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28 June 1943

E & E REPORT NO. 40  
EVASION IN FRANCE

19005080, T/Sgt. Jack O. LEUHS  
364 Bomber Squadron, 305 Bomber Group.

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HOME ADDRESS: ONTARIO,  
Oregon

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name :- T/Sgt. Jack O. Luehrs, 19005080

Unit :- 305 Bomb Gp., 364 Bomb Sq.

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
- (b) If not, had you one on you? Yes
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box? It fell out of my flying pants when I parachuted.
- (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.
  - (i) Horlicks tablets.
  - (ii) Chocolate.
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  - (vi) Matches.
  - (vii) Adhesive tape.
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  - (ix) Water bottle.
  - (x) Compass.
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?  
If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box.
- (g) Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger?

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? Yes  
If so, state COLOR. Grey  
If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? Yes
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?  
Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
  - (i) Maps. Which ones? Large scale map of France
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How did you spend the money. Helpers

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3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS\*)

(\* Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

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(i) Round compass.

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(ix) Special flying boots (and knife).

(b) Were they satisfactory?

(c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions which would improve the above equipment?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? Yes

If so, how many? three

(b) Did you use them? Yes - one

State how. On false identity card.

5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? Yes  
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. October, 1942

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NAVIGATOR	0-428226	2nd Lt. Homer H. MOHR	(Baled out - Reported MIA)
BOMBARDIER	0-726136	2nd Lt. Robert FABEC	(P/W - German Official List)
RADIO OPERATOR	19005080	NARRATOR	
TOP-TURRET GUNNER	15071759	Sgt. William H. JOHNSON	(P/W - German Official List)
BALL-TURRET GUNNER	20942331	S/Sgt. Edward C. MESCHER	(Last seen getting out of turret - Reported KIA - German Official List)
ENGR. WAIST GUNNER	39303959	S/Sgt. Miles L. COOLEY	(Last seen in plane helping Ball-Turret Gunner - P/W - German Official List)
WAIST GUNNER	32310842	Sgt. Allen M. FITZGERALD	(Baled out - Reported MIA)
TAIL GUNNER	12044600	S/Sgt. John G. HOLLENBECK	(P/W - German Official List)

4 April 1943  
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MAKING DIRECT  
ATTACK

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EVADES GERMAN  
PATROL

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SECURES AID

5 April 1943

6 April 1943

7 April 1943

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28 June 1943

E & E REPORT NO. 40  
EVASION IN FRANCE

19005080 T/Sgt. Jack O. LEUHRS  
364. Bomber Squadron, 305 Bomb Group

AGE: 23  
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 year, 7 months  
HOME ADDRESS: ONTARIO,  
Oregon.  
MISSING IN ACTION: 4 April 1943  
ARRIVED SPAIN: 5 June 1943  
ARRIVED GIBRALTAR: 26 June 1943  
ARRIVED UK: 28 June 1943

OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW:

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Navigator	0-428226	2nd Lt. Homer H. Mohr (Baled out) MIA
Bombardier	0-726136	2nd Lt. Robert Fabec (Baled out) P/W - German official list
Radio Operator	19005080	Narrator
Top-Turret Gunner	15071759	Sgt. William H. Johnson (Baled out) P/W - " " "
Ball-Turret Gunner	20942331	S/Sgt. Edward G. Mescher (Last seen getting out of turret)
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Our No. 2 and 3 engines were hit and smoking. Our electrical system was put out of order, preventing the use of inter-phones. The left wing tip was hit by a cannon shell and ~~it~~ hung in shreds. The vertical stabilizer had a large hole in it. Our oxygen system had been knocked out. We had ~~fallen out of formation.~~ <sup>dropped away from behind our</sup>

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GERMAN  
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SECURES AID

I was taken to a farm house <sup>near</sup> close by. We then rode bikes <sup>for</sup> about three miles to an old, deserted, stone mansion. <sup>There</sup> the Frenchman <sup>obtained</sup> more clothing <sup>as</sup> into which I changed ~~so I took off all my own things and dressed in civilian clothing.~~

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White

Holt

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EYE RPT. NO 40  
EVASION IN FRANCE.

JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> 1943.

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364 BOMBER SQUADRON, 305 BOMB GROUP.

