORK	0416956	1st Lt Hamden L FORKNER	MIA
CO-PILOT	0671956	2d Lt Hoseph A KELLY	P/W
NAVIGATOR	0797321	2d Lt Robert E HYATT	P/W
BOMBARDIER	02043746	1st Lt Edwin VINCENT	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	11098207	S/Sgt Chester E SHATTUCK	P/W
TOP TURRET GUNNER	33152998	S/Sgt Paul F SHIPE	E&E 237
BALL TURRET GUNNER	15102174	S/9gt Ralph E STEASE	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	14164586	S/Sgt Harry H HORTON, Jr	NARRATOR
WAIST GUNNER	36326245	S/Sgt Edward F SOBOLEWSKI	NARRATOR
TAIL GUNNER	18120798	S/Sgt Lin F CHEW	P/W

SET HORTON:

og je juhuse gar kosom kavi nas pizaspi u" (See E&E 237.) I was/waist gunner in the crew from which Sgt SHIPE has returned. / We were shot when the order was given, down flying to SCHWEINFURT on 17 August 1943. / I bailed out at about 18,000 feet; the plane turned left out of formation. I saw seven or eight parachutes, some on my right and some on my left. When my parachuted orened, it gave me quite a belt across the stomach.

I landed in an apple orchard, sprained my right ankle badly, and felt sick to the stomach, I started crawling toward some woods not far away. I saw two young men in blue coveralls running toward me. I thought that they were Germans. I could not run, so there was nothing to do but wait until they came up. One asked me whether I was an American. I nodded and asked whether they were Allemandes. They told me that they were Belges and indicated that I was in Holland. I began to feel better. I told them to get my parachute at of the trees. They carried me to the woods, and I crawled about 50 yards into some thick underbrush. They also took care of my parachute. Somn a mob of people came up, a great many girls and young boys, some laughing some crying, all very excited. They noticed my awollen ankle and wanted to know whether I had been shot. Everyone started taking my clothing

and equipment for souvenirs. I managed to keep my escape kit and purse.

The two

HIP

young men who had carried me tried to get the crowd to leave, and when the people began to disperse, these two fellows carried me farther to a heavily wooded area, and I hid in a ditch. In fifteen minutes they brought a young fellow who spoke some English. I asked him where I was, and he marked a place in pencil on my escape map. I erased the mark immediately so that my escape map would not show where I came down.

They moved me across some fields near to a village and told me to wait until they returned. My ankle was so badly swelled that I could hardly move. That night I was moved to some bushes near a road. A doctor came with a car and drove me with great twistings and turnings no doubt designed to make me lose my sense of direction. At a house the planes had already returned to England, I said that our objective had been SCHWEINFURT.

CANTIONS RING ANSWERN QUESTIONS

MEDILAL ATTENTION DWRNE ED ARRAMINE

I had medical attention here and at a number of times in my journey.

The night of 18 August Sgt SOBOLEWSKI was brought in. From there our journeys

some of them quite close to us.

A number of German officers were sitting around,/
When we were in Paris we went once to a cafe and enjoyed a most delicious meal.

While were were waiting for dessert, we started smoking cigarettes and held them in our hands. Our waiter remarked to us amiably, "Messieurs smeke cigarettes during the meal just like the Americans do." We could hardly get rid of the cigarettes

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SET SOBOLEWSKI:

quickly enough.

were arranged.

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When the order to bail out came, the ball turret gunner came up. I pulled the emergency handle on the escape hatch, but the door did not open. Sgt HORTON managed to kick the door off while I pulled the emergency. I looked at the ground and got scared, so I mottioned to HORTON to go out. Then the tail gunner jumped, and I followed him. I saw seven or eight chutes in the air. My descent took 15 or 20 minutes.

- a. Informant was told in Holland in August that when any allied plane crashes, the Dutch go out at night, get the German guard drunk, if necessary, and steal from the plane everything they can uses. If any motors are in usuable condition the Dutch hide them.
- b. Informant was told by Dutch helpers to report that a book by the a Dutch minister has been distributed clandestine by and has been very well received.
- c. From August to October an Me 110 or Ju 88 used to pass over BEEK every afternoon between 1500 and 1600. It had what looked like radar equipment on the wings:

(See DEE for sketch.)

me took me to his house where I het nuttun.

d. Informant was told by a Hollander in October that the RAF have been bombing a Park at LUDWIGSHAVEN instead of the chemical works. The area is so well camouflaged that the RAF have mistaken their target.

