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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

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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 supercedes 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 **SECRET**.

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.

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. 4.

e 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.

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 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) SCHMITT FRED T.

Signed Fred T. Schmitt

Rank Sgt. A. S. N. 32673290

Dated 30. LAA

Unit 578 TH 99 392 TH GP.

Witness [Signature] ST. LAUS

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MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. FRED T. SCHMITT SGT. 32673290
2. Decorations. ✓
3. Unit or Squadron. 578TH SQ. ~~342TH SQ.~~
4. Division (Army) or Group. 392TH IN
5. Date of Birth. 7-7-22
6. Length of Service. 13 MONTHS
7. Private Address. 87 SCHRECK AVE. BUFFALO, N.Y.
8. Job as civilian. MACHINIST
9. From what field did you take off? WENDLING
10. Take off time. 8:00 ?
11. Date and target. 12-30-43 LUDWIGSHAVEN
12. Where did you land? BROUEN (VICINITY)
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? DON'T KNOW
14. What was your position in aircraft? TAIL GUNNER
15. Were you wounded? NO
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? NO
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? NO
18. Did you have Identity Papers? NO - NO DOG TAGS - French mtd. papers
19. 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
20. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?
NO
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? NO
22. Date of arrival in Spain. ✓
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. ✓
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.
BLOUHA - 1-27-44 - SEA
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
DARTMOUTH - 1-30-44

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R E S T R I C T E D
Hq ETOUSA

SO 34

3 Feb 1944

1. 1st Lt HERBERT Q. McVITTY, 0454458, Cav, is rel'd fr asgmt to 10th Repl Dep, WBS, SOS, ETOUSA, is asgd to this hq for dy in the G-2 Sec. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
2. Tec 4 LOUIS A. BECKER, 12056917, Hq, Sp Trs, SHAEF, is trfd in gr to Hq Det, SOS, ETOUSA, APO 871. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs and rat while on travel status is atzd in accordance with Cir 85, this hq, 1943. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
3. VOCC, date as indicated, assigning the following EM to Hq, USSAFE, and placing them on TD at Hq CBS, SOS, ETOUSA, are confirmed and made of record, the urgency being such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. Upon completion of this TD they will rpt to the CG, USSAFE, for dy:

Eff 29 Jan 1944

T/Sgt ANDREW F. HATHAWAY, 32464145	S/Sgt JAMES A. KING, 6399623
T/Sgt ALPHONSE M. MELE, 32515731	S/Sgt WALTER J. SENTKOSKI, 33234285
S/Sgt WALTER E. DICKERMAN, 32725667	Sgt FRED T. SCHMITT, 32673290
S/Sgt JERRY ESHUIS, 19113783	Sgt JOHN L. SULLIVAN, 32605431

Eff 30 Jan 1944

S/Sgt ROBERT J. HAMRICK, 15105969	S/Sgt LAURENCE B. SHECK, 12156892
S/Sgt LEVOUN J. JAMGOCHIAN, 13153375	Sgt RAYMOND F. CHEVRAUX, 15377732

TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs and rat while on this TD is atzd in accordance with Cir 85, this hq, 1943. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

4. DP, Lt Col ELI STEVENS, 018235, Inf, is rel'd fr det in GSC w/trs.
5. Lt Col ELI STEVENS, 018235, Inf, is rel'd fr asgmt to this hq, is asgd to Hq First US Army Gp.
6. 2d Lt ROBERT S. BAILEY, 0428585, SC, is rel'd fr asgmt to this hq, APO 871, is asgd to 827th Sig Sv Co, CBS, SOS, ETOUSA. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
7. Lv of abs is granted Maj EDWARD H. GILMAN, 0171927, Cav, for eight (8) days, eff o/a 8 Feb 1944.
8. 1st Lt ALFRED JONES, 0455233, SC, is rel'd fr asgmt to this hq, is asgd to 124th Sig Rad Intelligence Co, VII Corps, First US Army. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
9. Capt DONALD R. HILL, 0419208, SC, is rel'd fr asgmt to this hq, is asgd to Hq & Hq Sq, American Component, AEAF. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
10. Lt Col REX L. SMITH, 0275070, QMC, this hq, is rel'd fr dy in the QM Sv, is asgd to dy in the G-4 Sec.
11. Lv of abs is granted 1st Lt EVERTS R. BUCHANAN, 0401722, Inf, for ten (10) days, eff o/a 15 Feb 1944.
12. Par 15, SO 30, this hq, cs, pertaining to Col THRUSTON HUGHES, 02609, AGD, is revoked.
13. So much of par 4, SO 9, this hq, cs, as pertains to Col THRUSTON HUGHES, 02609, AGD, is amended to add: for dy in the AG Sec.
14. 1st Lt RICHARD V. GAUMOND, 01001342, AGD, is rel'd fr asgmt to this hq, is asgd to Hq First US Army Gp for dy w/P & PW Div.
15. Lt Col WILLIAM J. T. YANCEY, 012849, Inf, is rel'd fr asgmt to Hq, Sp Trs, ETOUSA, is asgd to Hq First US Army. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
16. So much of par 3, SO 8, this hq, cs, as reads: "FREDERICK A. YOCNIM, 0736452", is amended to read: "FREDERICK A. YOCHIM, 0736452".

