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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

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

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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) WALTER, J. SENTKOSKI Signed Walter J. Sentkoski
Rank S/SGT. A. S. N. 33234285 Dated _____
Unit B-17F Witness _____

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SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

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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. **SENTKOSKI, WALTER, J. #507. 33234285**
2. Decorations. **NONE**
3. Unit or Squadron. **569TH.**
4. Division (Army) or Group. **390TH.**
5. Date of Birth. **8/19/1911**
6. Length of Service. **SWORN IN JUNE, 23, 1942**
7. Private Address. **221 S. NINE ST. MT. CARMEL, PENNA.**
8. Job as civilian. **HARDWARE SALESMAN**
9. From what field did you take off? **FRAMLINGHAM, (NEAR IPSWICH)**
10. Take off time. **APPROX. 16:00**
11. Date and target. **AUG. 15, 1943, DOUAI AIRFIELD, FRANCE**
12. Where did you land? **ABOUT 4 MILES SOUTH OF CALAIS, FRANCE**
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? **CANT SAY**
14. What was your position in aircraft? **TOP TURRET - ENGINEER**
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? **YES**
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. **PLOUHA, SEA**
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. **DARTMOUTH, 1/29/44**

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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 reld 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. VCOG, 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 reld fr det in GSC w/trs.

5. Lt Col ELI STEVENS, 018235, Inf, is reld fr asgmt to this hq, is asgd to Hq First US Army Gp.

6. 2d Lt ROBERT S. BAILEY, 0428585, SC, is reld 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 reld 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 reld fr asgmt to this hq, is asgd to Hq & Hq Sq, American Component, AEAFF. 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 reld 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 reld 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 reld 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".

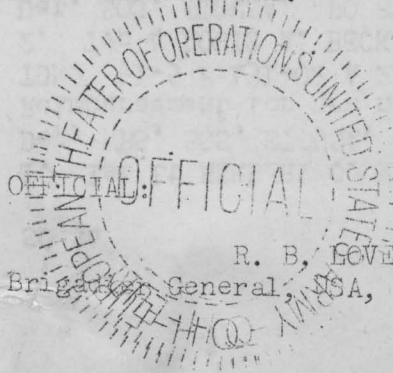
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(SO 34, ETOUSA, 3 Feb 1944, contd)

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. HARRISON, 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, SCS, 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.



R E S T R I C T E D

Bumped out first - I flared - at 24000 - into spin &
hit 5000 ft before I got out - dived - I came 5000 ft - I flew
close - not hit him - perspective strand gun - saw 2 chutes -
landed 20 ft from farmer's house - (saw c/c hit ground from
air - burst in flame -) off chute - people climbing - watching
nobly with chute - picked up chute & walked over to fence
sat down to hide & talk to girl - used to card bank about
Derry - no place to hide - girl said Derry all around
didn't mean in gap grabbed my chute - much curiosity
gun on - all flying eggplant taken - flew old man
to barn - covered with straw - 15 mins - on hiding
face - mud to tree clamp - told to be still -
This 8:30 pm - 10 pm. had Derry in car - stopped -
to house - curiosity believe for farmer - they went
away w/o search - middle - farmer - young girl (spelling)
she said - go Calais to big factory - sit near doorway
& pretend to be sleeping - didn't get it - had on uniform -
nodded to her - she left - farmer gave back my eggplant & told me
to drop in canal - had some papers in woods - moon light - in woods
01400 hrs - with direction put to me - compare - south - walking across
fed - fell in ditch - bumped into a/c - 2 Derry guards - had the voice -
saw c/c burned in front - reversed direction - daylight -