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AGE 23  
LENGTH OF SERVICE. 1YR. 7 MONTHS.  
HOME ADDRESS. ONTARIO, OREGON.

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THINK EXHAUSTED)  
CO-PILOT. 0-661855 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. EDWARD T. LOGAN. (BAILED OUT)  
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NAVIGATOR. 0-428226 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. HOMER H. MOHR. " "  
BOMBARDIER. 0-726136 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. ROBERT FABEL. " "  
RADIO OPERATOR. 19005080 NARRATOR.  
TOP-TURRET GUNNER. 15071759 SGT. WILLIAM H. JOHNSON. BAILED OUT.  
BALL- " " 20942331 S/SGT. EDWARD L. MESSEMER. LAST SEEN GETTING  
OUT OF TURRET.  
TAIL GUNNER. 12044600 S/SGT. JOHN E. HOLLENBECK. BAILED OUT.  
ENG. WART " 39503959 S/SGT. MILES L. LOOLEY. LAST SEEN IN PLANE  
HELPING BALL TURRET  
GUNNER.  
WAIST GUNNER. 32310842 SGT. ALLEN M. FITZGERALD. BAILED OUT.

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to bomb Renault Works, Paris, France. My  
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There were neither enemy fighters nor flak up to  
the target. After dropping our bombs and going  
about 15 miles from the target we ran into  
some inaccurate flak. Enemy fighters appeared;



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SEVEN  
CHUTES  
SEEN

I landed in a field. My chute fell over an apple tree which prevented any snag. I was <sup>small</sup> only about fifty feet from a village and many French people and children started to gather. One man noticed I was bleeding from a cut under my left eye and asked me, in English, if I wanted a doctor. I answered, ~~no~~, 'no', and then started to run down the main road. The Germans were patrolling this road in cars and I narrowly missed being seen several

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PATROL

time. I hid behind an apple tree and from here could see our plane burning on the ground about a half a mile away.

After an hour had passed a man came with a large sack. He was apparently gathering greens. He stopped and gave me food, wine and trousers and jacket. He told me to stay where I was until dark. Late that afternoon a man and lady walked by my hiding place and dropped a package of food.

When it became dark the man who had given me the clothes returned with more clothing which I put on over my uniform as I had on at this time. I had trousers and shirt, electrical suit & sleep<sup>three</sup> pairs of socks, winter flying boots and <sup>everything</sup> my coveralls.

Secures  
AID

5 APRIL 1943

6 APRIL 1943

7 APRIL 1943

I was taken to a farm house close by. We then rode bikes about three miles to an old stone deserted mansion. The Frenchman with me had more clothing so I took off all of my own things and dressed in civilian clothing. He gave me food & a flash-light. The next night he returned and took me to a farm house where I was fed and allowed to sleep in the barn. The following night the Frenchman returned and asked if I had a photo. I gave him one and he returned about 4000ms the following morning with an identity card for me. From here my journey was arranged for me.

JUNE 28<sup>th</sup>  
1943

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Left Chester 10.30 April 4<sup>th</sup> 1943 for  
raid on Renault Works, Tain, France.

No enemy planes in flock up to target after  
bombing & about 15 miles some way in came to  
flock & enemy fighters appeared. We were attacked  
by fighters. About 6 made a beam attack on  
our nose. Our no 2 & 3 were hit & smoking  
& electrical system was knocked out could not  
use interphone. The left wing tip hit by a  
cannon shell & in shreds. The vertical  
stabilizer hit by cannon fire & a large hole  
made in it. At this time we had fallen out  
of formation. <sup>our oxygen system had been knocked out</sup>. The intercom being out the Pilot  
could not tell us to bail out. I looked out  
for the radio gunner's position & saw 5 chutes  
out behind our plane. I also saw our no 2 & 3  
were on fire. I went out back toward escape  
door & noticed the engineer scrambling the ball  
turret gunner out of his turret. The engineer  
motioned to me to go on. The waist gunner & I  
stood a minute by the escape door. I saw the  
tail gunner getting ready to jump. The waist  
gunner jumped & I followed him.