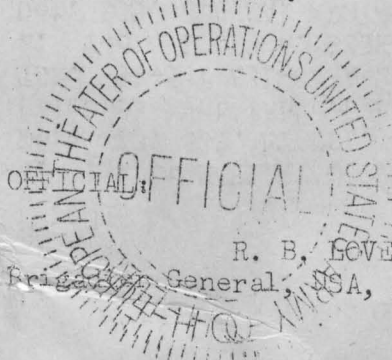
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(SO 34, ETOUSA, 3 Feb 1944, contd)

17. So much of par 4, SO 29, this hq, cs, pertaining to Capt BUCK SANDERS, 02054005, Cav, as reads: "is asgd to Fld Force Repl Dep No. 7, APO 153", is amended to read: "is asgd to Fld Force Repl Dep No. 6, APO 153".
18. So much of par 14, SO 26, this hq, cs, as pertains to Lt Col NYE K. ELWARD, 015827, SC, as reads: "asgd to Hq First US Army Gp", is amended to read: "is asgd to this hq for dy w/SHAEF".
19. So much of par 17, SO 32, this hq, cs, as pertains to JOHN M. SANABRIA, SC, is amended to show his ASN as 0316232.
20. So much of par 18, SO 32, this hq, cs, as reads:
"2d Lt to 1st Lt
HOWARD COLLINS, 01633765, SC",
is amended to read:
"1st Lt to Capt
HOWARD COLLINS, 01633765, SC".
21. DP, Lt Col RUSSELL R. KLANDERMAN, 019099, OD, is reld fr det in GSC w/trs.
22. DP, Col EUGENE F. CARDWELL, 0230325, CAC, is det in GSC w/trs.
23. The following O, now atchd to Hq First US Army Gp, are reld fr asgmt to this hq, are asgd to Hq First US Army Gp:
Col CORNELIUS E. RYAN, 07375, Inf Lt Col CHARLES L. PRATHER, 0513109, CMP
Col DAVID P. PAGE, 0204809, AUS Maj JOHN H. AWTRY, 0914101, JAGD
Col FRANK E. FRASER, 0222901, QMC Maj JOHN L. DONOVAN, JR, 0506212, AUS
Col WILLIAM H. PETERS, JR, 0161886, Inf Maj LEONARD T. SCULLY, 0395913, QMC
Lt Col ELMER H. HARRILSON, 0293838, FA Maj JAMES S. CULLYFORD, 0337155, MC
Lt Col JOHN K. CUNNINGHAM, 0277284, Cav Capt GEORGE F. CAKE, 0919497, CWS
Lt Col ROBERT M. KENNEDY, 0231654, SC Capt LOUIS F. GARBER, 0340040, CE
Lt Col ROBERT P. HAMILTON, 0511557, AUS Capt RAY HURLEY, 0518333, Spec
Lt Col BRUCE G. BOOTH, 0211148, Inf WOJG GEORGE SHENDELMAN, W2120359, USA
24. 1st Lt CHARLES T. HENDERSON, 01577857, QMC, is reld fr asgmt to this hq, APO 871, is asgd to Hq WBS, SOS, ETOUSA, for dy with QM Sec, eff 6 Feb 1944. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
25. 1st Lt FRANK W. McMULLEN JR, 01592431, QMC, is reld fr asgmt to this hq, is asgd to Hq EBS, SOS, ETOUSA, for dy as Base Sec Purchasing Agent. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
26. Maj LAWRENCE JACOBS, II, 0904372, AC, is reld fr asgmt to Hq & Hq Det, OSS, is asgd to this hq for dy in the G-2 Sec.
27. Lt Col DONALD F. ELLIOTT, 0334000, Cav, now on TD at 10th Repl Dep, WBS, SOS, ETOUSA, is reld fr asgmt to this hq, is atchd unasgd to 10th Repl Dep, and placed on DS w/3rd Repl Bn (Prov).
28. 2d Lt ROBERT J. JOHNSON, 01049245, CAC, is reld fr TD in the AA Sec, this hq, is atchd unasgd to Fld Force Repl Dep No. 2, APO 872, and placed on DS w/7th AAA Gp, APO 641. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425.
29. Confidential.
30. Confidential.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