find wheat stacks - remained all day - til 6 p.m. - examined
 RB. ate malt tablets (some) - saw junkies but only saw children -
 adults in flds - 3 small junkies I approached children -
 used french card - elderly woman gotten by children - explain
 who was - clothing? - given food - off ltr ght -
 given old coat & better cap - took to fmr from jacket pocket -
 gave 30 francs - left - flds - walked til evening (7 p.m.)
 across flds - met small boy & girl getting greens -
 told them who was - girl sent for food & wine - asked about
 RR station - paid 1/2 mile - walked further south - slept
 in flds that night - haystack - bed uphd - dawn - still no by
 compass - hit canal - had for bridge - don't to swim to get
 so when saw house - approached man in yard - told him Am -
 surprise - happy - into shanty - wife & 2 kids - coffee
 prepared - he ready to go work in factory at Calais - before
 leaving told me to hide in wheat til his return - there til 6 p.m.
 wife gave me food - man came in eve & said follow him &
 met M. Poilut and young man - had pickup truck - removed
 OD shirt & trsr - had work clothes - ^{IC ~~rodgers~~} Poilut took me to Bourbourg
 stopped at house - had stopped ^{under the house} another time for clothing - G-I shoes
 all night - > 8 p.m. - fast - spent into (trsr into - wed to 6 p.m.) -
 was to leave + go by train to Cassel - changed 10 lbs to 1000 francs -
 RR man to take me to station - got on troop train - wore
 RR band to indicate work - Dunhuys - 8:30 - for layover - walked to
 RR office - another man kept me - to with him I went on Cassel -
 10:30 p.m. - exit above RR station at Cassel - spent wed nite - left
 there with station wait & another man to Arrminters - 4 p.m. -
 to drugstore - back room - drink - asked if would to see Coy & Bulch -

a young man took me to apt. met Widdledorf/Harkin at Demagto
apt - 15 mins - had pilot P/W - I back to drugstore - cycled
with man thru Armentieres to old man's home - wife Amer-
sp Eng - Fris 0900 in auto with Demagto date to ~~see~~
Freelinghem - 6 mile from Armentieres on Belg bdr - led to
remain at this home of Demagto's - relative of other -
Fr - Birdwell brot here - foot ing - we together for
10 weeks in this one home - 28 Oct. - met Sgt King
on 10 Sept - this was local resistance ^{Org} - led by Custon's
insph of Freelinghem - tall 6'6" man - ch ^{or Org} was in Armentieres &
he was working to get us away - wife of druggist in
Armentieres is one who got ~~away~~ ^{Harkin/Widdledorf} away so quickly - she left
Armentieres because Gestapo after her - ^{this} reason we sharded -
about 28 October we met Marie Rose Zewling in
Armentieres & were escorted to Valenciennes
& to house in Valenciennes - stayd 4 wks - until
day ~~after~~ 26 Nov - stayd ^{with} M. Ducarme -
left 26 Nov for PARIS - thru Valenciennes overnight -
taken by Marie Rose - (Birdwell King & I) -
arr 28 Nov Paris - in Paris at Marie's home for
1st night - I taken following day (three ^{for} weeks) to
9 ^{Rue de} Geoffroy Marie - 5th floor apt - M. Mansienne -

went to another home with Ong man (Bernard)
apt of 7 Rue Maspéro, M. Heppen — part of day here —
then to friends, Genevieve Robin — 3 Rue
De La Université — 12 days — Marie Rose
Then took me back to 7 Rue Maspéro — here
for 25 days with King — on ~~the~~ 11th of January
left for Plouha — to St. Briec — taken
by a man to meet Lt. Smith & Shapiro

Same as Lt Smith ?

The following information has been obtained from our interview with
..... (.....) who escaped after capture
by the enemy/evaded capture by the enemy after being in enemy/enemy occupied territory.

Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so it is important not to divulge any particulars of source.

Statement of information covering period from
to.....

1. large fuel dump - near Valenciennes - 3 miles southeast - concealed in forest - the road - civilians kept away -
2. Fort d'Appeliceque near Watten - concrete pad for over year - gun emplacements for firing gas shells into coastal area of England 18 Aug got info - is where canal & RR meet west of Watten - (rocket gun not mentioned) chief purport it -
3. on 4 Sep Marauders caused large explosion & fires in Lille RR yards - heavy train hit & many casualties -
4. Paris 31 Dec raid - raided ball bearing plant - told that it was badly damaged -
5. Vtd Renault works in Paris - thoroughly knocked out -
30 November -
6. In Lille area of airfields bombed many fighters left old metal raid over & no attempt to intercept Bombers - all me 109 - Wam brache -
7. Grand Canal - captives dressed as French offered arms to patriot saying invasion due & would they like arms - the gery late picked up all people who had taken the arms -

If gates of canal no of Hoplines were closed the
canal traffic no of Armementiers would be stopped -
traffic on this canal heavy