in the railroad yards at LILLE

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- e. In October informant saw/a great many flak flat cars mounted with flak guns.
- f. People in Paris told informants that the Germans have mined a great many streets and buildings.
- g. Most of the French people whom informants met violently stated a preferenc for British night bombing over American high level day bombing. Informants were given heavy c iticism for American raids, especially for Nantes.
- .h. Informants saw around Quimper in Dec mber a number of Russians wearing German uniforms with yellow markings on the collar. They were told that these men are White Russians.
- . i. Informants noticed in QUIMPER and December that most of the German transport of supplies and ammunition seemed to be horse drawn.
- j. Informant noticed on both sides of the railroad tracks coming into QUIM=PER from Le MANS large warehouses which seemed to be well camouflaged. The Germans were apparently using thesewarehbuses to store supplies.
- k. Just on the edge of the town, about 100 yards south of the above mentioned railroad tracks, informant saw some gas and oil tanks carefully camouflaged. They were painted the same color as the ground and covered with nets.
- 1. Informants' helpers told them that a number of German NCO's around QUIM-PER have civilian clothes saved against the day when they may have to leave in a hurry.
- m. Informant saw a massove road block, on the road of TREBOLL un the north side of the Porto about at 02.7-66.1 (France, 1: 50,000, G.S.G.S. 4250, Sheet 2G/6,)

I landed well in some grass in a farm district. People came over, asked whether I was an American, and shook hands enthusiastically when I nodded. They helped me out of my parachute harness, and I was so excited that I started running away. I think they took care of the parachute, but I don't know whow. In about five minutes I came back to the same spot. There I took of most of my flying equipment, and left it with the people. I was careful to keep my escape kit and purse. ran away again. I came upon a priest, asked him whether he spoke D tch, and learned that I was in Hol and. I went on to a wheat stack and hid in it until evening.

When it was almost dark, I started south by my escape compass. I came to a road and saw a lot of people standing in front of their houses. When they saw me, they moved away, but one man came toward me and motioned toward a city which I recognised. I kept on walking. Pretty soon a woman on a bicycle came along, talked, to me, and offered me a bottle of milk when she found that I was an American. motioned for me to get off the road, shoved me into a hay stack, and indicated that I should stay there. I slept. A boy brought me some hot sandwiches. I tried to get him to trade his shoes for my flying shoes, but he was unwilling. The next morn ing I was brought civilian clothes, and my ghildes lead me to a wooded area. told me not to come out until I heard someone whistling "It's a Long Long Way to Tiperrary". In the afternoon a man came to see me and said that he would help me to get back to England, He said that Sgt HORTON was with him.. That evening he came and took me to his house where I met HORTON.

From there ur journey was arranged.

Compiled by

D'E EMERSON

lst Lt, AUS Commanding

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- The following information has been obtained in an interview with two sergeants who evaded capture by the enemy after being in enemy occupied territory.
- 2. Further cicrculation of this information is permissable, but in that case its is important not to divulge any details about the source.

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 3.30 No., Rank, Name: - HORTON, JR. H: H. - SISET. 14164586 Unit: - 534th Sgan- 3815 GRP.

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? 4es
 - (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? BAVE TO 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.

- (a) Did you carry a purse? YES.

 If so, state COLOR. BROWNISH Rec 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? Pur a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the

Maps. Which ones? - BOTH (IN HOLLAND TOKILOMBTERS FROM GERM AND DIRECTION FOR Compass. No.

File (hacksaw). NO Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. FRENCH 2000 FRANCES How did you spend the money? TO FRANCS FOR CIGARETTES-1/8/44 (d) How did you dispose of:-Maps. ORBANIZATION Compass. ORGANIZATION File (hacksaw). ORG. Surplus currency. Taken By ope in Brussels-is Shint he issued purses with Dutch & Belgion AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+) (+Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.) Money when the ting over the Did you carry or wear any of the following? Low Contries. 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, (a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? No + Had hid my
If so, how many?

(b) Did you use them?
State how.

LECTURES which would improve the above equipment? PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS LECTURES Were you lectured on evasion and escape? IN AMERICA AND ENGLAND ItISHAT BOUNEDON ENG. Other than TO HIDE IMMEDIATELY AFTER LANDING. thing / gut I could find help

SECRET APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. No., Rank, Name: - 36326245 5/56T. SoboLEUSKI Edward F. Unit: - 534TH Sq. 3815T GR. 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 AIDS BOX (a) Did you use your aids box? No early help If not, had you one on you? 4551. (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? Hid box IN whEATSTACK (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. BROWN. In NOT, State why not.

NO-SECANIZATION TOOK MONEY (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.

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. 2,000 FRAMS. How did you spend the money? A RUSSELS.

How did you dispose of:- BRUSSELS. Maps. HID ONE IN HAYSTACK. SOUVENIR TO ORG. Compass. HEAD IN HOLLAND. File (hacksaw). /N HOLLAND. Surplus currency. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+) (+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. // b. Stud compass. Swinger compass. Mo Fly-button compass. No. Pencil clip compass. No. Tunic button compass. No. Pipe compass. No. Pouch Special flying boots (and knife). Stept IN Flying boots (b) Were they satisfactory? /ER/EET. (c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions, which would improve the above equipment? PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS (a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? If so, how many? ? (b) Did you use them? No. UNSATISFACTORY IN HOLLANIC. State how. LECTURES Were you lectured on evasion and escape? UES.
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. RIDGE WELL, IN JUNE. find the lectures of value? Pyrenees. I hope of the Success in evading it to leave the organization that been told not to de exist a drice provide use that a drice provide was also told to do exist on, That a drice that to do exist on, That a drice to do exist on, That a drice to do exist on, That a drice

File (hacksaw).