R. B. LORD,
Colonel, GSC, Deputy Chief of Staff.



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E & E REPORT NO. 344
EVASION IN FRANCE

1-30-44
(Date)

SCHMITT, FRED-T. SGT. 32673290
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

558 TH 392 TH
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: 30-12-43
MIA: LUDWIGSHAVEN
Arrived in UK: 1-29-44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWID)

Official Disposition Narrators Disposition

PILOT -	SIBLEY - SAFE - FRENCH CLAIM CAPTURED		
CO-PILOT	VOLET - SAFE	"	"
NAVIGATOR	OLSEN - HEARD FROM WAS SAFE		
BOMBARDIER	BOYLE - "	"	"
RADIO OPERATOR	BARRIS - SAFE		
TOP TURRET GUNNER	CARUSONE - SAFE		
BALL TURRET GUNNER	SULLIVAN - BACK IN ENGLAND		narrator
WAIST GUNNER	SATTERLY - SAFE - FRENCH CLAIM CAPTURED		
WAIST GUNNER	WALD - "	"	"
TAIL GUNNER	SCHMITT - BACK IN ENGLAND		narrator

Were you wounded?

NO

3 - FINGERS FROST BITTEN

WERE WITH A SPITFIRE PILOT
AND B17 RADIO MAN AND HEARD THEY
WERE CAPTURED.

DONT KNOW THEIR NAMES OR GROUPS

[Faint, mostly illegible text and markings, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. Some faint words like "GROUPS" and "NAMES" are visible.]

Schmidt - Unwentful in - over T by gas - hit ceiling - not know whether
hit in not - No 1 start throwing out. 1/2 hr or so. No go out
(P thinks blew ceiling hit). Flying back on 2 dead egg injuries
Foot behind leg attached. Ails get distance behind, flying out of
formation after 2d eye out - try to make Channel. C/O mi from coast
P claim being 500 mi - throw everything over board - Did

5 Parachutes Other 2 eyes quit - O to bail out - in slow spin. 1st out
in back WG - I pushed him out. Sullivan pushed me out.
C/O 10,000' - things clouds before pulled chute - 3-4 minutes
to ground. Landed in open field played - in fact - down - dragged
knocked release.

After to WG
found
helmet, MG
covered chute
with mud -
but guess
to work.

On my down saw 1 yellow in front - let me - saw to him -
C 50 yds. - Wall - Wait gunner - by the lot of James coming -
removes - fear so. 2 in eye - saw 2 chutes in distance.
Explored 1/2 hr to take WG to gunner - I go to other 2
yellows - Ran - find other WG in tree - saw Sullivan my
across field in day.
3 of us run - saw MG 109 overhead - c 1000' - hit the ground.
made for by pile - kind in get health - bunch of 2 gather -
we exited - that better lead for woods 2 yellows the will to yell -
Big hole - hit - on ball at 2000. 2x

Sullivan
Wooded AA pointed fire - threw out "ircles" against AA.
After lunch by look out SW - vertical stability - thick with
and. On in formation C/O - 1/2 hr, Park Eg on No 2 -
and up down & pressure - that better better feathers while
could - let it back. Flying strag in about c 170 miles
few minutes from coast - P on purpose bail out - Then 3 & 4 go
out - P lower flaps - untrimmed strag. By open of lat 4s - command
to bail out - by first - I pushed Freddie - WG would had jumped out at
alt - stand dazed - not want me push out - Cam out of clouds - I
see ground - we both went out together - Couldn't pull and
right any. The pulled - - bled out. Next thing knew on
ground. In taking my chute - hat on I heated shoe.
Ran across - noticed Freddie & Eg together - saw over Eg - told me

Bleeded
out

Sullivan
not have G1
Shoes at
all

Get rid now - told me to buy tooth - slugs pain back of neck -
couldn't turn -
shoulders -
couldn't turn neck -
lead to wallow

Sullivan
& Schmidt

Chilly at first - lunch with scars - also my compass
Opened escape kits in hole - ~~doggy~~ hungry - each ate 1/2
chocolate - ration.