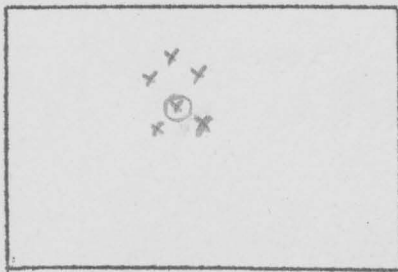
In Sept very few Germans in coastal area

large school in St Omer is hospital for
Germans

very few Germans around Plouha

NAME SENTKOSKI, W.J. RANK 1st Lt. ASN 33034285 REPORT NO. _____

SQ 564 GROUP 390 A/C NO. 42-3306 Letter NO Load 24-100 Date 8/15/43



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing: VERY GOOD ACCORDING TO BOMBAD.

Enemy Fighter Tactics: ONE 109 SIGHTED, BELIEVED HIT BY
Markings: NOSE GUNS OF NAV. AND BOMB.
ON RETURN NEAR CALAIS

Our Tactics:

Our Fighter Support: SPITFIRE

Flak

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
<u>19:00</u>	<u>NEAR CALAIS</u>	<u>POOR</u>
<u>19:30</u>		

Technical Failures

Motors: NO

Armor: "

Armament: "

Miscellaneous: AIR COLLISION CAUSED PLANE TO GO
INTO VIOLENT SPIN.

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

OUR PILOT WAS UNAWARE OF WHAT HAPPENED.
BELIEVED FLAK HIT US. THE PLANE THAT HIT OUR DORSAL FIN
WAS PROBABLY CAUGHT IN OUR SLIPSTREAM
AND GOT OUT OF CONTROL MOMENTARILY.

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MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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E & E REPORT NO. 348
EVASION IN France

1/30/44
(Date)

WALTER J. SENTKOSKI 1/SGT. 33234285
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

569TH. 390TH. B.G.R.
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: DOAUI - AIRFIELD
NEAR ST. OMER

MIA: 8-13-43

Arrived in UK:

1-29-44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT LAWRENCE, BILLY, C. 2ND LT.	P. O. W. (RUMORED)	franchises non said he picked up at R. Rotterdam
CO-PILOT MIDDLEBORG, WM. F.	BELIEVED ESCAPE	buying ticket.
NAVIGATOR BIRDWELL, JOS. A.	REMAINED IN PARIS	
BOMBARDIER HARKINS, FRANCIS, X.	BELIEVED ESCAPE	
RADIO OPERATOR MURPHY, WM. C. 1/SGT.	IN PLANE	
TOP TURRET GUNNER SENTKOSKI, W. J.		
BALL TURRET GUNNER STEVENS, BERNARD, E.	IN PLANE	
WAIST GUNNER FIFFE, ROMAINE, M.	"	
WAIST GUNNER CARON, PATRICK	"	
TAIL GUNNER MRENOVICH, PETER	"	

Were you wounded?

NO

MET CO-PILOT AND BOMB. OF MY CREW
FOUR DAYS AFTER ACCIDENT AND A DAY LATER
THE NAVIGATOR OF THE SAME CREW.

THIS OCCURED ON AUG. 19TH. AND 20TH. RESPECTIVELY.

ON SEPT. 10TH. S/SGT. JAMES KING JOINED THE
NAVIGATOR AND MYSELF.

THE NAVIGATOR REMAINED IN PARIS FOR SOME
REASON OR OTHER.

DIDNT MEET ANY OTHER AMERICAN AIRMEN
EXCEPT THOSE WHO ARE HERE AT PRESENT

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E & E REPORT NO. 348
EVASION IN FRANCE

(Date)

WALTER J SENTKOSKI, JR. S/Sgt 33234285
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

569^Bomb 390 Bomb
(Squadron) (Group)

Target

MIA: 15 August 1943

Arrived in Spain:

Arrived in Gibraltar:

Arrived in UK:

29 Jan 1944

AGE: _____
LENGTH OF SERVICE: _____
HOME ADDRESS: _____

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-733667	2d Lt	Billy Clyde LAWRENCE	MIA	
CO-PILOT	0-672844	2d Lt	William E MIDDLEDORF	E&E #114	
NAVIGATOR	0-798731	2d Lt	Joseph A BIRDWELL	MIA	□
BOMBARDIER	0-735310	2d Lt	Francis X. HARKINS	E&E #115	
RADIO OPERATOR	14069632	S/Sgt	William C MURPHY	MIA	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	33234285	S/Sgt	Walter J SENTKOSKI, JR	NARRATOR	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	37375766	S/Sgt	Bernard E .STEVENS	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	32446513	S/Sgt	Patrick (NMI) CARON	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	37228204	S/Sgt	Romaine M. FIFFE	MIA	
TAIL GUNNER	36371364	S/Sgt	Peter MRJENOVICH	MIA	

Were you wounded?

