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MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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

E & E REPORT NO. 416
EVASION IN FRANCE

25 February 1944
(Date)

Russell N JEVONS Sgt 1706466
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

535 Bomb Sq, 381 Bomb Group

(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: BORDEAUX

MIA: 31 December 1943

Arrived in UK:
24 February 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-803584	2d Lt	Earl B DURATE	MIA	
	0-686917	2d Lt	Glen A McCABE	E&E No. 445	done
CO-PILOT					
NAVIGATOR	0-808455	2d Lt	Cornelius A HEINTZ, JR	MIA	
BOMBARDIER	0-688966	2d Lt	Harry M GRIMBALL, JR	MIA	
RADIO OPERATOR	12191064	Sgt	Joseph J BALESH	MIA	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	17064663	Sgt	Russell N JEVONS	NARRATOR	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	12209398	Sgt	Howard B NORRIS	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	15104471 12214550	Sgt	James E MARTIN	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	15104471	Sgt	Albert H SMITH	MIA	
TAIL GUNNER	20755148	Sgt	Powell H McDANIEL	MIA	

Were you wounded?

E&E 416: Sgt RUSSELL N JEVONS

SEE E&E
AAS

When we turned inland a little before the IP, some German fighters came through our formation off to the right of our plane. The right waist gunner and I did not ^{see} ~~notice~~ the fighter which hit us, but we felt the plane shudder and saw parts flying by. While we were firing at other planes, I noticed that the co-pilot was out of his seat. I was off interphone. When I had given ~~1 got out of the turret, walked down the airstair~~ learned that the pilot ~~gave~~ the order to bail out, I jumped from the nose escape hatch at 5000 or 4000 feet. I opened my parachute right away.

BAILED OUT

I landed on my side and received quite a jolt. I carried my parachute some distance and hid it in weeds. I was not sure what to do. While I was heading for a small bone building, I ran into three Frenchmen. They said that they were comrades and welcomed me into the little building. Before long a man brought me a coat, trousers, beret, and high rubber boots. I kept my heated suit.

I bicycled to a place from which my journey was arranged.

LANDED
ALMOST INTO
INTO
HELP

JOURNEY
ARRANGED

Compiled by

D EMERSON
1st Lt, AUS

Approved by

W STULL HOLT
Lt Col, AC
Commanding

No Appendix B: S^Gt JEVONS was in France briefly, traveled only at night, and had no opportunity to see anything of military importance.

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *Russell N. Jerons, Sgt.*

Unit:- *381st Bomb Group, 535 Bomb Sqr.*

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? *No.*

b. If not, why? *WAS UNABLE to get it before getting out - I had it in my GI shoes near the bomb bay door.*

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.

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass.

Sewing kit.

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?

e. How did you finally dispose of the box?

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? *No*
State color of stripes and letters.

If NOT, State why not.

WAS UNABLE to get it before getting out.
b. Did you use the purse?

(over)

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

Maps. Which ones?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money?

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

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*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *Yes*

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

STATES and in ENGLAND.

b. Did you find the lectures of value? *Yes.*

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

ALWAYS have G.I. Shoes on. and Escape Kits with you

AG 383.6

Hq ETOUSA

19 October 1942

SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

TO : Personnel concerned.

1. It is the duty of all Americans to safeguard information which might, either directly or indirectly, be useful to the enemy.
2. It is an offense, carrying heavy penalties, to publish or to communicate to any unauthorized person any information which might be useful to the enemy.
3. 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.
4. 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:
 - (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. 4a.e. No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of the War or Navy Department.

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.

I understand that any information concerning my escape or evasion from capture is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the American Military Attache to whom I first report, or an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name(Print) Russell N. Jerons Signed Russell N. Jerons
Rank Sgt A.S.N. 17064663 Date 2-19-44
Unit 381st Bomb Group Witness Hau W. Bach
(STA. 167) Col. G.S.C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

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

KLS/el-2B-939 Pentagon

6 August 1943

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

TO: The Commanding Generals,
Army Ground;
Army Air Forces;
The Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area;
The Commanding Generals,
Theaters of Operations;
Defense Commands;
Departments;
Base Commands;
The Commanding Officers,
Base Commands;
Director, Bureau of Public Relations.

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

By order of the Secretary of War:

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

1. Information about your escape or your evasion from capture *would be useful to the enemy* and a danger to your friends. It is therefore **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.
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 - (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) Russell N. Jevons
Rank Sgt. A. S. N. 17064663
Unit 381 Bomb Group
535 Bomb Sqdn.

Signed Russell N. Jevons
Dated FEB. 25-1944
Witness James L. H. A. U. S.