NAME HORTON JR. H. H RANK S. S67. ASN 14/64586 REPORT NO. 330

SQ 534 GROUP 38/ A/C NO. 23227 Letter & Load 5000 Date AU6.17, 1443

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Position in formation. Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing: DID NOT REACH TARGET

Enemy Fighter Tactics: NOSE ATTACKS

Markings: REGULAR BLEMAN MARKINGS-

Our Tactics: NO EV ASIVE TACTICS

Our Fighter Support: ENGAGED AT OUR REAR

Flak

Time Place Quality
1:30 HRS. — FOT DONSO

Technical Failures

Motors: TWO MOTORS SHOT UP BADLY.

Armor:

Armament:

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

TIME OF FLAK NOT CERTAIN. NOT EXPLACELY CERTAIN OF MARKINGS ON ENEMY AIR CRAFT.

NAME Sabalewski E. F. RANK SIGHT ASN 36326245 REPORT NO. 33
SQ534GROUP381 A/C NO 23227 Letter G Load 2570 Date 17/hy 43
Position in formation. Make Diagram
Observed results of Bombing: //o,
Enemy Fighter Tactics: Nose Attacks Markings:
Our Tactics:
Our Fighter Support: ENGAGED IN ACTION, High YTO REAK
Flak //or much Time Place Quality
UNCERTAIN
l'echnical Failures
Motors: No. 1 FEATHERED, No2, Shot, oil flowing.
Armor: + No.3, possibly damaged.
Armament: O.K.
Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

RESTRICTED



WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

KLS/el-2B-939 Pentagon

6 August 1943

SUBJECT:

Amended Instructions Concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War, to Include Evaders of Capture in Enemy or Enemy-Occupied Territory and Internees in Neutral Countries.

TO:

The Commanding Generals.

Army Ground;

Army Air Forces;

The Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area;

The Commanding Generals,

Theaters of Operations;

Defense Commands;

Departments;

Base Commands;

The Commanding Officers,

Base Commands;

Director, Bureau of Public Relations.

- 1. Publication or communication to any unauthorized persons of experiences of escape or evasion from enemy-occupied territory, internment in a neutral country, or release from internment not only furnishes useful information to the enemy but also jeopardizes future escapes, evasions and releases.
- 2. Personnel will not, unless authorized by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, publish in any form whatever or communicate either directly, or indirectly, to the press, radio or an unauthorized person any account of escape or evasion of capture from enemy or enemy-occupied territory, or internment in a neutral country either before or after repatriation. They will be held strictly responsible for all statements contained in communications to friends which may subsequently be published in the press or otherwise.
- 3. Evaders, escapees, or internees shall not be interrogated on the circumstances of their experiences in escape, evasion or internment except by the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations. In allied or neutral countries, American Military Attaches are authorized to interrogate on escape, evasion and internment matters.
- 4. Should the services of escaped prisoners of war, evaders, or internees be deemed necessary for lecturing and briefing, such services will be under the direct supervision of the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations,
- 5. Commanding Officers will be responsible for instructing all evaders, escapees, and internees in the provisions of this directive which supersedes letter, AG 383.6 (5 Nov 42) OB-S-B-M, 7 November 1942, subject: Instructions concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War and other previous instructions on this subject.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J. A. ULIO
J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

- 1. Information about your escape or your evasion from capture would be useful to the enemy and a danger to your friends. It is therefore SEGRET.
- 2. 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, or by A. C. of S., G-2, W. D.
 - (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.
 - You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.
 - 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. 4.

 No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of A. C. of S., G-2, W. D., or corresponding organization in the

theater.

GERTIFIGATE

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 SEGRET and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the agency designated by A. C. of S., G-2, War Department, the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations, or to the Military Attache in a neutral country to whom I first report. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) Soko LEW SKi Edward F.
Rank S/SGT. A.S. N. 36376245
Unit 534 TH 3815T GR.

Dated Jan. 24, 1944
Witness Al Comum 15727

HEADQUARTERS
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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

	EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES
1.	Full Name, Rank and Serial No. SuboLENSKi Edward SSGT. 3632624
2.	Decorations.
3.	Unit or Squadron. 5347H Sq. 17
4.	Division (Army) or Group. 381ST GROWP.
5.	Date of Birth. JUNE 2014, 1914
6.	Length of Service. 141.10 months
7.	Private Address. 1723 N. HONORE STR. CHICAGO 166.
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?
Au	g. 17, 11:30 A.M. LIMBOURG HOLLAND. OIL leaking from
No.	2 engine. No. 1, engine feathered of marigator observed
Mi	ruble with No.3. Plane destroyed.
9.	What was your position in aircraft? LEFTWAIST GUNNER.
	Were you wounded? No.
11.	Did you pay your guides? If so how much? No.
12.	Do you speak French? Spanish? No. 669 Belsich
13.	Do you speak French? Spanish? No. Did you have Identity Papers? PASSPORT PICTURES African Property Papers?
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? No
16.	Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? London 24,1,44
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. SEA. DUARNENEZ
20.	Place and date of arrival in U.K. JAN.24 FALMOUTH.