AG REPORT:

KNOWN INFORMATION:

Lt. Birdwell known to have parachuted to ground safely, uninjured.

Lts Harkins and Middledorf are returned to duty.

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

French state that Lt Lawrence was captured by Germans.

After the tail assembly of our plane had been sawed off by the propeller of another B-17 (For details see E & E Report No. 114-115) I baled out behind the bombardier at 24000 feet. Delaying my jump, I opened the chute around 5000 feet and was circled by an FW 190. During the fall I judged my height by perspective. When my chute opened, I counted three other chutes and saw our plane crash and burst into flames.

Delays Jump

I landed about twenty feet from a farmers house. While I unbuckled my chute harness there were several people standing in the yard watching me.

None of them offered to help but when I gathered up the chute, a girl separated from the ~~xxxxx~~ small group of onlookers. I followed her over to a fence and sat down in some weeds so that I could not be seen while I was talking to her. I remembered my French phrase-card and used it to ask where the Germans were. I understood from the girl's ^{gestures} that they were scattered throughout the countryside.

USES FRENCH PHRASE CARD

While I was talking with the girl there was much conversation going on among the people in the yard. An old man came over to me, took my chute and all flying equipment and motioned me to follow him to a barn. For fifteen minutes I lay in the hayloft, covered with straw, and was moved then to a clump of trees in back of the barn. The old man told me to stay there quietly.

Hidden By FARMER

It was about 2000 hours when I went into hiding and at 2200 hours I heard a car drive up to the farm. ~~xxxxxx~~ From sounds, I realized that these were Germans enquiring about parachutists in the vicinity. After a few minutes conversation with the farmer they drove away without searching.

HEARS GERMAN'S ASKING ABOUT PARACHUTISTS

At midnight the farmer and a girl who spoke English came to see me. The girl tried to tell me to go into a nearby town and sit near the doorway of a large factory, which she described to me. I ~~couldn't~~ ^{didn't} get the idea and pointed out to her that I was still in uniform. She left without enlightening me any further about the plan she offered. The farmer ~~xxxxx~~ returned my equipment to me, having put it in a bag with a brick, and told me to drop it into the

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canal I would have to cross.

I started out, in the bright moonlight, in the direction pointed out to me and dropped the bag in the canal as directed. I was walking across some fields and, by accident, walked into the field where my plane had crashed. I could see the two German sentries on guard and noticed, before turning back, that the front of the plane had been burned out.

STUMBLES INTO GUARDED PLANE

Using my compass I checked a course south and decided to forget what the girl had told me to do. It had never sounded feasible to me and I'm sure that I would never have walked into any town in my uniform to sit by a doorway until someone came along to help me. Having made this decision, I walked through the fields, south, until daylight and then found a haystack to sleep in that day. I examined my Aids Box, ate some of the tablets and slept and rested until 1800 hours in the evening. There was a farmhouse in the vicinity which I had watched during the day. There had been children around the house but

WALKS THROUGH

the adults must have been in the fields. I went up ~~the~~ to the children after leaving the haystack and to the oldest one, ^{child} ~~the~~ showed my phrase card. The ~~child~~ brought a woman ~~from~~ ^{from} the house. ~~Against~~ With sign language and the card I explained that I needed food and clothing. She gave me an old coat and a battered cap for which I paid ~~that~~ thirty francs. I was not there long and ~~left~~ leaving them, I walked south for several hours before meeting anyone else.

APPROACHES CHILDREN FOR HELP

GIVEN CIVILIAN CLOTHING

I was crossing a field when I bumped into two children gathering greens. Again producing my card I told them I was an American airman and asked for food. I waited while the children went home for ~~the~~ ^{it} food. When they came back I asked them ~~where~~ ^{how far} the nearest railroad station. It was not far, ~~very~~ ^{very} but after I left them I discarded the idea of catching a train ~~because~~ ^{because} I was not yet ~~myself~~ confident of my appearance.