Kept helmets
mind ~~adapt~~

Located self for eyes & found what had led from room.
Decided too close to place where came down - that better on
rather than wait - decide go S.

Thought woods along through S -
Almost dark - hungry - chilly - saw 2 men playing fields -
Told him hungry - he pointed to house - decided meant go.
Saw man & woman working in yard - told them I'm flimsy - eat -
Shook heads - took us on - gave bread, butter, cider & strong wine
ask place sleep - they not understand - but I realize he taking
prison if weather - then go get food from night long house - was
to leave.

Dark - up in key - cold but dozing, C2 has had voice -
On yellow ray - of the gate - turned out to be RO & TT Isaismi -
We spoke to them TT had pair in pants.
Woke up c 0500 cold, freezing. I had #1 S - lost there
All 5 of us took off together - decide split up - to woods -
Peter & Nicki these.

Beddi, G - take M - to upper orchard - rest - buried
few G cans. Nicki's Pete walk of some way. Split again -
They give us a bar. Hills

To river - took to river in road - fairly - bridge & main road -
Decide not cross before forty - back to bridge.
Both both way on road - nobody coming - across bridge - just as across
Truck - cars - walk across - not pay any attention -
I had on flying mammals with flying boots & gloves - over
electrically heated mat
Noticed 2 old ladies look at us out of fog - then my turn
ahead around corner - over fence - along wall & edge of
town - road down, rest.

Di you walk c 19 km - 2 In boys in yard with cow not yet
away from hill. Said Manger to try - been from lot people. But
is leaf head 1/2 lb better - must in follow - to rest of house home.

Don't ground with - him little G - but friends - shall do
c 1700 pretty dark - hot In priest - In patient - 1/2 bed book & understood

little G - understood get clothes taken any that night.

c 1900 can back without priest - gave Sullivan trousers & shirt & jacket
Schmitt same. To priests home ^{in pairs with quilt} ^{Brightest dog tag} ^{Siblings.}

Told us go out 2 days - by air. ^{Winterville - this New years eve - sylvester, wine, whiskey.}

Next day around house - out in room - all meals - there - another priest came -
Told us moved that night by leader.

Elderly ^{50's} small woman came - not finished - c 5'4" thin face.

In truck with another man - c 30's med size but, rather lit. ^{dark hair} ^{you should}
Ly in back of truck - drove N my had come - to home just before big hill.
Left this house c 2130 - my by hill - In kids boy in - looks at

is young - wood burner near at / wood - went back down.
On again - rode c 1/2 hr. To ^{side} road - small house - lady ^{at 5} 27-30
old lady 60's - only 2 in house. Lady in 40's with 4 small children /

girl c 15. Then bed.
This girl's mother & wife come.
2d day wonderful. This sat - Bright came -

Next day c noon 3 men in truck - one Jacques, one Roger - drove
friend of theirs. 1928 pilot

Rode c 1 1/2 hrs to place alongside some distance and tracks - fairly large
house - chapel c 50' long. met P, Co-P - & Fred Wall. & Tony

Spirit fire pilot - shot down 6-7 days before is.
B-17 radio operator Paul - from NY - broken legs - down c 7 months -
talks good for
Then that night

Then told us some N & B go out - chits open.
Told us figured other guys go out not down gas because I think -
1/2 new plane but good as go in flames.

Don't say front letter fingers.
Ernest & Spirit fire ^{1/2} go with Roger & Jack to another house.

Next day wonderful.
" night Fred & I taken by Roger to house - stayed at his house &
Er & Es pil at the

gave 5 dead trucks
truck of fuel
gave us
steps - black light
5 ch - two small
for Sullivan - is
or fuel.

Then to house of G couple - he left for G in last van - naturalized or
just before to in vision.

Don Jacques in training - he working for us when boarded out
c 7 days then 5 Jan - 12 Jan
12 found some ash if wanted + hair with him - to drift grey - set
is not much greather.

Shades, c 5'7" - Karel - Carlos - from Java - 34 - looked 24
Blond, straight hair, ruddy complexion.
He god father of their dtr's child.

Roger: - c 5'8" c 135 lbs duped, bad complexion - been in training -
thick mid eye eye - dark wavy hair - c 26

Jacques: c 5'9" c 155 lbs heavy wavy hair - light - very good looking.
Dressed pretty well - like sportsman c 22

After lunch Roger came - hair cut - sister came, but hair & papers -
told him best you at house - when G & spirit for - Jacques
then everything.