We were at about 14000 ft and I pulled



my up cloud almost immediately. I could see  
5 chutes way below me & above them. While I  
was on my way an F.W. circled me & then left.  
I landed about 50 ft from a small village  
Ponte de L'Arde. I landed close to an apple tree <sup>field</sup>  
& my chute fell over the tree & I therefore had  
no diag. While I was getting out of my chute  
a Frenchman came who could speak English &  
asked me if I needed a doctor. I had a gash  
under my left eye which was bleeding. I told  
him no. A lot of French people & school children  
started to gather & I ran <sup>leaving my chute</sup>. I ran  
on to the main road where the Germans were  
patrolling as each car would come along the  
children would motion me down & I would shop  
to the ground hid. After a few minutes I hid  
behind a small apple tree. Several Germans F.W.  
& 1 III came over very low. I could see our plane  
burning <sup>a short distance away 1/2 mile.</sup>. After about an hour a Frenchman came  
along with a big sack & was gathering greens  
& putting them in the sack. He stopped by the  
tree told me to stay until dark & gave me  
food & wine also pants & jacket. Later a man &  
woman came by & shopped a bundle with me.

food. After dark the man who had given me  
the clothes returned + told me to put the  
clothes on on my uniform + flying equipment. I had  
on O.D. trousers + shirt, electric suit 3 Pairs socks  
electric shoes + winter flying boots, over all my  
cavalry. Buckskin gloves under my winter flying  
gloves. He took me to a little farm house  
close by. We took bikes out across a field to  
avoid German guards went about 3 miles to a old  
stone <sup>deserted</sup> mansion + went in. He had more clothing, I  
took off everything + put on civilian clothing. He took  
my things. He gave me some food + flash light.  
(5) He left. I stayed all next day + that night he returned  
+ said too many people knew I was there. We left on  
bikes + rode for about 3 hours to a farm house where  
he told me to come in but act deaf + dumb. The  
people fed me + I was put to bed in barn. I spent  
6th night + all next day. That night the man returned  
+ asked for photo. I had my 3 pictures so gave him  
one. He said he would have papers made up + would  
37 return. About 4 A.M. the next morning he returned  
gave me instructions. We went to the village station  
met a tall Frenchman who had tickets for Paris.  
This man could not speak English. We left about

6 AM + arrived in Paris about 8.30. We traveled  
3<sup>rd</sup> class. At Paris I followed <sup>the man</sup> + had no  
trouble. We went immediately to subway.  
We rode about 15 min + next first to an electrical  
store + my guide talked to the owner. We went out  
+ walked for about an hour. We finally went  
to an apt where wife of owner of electrical store  
lived. I was fed + then taken up two floors  
to another ladies apt she was a stereo in a Dept  
store. I spent night here. They could not speak  
English but I had my French-English dictionary  
with me. About 10 A.M. following morning a young  
beautiful girl came with the lady who lived in apt.  
She spoke good English. She took me to the  
basement of Dept store + had pictures taken. We  
then went on subway + to her apt a beautiful one.  
I here met Sgt Fitzgerald. I stayed that  
night + until 4 P.M. next day. Another girl  
then took me to apt of a doctor (surgeon).  
his wife was a sirointress. I stayed here 10 days.  
I never went out. The girl (Claude Meier) a young  
medical student took me to her apt I stayed  
20 days. did not go out. She lives directly across  
from Eiffel tower. April 30<sup>th</sup> a man who is



small every thing did  
him about 18 yrs old  
could not speak English

supposed to be one of chiefs <sup>capt</sup> and took me to  
meet an English Comrade Val Wells. Val  
took me other man left. We went to Cape  
met 2 English a Canadian + 3 <sup>today</sup> Eskimo. We  
had supper. 1 Eskimo was girl 21 yrs old. about 2  
weeks before Eskimo had raided her apt. Took  
her mother to prison + her father in hiding.  
Her name is Ardie. She has died her hair blond.  
After supper Ardie, Val 2 English + 1 Canadian<sup>1</sup>  
took a 10.45 train to San. Barre? In  
Burlington. We got off + finally found a taxi  
to take us to ~~Stables~~ <sup>ETABLES</sup>? Then we were taken  
to a house where Fitzgerald, 2 Poles, 2 more  
English were. The mayor's son took care of us  
it was his house. The next night <sup>Sunday</sup> the British  
were supposed to send a boat for us. The place  
was about 16 Kilometers away. The boat did not come.  
+ could not that night because of weather. Monday  
night the 6 of us were moved to Madam Salaries  
Hotel on coast close to Etahles 3 or 4 Kilo east.  
The kept 14 of us for 2 weeks (2 Poles 1 Russian)  
Douglas Cox (Canadian), Dennison (Canadian), Harry Riley (English)  
Howard (English), Peter - (R.A.F. Sgt. Teacher), Fitzgerald (USA)  
M.E. Donald (US, in R.A.F.),

In meantime Val had gone back to Paris to radio  
London for boat. After 2 weeks Fitzgerald was  
moved to Tainpol to a castle owned by Americans  
Countess. I was moved along with 1 British 1 Canadian  
+ 1 Russian out in country to a farm house. Val  
returned + had given up idea of boat + took rest  
of people back to Paris. I stayed in farm house 4 days  
+ was then moved to St Quay to a house where  
Paul + Archie lived. While here the US AIF raided  
St Nazaire + Rennes. The fortress was shot down  
a short distance out to sea from us. The crew baled  
out just before they reached the sea. The Org  
picked up 6. 2 were in jail the Org planned to  
rescue them. The other 2 had parachuted out.  
The pilot's name was <sup>1st LT.</sup> Peterson he is from Salt  
Lake City. Peterson + 2 others were brought to  
Paul's house (Engineer + Waist gunner). The following  
day ~~from~~ (Red curly hair glasses) came + said I was  
to leave for Paris that night + then to Spain. I  
rode a bike along with the mayor's son to San Brieux  
He had tickets + we left that night. 3 ~~of us~~ arrived in  
Paris about 6 <sup>30</sup> A.M. + were met by Val + Yanie (a  
Frenchman who was going as Gilbert Wright U.S.).  
also Jack a tall dark man. We all walked about

When leaving Paris we went behind the  
station and the station master let us get on  
train before it pulled in so we had pick of seats.



5 minutes to an apt. There were St Biggs, St Kyllies  
Sgt Wilson, also 2 Englishmen (Jim Hall & Jim Smith) 3 Canadian  
We had breakfast then 9 of us and Yanie & Jack  
left for Bayonne. 4 men + 1st class the rest 2nd class  
6 of us were together in 1 comp. We left about 11 A.M.  
No check on train or at Bordeaux train went on to  
Bayonne here we changed trains to Tan. No check at

There I was walking with Yanie & a  
Lestaf agent grabbed him & checked his papers  
but turned him loose & he rejoined us. We left  
Bayonne for Tan & train was stopped at Orthez  
& all papers checked no trouble no questions he  
appeared to be looking for names. Arrived at Tan  
about 11 P.M. no check. We stayed in a flat  
that night & next day left by truck to foot-  
hills of pyrenees. We met another group of 51 of us  
We started walking at 8.30 P.M. in rain & walked  
until 5.30 A.M. then stopped at an old deserted  
barn in mts & stayed until 10 P.M. we walked  
until 9 A.M. we stopped at a shepherds cabin were fed  
& stayed until 6 P.M. We then walked until mid night  
& waited in an old deserted house 1 1/2 hrs until a  
German patrol was supposed to have passed. We  
crossed about 6 A.M. guide left us. We destroyed  
all papers & followed Esca river. We were picked  
up about 11 A.M. by Guardia Civil & taken to Ibaeta  
here all searched. All money was taken away as well  
as knives. Some men sold watches & got pesos so

We all spent night in hotel. Next day by bus to Pamplona. Here we were put in local jail 31 - small room. Next morning taken to Pamplona prison here searched & any remaining money & razor taken. Our heads shaved, given bath & medical inspection. 5 of us put in a cell.

The two U. S. officers received same treatment. We stayed in prison 6 days. The fifth day Rep of U. S. Embassy came & brought us clothes arranged to have our needs sent in & gave us 100 Pesos. The 6th day we were all released & taken by bus to a resort hotel stayed 2 weeks nice place. During the 2 weeks a Mrs. Stevenson came to see us gave us ligs & told us to write letters & give them to her she took them. She told us what to expect. On the 21st Joe Mayo Clark picked us up & took us to a place where we picked up 7 more Americans. We spent the night & left 8 AM when to medical bed & photos made for passports & then drove to G. B. ~~there~~ on way spent night at Gaen. Arrived G. B. about 6 P.M.

At G. B. given a Physical exam then to Consul & given clothing & put in Victoria Hotel.

Left G. B. 10 P.M. 27th June on C 47 Arrived U. K. 7.30.

Frank Green U. S. of 303 was with us at Pauls house.

Sgt Spencer (Canadian) at Halifax at Pauls house.

CLAUDE MUIR.

PARIS

Furnished food and lodging for two weeks.

VAL WELLS.

PARIS.

DIRECTED my evasion and I think furnished money.

Andre.

ST QUAY

FOOD AND LODGING.

JAN.

ETAPLES.

FOOD, LODGING, RAILROAD TICKETS.

YANIE. (18 YR OLD FRENCH BOY <sup>WHO</sup> HAD TAKEN <sup>THE</sup> NAME OF GILBERT WRIGHT)

FOOD AND GUIDE FROM PARIS TO PAU.

JACK. (5 FT 11 IN. Good Looking, MARRIED HAD A SON). PARIS

FOOD AND GUIDE FROM PARIS TO PAU.

PAUL. (VAL WELLS' RADIO OPERATOR) ST. QUAY.

FOOD AND LODGING AT ST QUAY.

MADAME SELANYS.

ETAPLES.

FOOD AND LODGING AT ETAPLES.



1. Claude mair - PARIS -

Gave me food & lodging for two weeks.

2. Val wells - Canadian commands, help my escape from Paris to Spain.

3. Andrie - food lodging at St Quay.

4. Jan - secret serviceman at Brittany, food.

5. Jean - mayans son at Etaples, food lodging, and Guide to Paris.

6. Yanie - a 18 yr. old French lad took name of Gilbert Wright. Guide from Paris to Pau, looking married but was.

7. Jack - <sup>5 ft 11 in</sup> a tall Frenchman, dark about 23 - Guide from Paris to Pau.

8. Paul - Val's Radio Operator, food lodging at St Quay.

9. Madame Belange's food lodging at Etaples.

1. JACK O. LUEHRS; T/SGT; 19005080
2. AIR MEDALS; 3 Oak Leaf Clusters.
3. 305 BOMB GR. 364 BOMB SQ.
4. ~~ARMY AIR~~
5. DECEMBER 12, 1920.
6. 1 YEAR 7 MONTHS.
7. ONTARIO, OREGON.
8. PARIS FRANCH; APRIL 4, 1943;  
10:30 A.M.; ~~AT~~ 30 miles NORTH OF PARIS  
FIS.
9. M. M. Jones Pilot LAST HEARD OF IN PARIS IN  
ORGANIZATION'S HAND.
- E. T. LOGAN CO. PILOT. KNOWN TO HAVE BAILED OUT.
- H. MOHR NAVIGATOR " " " "
- R. FABOC BOMBARDIER " " " "
- M. L. COOLY ENGINEER LAST SEEN IN PLANE  
HELPING BAIL TURRET  
GUNNER.
5. MESCHER; BAIL TURRET - LAST SEEN GETTING OUT  
OF TURRET.
- W. JOHNSON UPPER TURRET. KNOWN TO HAVE BAILED OUT.
- J. G. HOLLENBECK TAIL GUNNER. KNOWN TO HAVE BAILED  
OUT

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A FRIZ Gerald - LAST Seen May 20<sup>th</sup> in  
Northern FRANCE in hands  
of ORGANIZATION.

11. no.

12. no, no.

14. Yes. at Gibraltar by Major  
Lewis and a English intelligent  
officer. Yes to Major Clark at  
Madrid on the 23<sup>th</sup> of June.

13. Yes.

15. Yes Major Clark. Major Lewis,  
and British Representative at Gth.

16. Yes at Madrid June 25<sup>th</sup>, at Gth  
June 26<sup>th</sup>.

17. June 27<sup>th</sup> by air from Gth

18. June 28<sup>th</sup> London.

HQ, ETOUSA  
Office of AC of S, G-2  
MIS Detachment

28 June 1943

APPENDIX "B" TO E & E REPORT NO. 40

1. The following information has been obtained after an interview with a Sergeant who evaded capture by the enemy after being in enemy occupied territory.

2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so, no information as to the source may be divulged.

Statement of information covering period from 4 April 1943  
to 5 June 1943

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APP E

T/SET. JACK O. LEHRER  
19005080.

(9)

I was taken from the train to the village station where I was turned over to a tall, dark Frenchman. He took me to Paris, travelling 3<sup>rd</sup> class. We left the village at about 6.00 hours and arrived in Paris<sup>at</sup> about 8.30 hours.

On arriving in Paris I walked behind my guide. We took a subway and rode for about 15 minutes. We went to an electrical store, where my guide talked to the owner. We then walked for about an hour before going to an apartment occupied by the wife of the man who owned the electrical store. Here I was fed and then taken up two floors to an apartment occupied by a girl who is a stenographer in a department store. I spent the night there.

At about 10.00 hrs the next morning a young and very beautiful girl, who spoke excellent English, took me to the basement of a department store to have my picture taken. We went to her apartment and I met Sgt Fitzgerald. I stayed there that night and the next afternoon another girl<sup>(CLAUDE MAIN)</sup> took me to a doctor's apartment where I stayed ten days. Claude Main, who is a medical student, then took me to her apartment where I stayed twenty days. She lives directly across from the Eiffel Tower.

On April 30<sup>th</sup> a man, supposed to be one of the chiefs, (small, thin, grey hair, 48 yrs old, could not speak English).

took me to meet Val Wells (Captain British Commandos). Val Wells took me to a cove where we met two Englishmen, a Canadian, and three ladies. One of the ladies was about 21 yrs old <sup>and</sup> wanted by the Gestapo, her apartment had been raided, her mother sent to prison, and her father was in hiding. Her name was Andie.

Andie, Val Wells, the two Englishmen, one Canadian and I took a 10.45 train to St Briens. We found a taxi which took us to Etaples. There we went to ~~the Mayor~~ Jean's house, he is the son of the mayor. Sgt Fitzgerald, two Poles and two more Englishmen were there. We all stayed here until the following Monday night. The British were supposed to send a boat to ~~us~~ meet us about 16 Kilometers from Etaples. The boat did not come. Six of us were moved to a hotel, run by Madame Salaries, located 3 or 4 kms East of Etaples. Fourteen of us stayed here for two weeks. The party consisted of 2 Poles, 1 Russian, Douglas Cox (Canadian) Dennison (also Canadian) Harry Riley (English), Howard (English) Peter — (an R.A.F. Sq. Ldr) Sgt Fitzgerald (USA) McDonald (US in R.A.F.) and three whom I do not remember.

Val Wells returned to Tain to try and find out about the boat. After two weeks Sgt Fitzgerald was moved

to a castle owned by an American woman located  
in Paimpol. I was moved, along with an Englishman, a  
Russian and a Canadian, to a farm house where I  
stayed four days. Val Wells returned from Paris  
and moved me to Paul and Archie's home in St Quay.  
Here I met S/Sgt FRANK BEEBE (U.S.A.C.) and Sgt Spencer (Canadian R.A.F.).  
While here we saw a B17 shot down. The plane went into  
the sea, but all the crew baled out over land.  
The Organization picked up six, and brought the  
pilot Lt Peterson, the engineer and waist gunner  
to Paul's home.

I left that night with Jim (De la red curly  
hair and glasses) and the Mayor's son on bikes for St. Brieux.

There we took a train and travelled to Paris 3<sup>rd</sup>  
class. Val Wells, Jimmie (a French boy posing as  
Gilbert Wright (U.S.A.C.) and Jack (a tall dark Frenchman)  
met us. We all went to an apartment where we met  
Lt Biggs, Lt Kyline, Sgt Wilson, two Englishmen  
(Jim Hall and Jim Smith) and three Canadians. We all  
had breakfast and then went to the station to take  
a train to Bayonne. At the station the station-  
master allowed us to go behind the station and  
get on the train before it pulled in. This gave us  
the opportunity to pick our seats. Four of us went  
1<sup>st</sup> class, the rest went 2<sup>nd</sup> class. There was no check  
on the train or at Bayonne.

While we were walking around Bayonne,  
a Gestapo agent grabbed Jimmie and checked his papers,  
but finding everything in order turned him loose.



We took a train from Bayonne to Pau. ~~The~~  
~~the~~ The train was stopped at Orthez and all  
papers <sup>were</sup> checked. The German had a list of names,  
and seemed to be looking for certain people.

We arrived at Pau and spent that night and  
next day in a flat. That night we left by truck  
and rode <sup>the</sup> to foothills of <sup>the</sup> Pyrenees.

When we left the truck we joined another  
group; 31 of us started over the mountains. We  
walked in the rain from 20.00 hrs until 5.00 hrs. We  
stopped and rested in an old deserted barn until  
22.00 hrs. Then we walked until 9.00 hrs and stopped  
at a shepherd's cabin where we were fed and  
stayed until 18.00 hrs. We crossed the border at  
about 600 hrs and <sup>the</sup> guide left us. We destroyed  
all of our papers and followed the Escar river  
until about 14.00 hrs when we were picked  
up by the Guardia Civil and taken to Ibañeta.  
We were searched <sup>and</sup> all money, knives, etc were  
<sup>away from us.</sup> taken. The next morning we were taken to  
Pamplona Prison, where we stayed 6 days. We  
were then confined in a hotel for two weeks  
and on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June we started for Lib with  
Major Clark.

JACK LEONARD.

WHERE DID HE LEAVE  
SUIT GIVEN TO HIM IN  
PARIS.

## APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 40.

No., Rank, Name :- *T/SGT Jack O. Luehrs 19005000*  
 Unit :- *305 Bomb GR 364 Bombers*

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*
- (b) If not, had you one on you? *yes*
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box? *I fell out of my flying pants when I parachuted*
- (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. *DID NOT HAVE*
- (i) Horlicks tablets.
  - (ii) Chocolate.
  - (iii) Milk (tube).
  - (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).
  - (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).
  - (vi) Matches.
  - (vii) Adhesive tape.
  - (viii) Chewing gum.
  - (ix) Water bottle.
  - (x) Compass.
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box.
- (g) Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger?

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? *yes*  
 If so, state COLOR. *grey*  
 If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? *yes*
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
- (i) Maps. Which ones? *Large scale map of France*
  - (ii) Compass. ~~yes~~



(iii) File (hacksaw).

(iv) Foreign Currency. State cc and amounts. *£2000 francs*  
How did you spend the money. *Helps*

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *gave to organization Helps*

Compass. *gave to organization* "

File (hacksaw). *gave to organization* "

Surplus currency. *gave to organization* "

3. 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.

(i) Round compass. ☒

(ii) Stud compass.

(iii) Swinger compass.

(iv) Fly-button compass.

(v) Pencil clip compass.

(vi) Tunic button compass.

(vii) Pipe compass.

(viii) Pouch.

(ix) Special flying boots (and knife).

(b) Were they satisfactory?

(c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions which would improve the above equipment?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? *escaped photos*  
If so, how many? *3*

(b) Did you use them? *yes*  
State how. *on fake passport*  
ON FAISE IDENTITY CARD

5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *yes*  
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *October 42*

(b) Did you find the lectures of value? *yes*

*never put bit in pocket of flying coveralls  
always carry a knife of same sort on you.  
Learn a few French Phrases.*

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19 October 1942

SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

TO : Personnel concerned.

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  - (4) Any other facts concerning your experience.b. You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.  
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d. You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4a.  
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By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

(signed) RALPH PULSIFER,  
Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

CERTIFICATE

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

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Name(Print) JACK O. LUETHERS Signed Jack O. Luethers  
Rank T/SGT A.S.N. 19005080 Date June 27, 1943  
Unit 305<sup>th</sup> Bomb GR 364 BOMB SQ Witness Gray  
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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER  
U.S. ARMY CASUAL DETACHMENT  
GIBRALTAR

26 June 1943

SUBJECT: Orders

TO : Personnel named below:

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33rd Hq. Grp.  
T/Sgt. JACK C. LUNN, 14008080, 300th Hq. Grp.  
304th Hq. Sqn.  
S/Sgt. DALE MARKLAND, 30025633, 300th Hq. Grp.

having reported at this station on 26 June 1943, are placed on temporary duty this office. Upon completion of this temporary duty you will proceed by first available transportation to LONDON, ENGLAND, where you will report without delay to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, U.S. Army. By authority of WD Cablegram number 45, 4 February 1943, in lieu of subsistence, a flat per diem of \$4.00 is authorized while traveling on official business (except by belligerent or government vessel) and while on temporary duty this station, in accordance with existing law and regulations. TOW PD 1-3412 P-432-02 A-0425-24.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel HOLDEN:

OFFICIAL:

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