DISCARDS IDEA OF TRAIN

Walking ~~to~~ south, I slept in the fields that night but was on my way again at daybreak. It was still ^{early} when I reached a canal. I walked up and down in both directions looking for a bridge and had just made up my mind to swim across when I saw a farmer come out of a small farmhouse. I approached

this man and told him that I was an American airman. He seemed quite happy about it and asked me into the house. I met his family and was given a large breakfast. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ The farmer had been leaving to go to work and told me to hide in the wheatfields during the day but to come back to the house that night. ~~But~~ During the day the farmer's family kept me fed and in the evening the farmer brought a man to see me. I was taken away and my journey was arranged.

JOURNEY
ARRANGED

Appendix B:

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- a. Evader was told that there was a large fuel dump three miles southeast of (VALERANI) It was concealed in a forest but there was a truck road leading to it. No civilians were allowed to approach it.
- b. Evader was told that in the FORET D'EMERLICQUE near WATTEN that the Germans had been pouring concrete for more than a year. He heard that there were gun emplacements here for firing gas shells into the coastal area of England. The French thought ~~the position~~ that one position was where a canal and railroad met, west of WATTEN. This information was given the evader on 18 August 1943. Rocket guns were not mentioned to the evader and he cannot pinpoint any of the position mentioned in above information.
- c. On 4 September 1943, Marauders caused large explosions and fires in the LILLE railway yards. A German troop train was hit and there were many casualties. (hrs)
- d. French told evader that the ball-bearing plant in PARIS, raided on 31 December, was badly damaged.
- e. Evader saw Renault works in PARIS on 30 November and stated that they were thoroughly wrecked.
- f. In LILLE area during air-raid alerts evader saw many fighters take off from air fields and fly at low altitude until alert was over. Most of the fighters were Me 109's from WAMBRECHE. Sept-Oct
- g. French told evader that the gestapo, dressed as French civilians, had gone through the countryside around CASSEL offering arms to patriots because the invasion was coming soon. Several days later the patriots who had accepted these arms were packed off to concentration camps.
canal-gates
- h. Evader was told that if the ~~canal-gates~~ south of HOUPLINES were bombed the canal traffic south of ARMENIÈRES would be stopped and that the traffic on this canal was heavy.
- i. Evader was told that ~~there were~~ the largest school in ST OMER in now a German hospital.

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- **S/SGT. SENTKOSKI, WALTER, J.**

Unit:- **B-17F**

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. **ATE SOME, LOST REST.**

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. **— HAD NONE**

Milk (tube). **— "**

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). **DIDNT USE**

Halazone tablets (water purifier). **"**

Matches. **BECAME WET**

Adhesive tape. **DIDNT USE**

Chewing gum. **HAD NONE**

Water bottle. **"**

Compass. **USED AT TIMES**

Sewing kit. **NO**

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? **DIDNT NOTICE**

- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? **BURIED 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?

NO

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? **YES - BURIED SAME**
State color of stripes and letters. **—**
If NOT, State why not.

- b. Did you use the purse? **NO**

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

Maps. Which ones? **OF NO NEED**

Compass. **"**

File (hacksaw). **"**

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money?

USED FRENCH MONEY FOR CLOTHES, CIGARETTES.

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. **GAVE AWAY TO LOYAL FRENCH**

Compass. **"**

File (hacksaw). **"**

Surplus currency. **HAD TEN POUNDS ON LANDING - FOR WHICH I EXCHANGED FOR 1000 FR. (400 SURPLUS)**

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

NO

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? **YES**
If so, how many? **3**

b. Did you use them? **YES - HAD TO BE ENLARGED (too small)**

5. LECTURES

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

IN STATES BY LT. FEIDT, AND IN U.K. AT BASE BY ESCAPED AIRMEN

b. Did you find the lectures of value? **VERY MUCH**

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

MAIN IDEA SEEMS TO BE THAT A DELAYED JUMP IS ESSENTIAL AND IMMEDIATE HIDING FOR THE FIRST FEW DAYS. AVOID THE PROSPEROUS HOMES, SEEK AID FROM THE HUMBLE. PATIENCE IS THE PRIME REQUISITE.