Carlos ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~one~~ - Jacques lead us to work - c 1500.

Roger & Jacques

Jacques - c 5'9" - thick beard, thin lips - day out looking
eye - high forehead - thin hair - round shoulder - shulder
heads at necks - but in G balloon weather instant.

c 34

c 18/5 Jacques came on bike - tell us go train station - get out near Roger
& Carlos & Reddie walk to train station. Roger left - so
get him overcoat.

Englishman in, Carlos took us into station - fix ~~down~~ ^{down} the cloths
and.

Train c 2000 for Paris -

Carlos took us to lady's ~~home~~ apt - c 3 floors up - 2000 -

Then to another house where met Heskett

Monday 19 - Jacques 1/8 took us to Dr's house in near semi -
German military academy for OS men. Andrée & Magene

Dr's good sweet pt a - c 6'1" - thin - heavy wavy hair - by it nose
wife c 5'4" medium built, sq jaw, small knobby chin, lot brown
hair.

Madeline a medical student - spoke G - poor complexion -
strongly St hair.

Named
Belgian
mans

20. By Capt came interrogate us - stocky, little mustache
Told us story

Lights out - got tickets - while anybody sleeping got I/P.

Man - small - c 5'5" wavy hair - boyish look.

and c 5'6", heavily built - c 150 muddied blond hair.

Schnitt Offer pen "No thank you, I've had enough."

met John Morgan - Fr aviator - connected with Fr army -

took from home station to home. Fr his who goes - been taken by
Fr army - not want

5 - we back with us.
Neshett's Russian at home we with you in here.

John Morgan - c 5'7" st black hair - red black beard c 135

To home of Yves - stayed here across street

Same by Capt as seen in Paris came visit us twice at Morgan's.
not see again until night left. Had some argument with Jaeger.

B

All 95's carry small pistols -
Es round trips c make knife

To prefer Bs to Au family.

C

Carlos told us caught Capt of org when had been - treatment -
caught others.

went to 1st house caught Pilot W.G. ⁶⁻¹⁻

" to 2d house got by & spirit for Pilot.

Went to by couple's house - not seen because the

Chair shot 17 Nov.

To home when met anybody else

To little corner.

Kullner & Schnitt in some boat with with Russian - not

Eng. ship.

and you with whom 4 Am's stayed came on beach.

19-13 Am's Fr, Russian Capt Val was, Typhoon Pilot, Red Op.

Lancaster pilot (?).

NT
21

It says to find on our pit to - see left wall:
to my troops to N. Thru.

⑤
John E
Reagan
0-739891

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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E & E REPORT NO. 344-345
EVASION IN FRANCE

30 January 1944
(Date)

FRED T SCHMITT, SGT, 32673290
JOHN L SULLIVAN, SGT, 32605431
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

578 BOMB 392 BOMB
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: LUDWIESHAVEN

MIA: 30 December 1943

Arrived in UK:

29 January 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-800411	James M SIBLEY	2d Lt	MIA	
CO-PILOT	0-807083	Leonard VOLET	2d Lt	MIA	
NAVIGATOR	0-738937	William L OLSEN	2d Lt	MIA	
BOMBARDIER	0-676412	Edward M BOYLE	2d Lt	MIA	
RADIO OPERATOR	32424837	Peter GARRIS	S/Sgt	MIA	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	11111586	Nicholas M CARUSONE	Sgt	MIA	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	32605431	John L SULLIVAN, JR	Sgt	NARRATOR	
WAIST GUNNER	32545151	Everett F SATTERLY, JR	Sgt	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	16022328	Frederick M WALD	S/Sgt	MIA	
TAIL GUNNER	32673290	Fred T SCHMITT	Sgt	NARRATOR	

Were you wounded?

FOR ACTION

✓ 1. Get crew list.

✓ 2. For TAG:

KNOWN:

LANDED SAFE: P, CO-P, RO, TTG,
BTG, LWG, RWG, TG

H CARSAV

LANDED SAFE: N + B

CAPTURED BY GERMANS:

P, CO-P, LWG, RWG

of
to

E&E 344-345: Sgts Fred T SCHMITT and John L SULLIVAN, Jr

Sgt SCHMITT:

We had an uneventful flight to LUDWIGSHAVEN. We threw out tinfoil to mis-
~~direct~~ ^{lead} the anti-aircraft guns' direction finders and evaded pointed anti-aircraft
fire. We bombed the target on pathfinders. Just over the target there was a tre-
mendous jar, and I hit the ceiling. I did not know what had happened to the plane.
Number one engine started throwing oil. The vertical stabilizer was thick with
oil. We flew on for about half an hour. The oil/was way down on number two en-
gine, and the pilot decided to feather it while he could. I understood later that
he thought the cylinder had been hit. We flew on under two engines but had to
drop out of formation. The pilot was trying to make the Channel, and he flew ^{for about 170} ^{miles} on a
slant because of the missing engines. About ten minutes from the coast he said
that we were losing 500' a minute and ordered us to throw everything we could over-
board in order to lighten the ship. In the confusion I made the mistake of throw-
ing out my GI shoes which I needed later very much... Something went wrong with the
other two motors, and the pilot ordered us to bail out. The plane was then in a
slow spin. Sgt SATTERLEY was the first one to go out the waist escape hatch; I
pushed him out and Sgt SULLIVAN pushed me. I saw five parachutes in the air.
I went out about 10,000' and waited ~~until~~ until I was going through clouds before
I pulled the rip cord. It took me about three or four minutes to get to the
ground.
On the way down I saw one fellow on the ground. I landed on my feet in a
ploughed field, fell down, dragged a bit, and then hit the release and climbed
out of the harness. I ran about 50 yards to the man I had seen, and he was
wounded. I buried my helmet and mae west and covered ~~with~~ my parachute with
mud, but I think the French got hold of it later. I saw a lot of Frenchmen com-
ing toward us, and I was fearful that they were Germans. Two Frenchman came up,
and I tried to explain to them to take care of my crew mate. I saw two other men
land, and I ran to them. One was Sgt SULLIVAN.

Sgt SULLIVAN:

HIT OVER
TARGET

BAILED
OUT -
DELAYED
JUMP

JOINED
CREW
MEMBERS

After I pushed Sgt SCHMITT out, I tried to help Sgt WALD also, but he had passed out at altitude and was rather dazed and unwilling to be pushed out. The plane came out of the clouds. I saw the ground, and both of us left the plane together. I could not pull the rip cord right away, and when I did pull it, I blacked out. The next thing I knew I was on the ground, and some Frenchmen were taking my parachute. I started running across a field, noticed Sgt SCHMITT and another crew member running toward me, and went to meet them. They told me to get rid of my mae west, and we hid it. The three of us started running, saw an Me 109 circling overhead, and hit the ground. We made for a hay pile ~~///~~ and climbed into it to hide while we caught our breath.

Sgts SCHMITT and SULLIVAN:

Pretty soon a number of Frenchmen gathered around us, and we all became pretty excited. We decided that we had better head for the woods. On our way there two men with bicycles met us and directed us to a big hole where we could hide safely.

They indicated that they would come back about 2000.. While we were there we opened our escape kits, and since we were hungry, we ate some of the chocolate, but we rationed it carefully because we did not know how long we would have to travel on it. From what we had learned from the Frenchmen we managed to locate ourselves on our escape maps. ^{Soon began to think} We ~~decided~~ that we were too close to the place where we had come down and decided to start walking south instead of waiting for the two men who had indicated that they would come back for us. We walked through the woods following a compass course south.

When it was almost dark, we were hungry and chilly. We saw a Frenchman ploughing a field, went up to him, and tried to tell him that we were hungry. We wished that we had had some sort of French-English phrase list, but we had not been issued one. The man seemed to understand what we wanted and pointed to a house. We hesitated a minute and then decided to go to it. We saw a man and a woman working in the yard and told them that we were American fliers and that we were hungry. The shock hands with us enthusiastically, took us in, and gave us some bread, and butter and cider and some strong wine. We asked them for a place to sleep,

BALKED
OUT

HID

OPENED
ESCAPE KIT

USED MAPS

WALKED
BY COMPASS

APPROACHED
FRENCHMAN

but they did not seem to understand us. We ^{thought that} they were trying to tell us that they would be taken prisoner if we were found in their house. Finally they took us to a neighboring barn. We ~~slept~~ climbed up into the hayloft and tried to sleep, but we could ~~not~~ doze fitfully. After a couple of hours we heard voices. One of them said in English, "Up there, ---." We were astonished to find that two of our crew members had stumbled into the same barn where we were. One of them already had a pair of civilian trousers.