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MIS (X)

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. *Russell N Jevons, Sgt. 17064663*
2. Decorations. *None*
3. Unit or Squadron. *535th Bomb Sqdn.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *381st Group.*
5. Date of Birth. *Sept. 18-1918*
6. Length of Service. *2 yrs. 18 days*
7. Private Address. *WAKEFIELD, KANSAS.*
8. If in A.F., on what operation were you engaged? State place, date, and time of departure. Where and when did you come down?
Were Aircraft and all instruments and papers destroyed?
*Bombing Bordeaux Airfield.
Sta. 167 (Ridgewell, England) on Dec. 31-1943 AT 7:30 A.M.
North of Toulouse AT 13:30 P.M.
Yes. When PLANE CRASHED and BURNED.*
9. What was your position in aircraft? *Top Turret*
10. Were you wounded? *No*
11. Did you pay your guides? *No* If so how much?
12. Do you speak French? *No* Spanish? *Little*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? *Yes DOG TAGS* *1 French made I/P*
14. Have you been questioned before to-day on your escape or evasion? *Yes* If so, where and by whom? Have you given anyone a written report on your experiences. *No* Where and when?
GIBRALTAR by BRITISH intelligence
15. Did you report on your operations? *No* If so, where and to whom?
16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when?
MADRID - AMERICAN Embassy; GIBRALTAR by BRITISH Authority
17. Date of arrival in Spain. *JAN. 16-1944*
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *FEB. 25-1944*
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *GIBRALTAR ON FEB. 23 By AIR*
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *BRISTOL, ENGLAND ON FEB. 24-1944*

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(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

535th 381st
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 25
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 2 yrs. 19 days
HOME ADDRESS: WAKEFIELD, KANSAS

31 Dec 43

MIA: JAN 16 - 1944
Arrived in Spain: FEB. 19 - 1944
Arrived in Gibraltar: FEB. 24 - 1944
Arrived in UK: _____

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with FWIB)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT <u>LT. EARL B. DUARTE (IN FRANCE</u>		Here say
CO-PILOT <u>LT. GLEN A. McCABE (in Spain</u>		
NAVIGATOR <u>LT. C.A. Heintz (German Prisoner</u>		
BOMBARDIER <u>LT. HARRY GRIMBALL</u>		
RADIO OPERATOR <u>Joe Balesh (in France 1st in Pyrenees to come through</u>		
TOP TURRET GUNNER		
BALL TURRET GUNNER <u>HOWARD NORRIS (German Prisoner</u>		
WALST GUNNER <u>JAMES A. MARTIN</u>		
WALST GUNNER <u>ALBERT SMITH</u>		
TAIL GUNNER <u>POWELL McDaniel</u>		
SAW sights known 10 out		

Were you wounded? No

Turned left before I P some ft through P to
at J on plane - at W G & I watching. Not see J on com. J
@ hit - notice children saw parts go by.
7 in at other plane saw Co-P int. J sent, J P I P - dead.
Os - P back with B & V - got out J turret walk down catwalk
P gave order bail - down (A - 5.000 1

Had hit 2 engines - now J plane -

Plane in little fault, drive. Bank - crash to ground.

Went out now escape hatch.

Chute open it away. Others on no side creek I on other - carried
hit to woods & hit

1 hour circle -

Landed on side & got out

Down 5-6 km N of Trilum.

c 1330 Not sure what do - find small body. Ran into 3 or more

Saw comrades. Stayed in body.

One man came with coat, pants, high rubber boots, but
kept/seated out.

On bicycle to Trilum - to have J dr. feet

Stayed there that night

2200 J on capt J any way to stay - had more clothes
coat & pants, shirt, tie, raincoat, shoes.

Capt - Remelt (?) - c 5'9" heavy glasses c 35, thick hair
Spk fairly good Eng. 1/2 hr in concentration 18 mos
Tunneled out escape with 6

Manned

31 Jan Across Trilum to plane when 2 old maids 45 & 60

1 Jan

2 Jan pm Capt walk me meet girl & man, young, c block to car
ride 1/2 way across Trilum to int J boarding house - slept in
boy's room. Met the Russian c 40 French wife.

Girl & boy 13. Old woman who seen land lady's mother
& cook.

7 Jan Capt on leave

8 Jan 11:30 walk, it car - met Georges - man been with girl
Hospital interne - short, c 140 dark hair & wavy hair
Capt gave I/P - not see again. Walk - met R & McLabl

Old lady ^{came} - we follow her - not in Greaves again
To house -> Françoise & Theresa said Rnt of
Françoise real old - 55-60 grey haired.
Theresa Irish

8 Jan

9 Jan Andres & Eckhardt

Capt my 6 captured by S.

Seem be in debt of in Tolome from Co-P's Roman
Told P in long 1 or 2 separated articles.

Saw long train in Tolome station going N.

Into Spain

Bosch

V.

Sent

Landman

Mahdi

Grit

Intercepted with Co-P's Capt dny summer
Andres & Eckhardt in room