SLEPT-OR DOZED IN BARN
CREW MEMBERS STUMBLED IN

One of us had about £15 with me, and ~~he~~ lost it in the hay that night. We should be more careful what we carry with us on operational flights. We got up about 0500, stiff, uncomfortable, and freezing. The five of us started off together and then decided that we should split up into smaller groups as we had been advised in lectures on evasion and escape. The three of us carried on, and the two whom we had picked up went their way. Some time later we ran into them in a woods; they were still going the same way as we. We split up again, and they gave us an hour lead.

SPLIT UP AS INSTRUCTED

We came to a river which was too big to swim in such cold weather. We saw a factory in one direction and a bridge in the other. We started walking toward the factory, saw that there was no place to cross before the factory, and turned back to the bridge. We found a main road, looked carefully to see that no one was coming, and ~~then~~ started to cross the bridge. Just as we ^{reached} the opposite side, we saw a truck coming toward us. There was no place to hide. We saw that the truck was a German army truck full of soldiers. We felt like sinking through the ground, but we remembered hearing Capt NELSON and Sgt GENZ (E&E 170-171) describe just such a situation. They had carried it off by pretending to pay no attention to the German truck. One of us whispered to the others to walk along as if we belonged there and just ignore the truck. We tried our best not to pay any attention to it, though our hearts seemed to be making more noise than the truck. The truck drove right on by us, and no one bothered us at all. We were still dressed in our flying covers and flying boots and gloves; with our electrically heated suits underneath.

CROSSED BRIDGE FOLLOWING NELSON & GENZ (E&E 170-171)
IN UNIFORM MANAGED TO PASS A GERMAN TRUCK

We walked up the road, noticed that a couple of old ladies ~~started~~ stopped talking when we passed, and scrutinized ^{ing} us carefully but ~~they~~ ^{ing} did not say anything to us. We came around a curve in the road, saw a village ahead, and climbed over the wall at the side of the road in order to walk along it. When we came to the edge of the town, we sat down to rest. We saw two French boys in a yard with a cow and a bull. One of them came toward us, and we said, "Manger". The people of ~~the~~ ~~preceding~~ who had fed us the preceding night told us to say this when we were hungry. The boy brought us some bread and butter and then motioned for us to follow him.

APPROACHED
HELP

JOURNEY
ARRANGED
FRENCH
GENEROSITY

He took us to a house where we met several people. They gave us civilian clothes, and one of the men took off his own shoes and gave them to one of us. From there our journey was arranged.

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Appendix B

1. The following information has been obtained from two sergeants 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 30 December 1943 to 29 January 1944

a. Informants were told that all Germans in France are armed at all times. When no weapon can be seen, the German probably has a small pistol, ~~the~~ Ground troops, however, probably have a small knife.

b. Informants were told very definitely by most of their helpers that the French much prefer British bombing to the American high level bombing of France. So far as Germany is concerned, the French are happy about whatever bombing the Americans do.

c. Informants ~~was~~ ~~told~~ were told by Frenchmen that the Germans are firing on American aviators who have to bail out. They are firing both from the air and from the ground, and it was definitely stated that the Luftwaffe is guilty of such firing.

d. Informants were told that the Germans have been moving troops from southern to northern France.

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

Schmitt

Unit:-

Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training 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, why?
- c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".

Horlicks tablets. - WERE RATIONING THEM

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. - " " IT.

Milk (tube). DIDN'T USE

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). DIDN'T USE

Halazone tablets (water purifier). " "

Matches. CIGARETTES

Adhesive tape. DIDN'T USE

Chewing gum. " "

Water bottle. " "

Compass. WERE HEADING SOUTH WITH COMPASS

Sewing kit. DIDN'T USE

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? NO
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? FRENCH ORGANIZATION TOOK IT
- f. 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?

A SLIP - ~~CERTAIN~~ BEARING FRENCH PHRASES

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? - YES
State color of stripes and letters. YELLOW MARK II
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? ~~NO~~ YES

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones?

Compass. *FRENCH YES*

File (hacksaw). *NO*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *1000 FRANCS FRENCH*
How did you spend the money? *500 FRANCS BELMAN & DUTCH 'DIDN'T SPEND*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *YES*

Compass. *YES*

File (hacksaw). *YES*

Surplus currency. *NO*

BURIED IT

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion?

NO

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?
If so, how many?

NO

b. Did you use them? *✓*

5. LECTURES

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

AT OUR GROUP BY SEVERAL

b. Did you find the lectures of value?
FELLOWS WHO SUCCEEDED IN EVADING
YES. We heard Capt Nelson & Sgt Genz, & we walked across a
bridge in our uniforms & got away with meeting

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers?

✓ a German truck just as they did

After you get down these lectures seem to come back to you & prove of very great help. Also you wish you had not slept

through the midgets, 2 SAS men. Genz did them with other equipment

Had Col show in plan - but throw out when lightening plane.

No., Rank, Name:- 32605431 Sgt. JOHN L. SULLIVAN JR,

Unit:- 392 Bomb Sq. 578 Bomb Sq.

Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training 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, why?
- c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".

Horlicks tablets. **AS FOOD**Chocolate or Peanut Bar. **AS FOOD**Milk (tube). **NOT USED**Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). **NOT USED**Halazone tablets (water purifier). **NOT USED**Matches. **FOR CIGARETTES**Adhesive tape. **NOT USED**Chewing gum. **TO KEEP MOUTH MOIST**Water bottle. **NOT USED**Compass. **TO STEER COURSE SOUTH EAST**Sewing kit. **TO SEW OUR CLOTHS**

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? **NO**
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? **GAVE TO FRENCH**
- f. 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**
State color of stripes and letters. **RED YELLOW**
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? **NO**

(over)

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones? **GAVE AWAY**

Compass. **YES**

File (hacksaw). **NO**

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. **NO - BELGIUM MONEY**

How did you spend the money? **WE BURIED**

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. **GAVE AWAY**

Compass. " "

File (hacksaw). " "

Surplus currency. **BURIED IT - KEPT FRENCH MONEY**

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?
If so, how many?

No - Had had taken but they were not given to us. Had been with SP c 1 1/2 mos

b. Did you use them? **NO**

5. LECTURES

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

YES IN STATES AND IN ENGLAND.

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

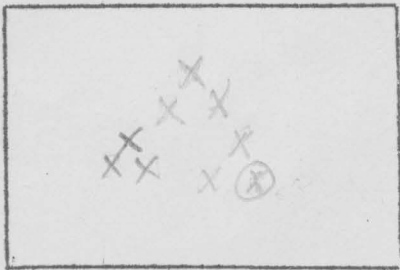
YES *After get down those lectures seem to come back to you & give of great help*

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers?

NO

We learned how to ask for food; otherwise we might have been very hesitant about approaching anyone. We also followed the advice to splitting into groups of two.

NAME SCHMITT FRED T. RANK Sgt. ASN 32623290 REPORT NO. _____
SQ 578 GROUP 312 A/C NO. 588 Letter D Load 5800 I. Date 12-30-44



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing:

NO

Enemy Fighter Tactics:

Markings: ✓

Our Tactics:

CLOSE FORMATION

Our Fighter Support:

HEAVY

Flak

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
ABOUT 12:30	LUDWIGSHAVEN	HEAVY - GOOD RANGE

Technical Failures

Motors: TWO THROWING OIL CAUSE UNKNOWN MAY
HAVE BEEN FLAK - OTHER TWO QUIT

Armor:

Armament: BALL TURRET INOPERATIVE
NOSE TURRET "

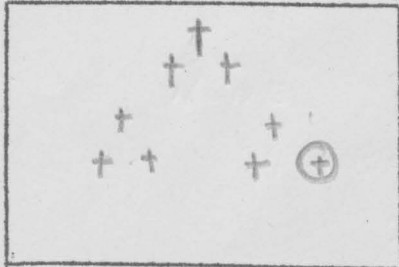
Miscellaneous: HEATING SYSTEM IN TAIL WAS OUT

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

NAME SULLIVAN John L JR RANK Sgt ASN 32605431 REPORT NO. _____

SQ 578 GROUP 392 A/C NO. 588 Letter D Load 5600 Date 12/30/43

2nd SECTION - HIGH ELEMENT



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing: BOMBED TARGET ON PATHFINDER

Enemy Fighter Tactics: NO FIGHTER ATTACKS
Markings:

Our Tactics: CLOSE FORMATION - UNTIL WE LOST TWO ENGINES

Our Fighter Support: VERY GOOD

Flak

Time

Place

Quality

OVERTARGET MEDIUM POINTED

Technical Failures

Motors: NO. 1. OIL LEAK, OVER TARGET, BAD - NO 2. OIL ALMOST ALL GONE HAD TO FEATHER - NO 3 + 4 COOKED OUT FINALLY

Armor: ALL GUNS WORKING - EXCEPT BALL TURRET

Armament: BALL TURRET OUT BECAUSE OF SPRUNG DOOR NOSE TURRET OUT DON'T KNOW WHY

Miscellaneous: TAIL TURRET HEATING SYSTEM OUT

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above: