

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

E & E REPORT NO. 429
EVASION IN FRANCE

2/28/43
(Date)

ROBERT A. SCHWARTZBURG # 36278383
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

410TH SQ 94TH BOMB GP
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 25
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 15 MONTHS
HOME ADDRESS: 1804 N 40TH ST.
MILWAUKEE 8, WISCONSIN

MIA: _____
Arrived in Spain: _____
Arrived in Gibraltar: _____
Arrived in UK: _____
2/27/43

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with FWIB)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT <u>R. BORN LT.</u>		
CO-PILOT <u>J. ERICKSON F.O.</u>		
NAVIGATOR <u>N KING LT.</u>		
BOMBARDIER <u>E. HUGGONET LT.</u>		
RADIO OPERATOR <u>H. GILLEY SGT.</u>		
TOP TURRET GUNNER <u>D.D. McLEOD. S/SGT.</u>		
BALL TURRET GUNNER <u>M. HALL SGT.</u>		
RWAIST GUNNER <u>R. A. SCHWARTZBURG SGT.</u>		
L WAIST GUNNER <u>R. SOUTHERS. SGT.</u>		
TAIL GUNNER <u>A. THOMPSON SGT.</u>		

*No official or
mandatory
information*

RETURNED

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DEAD

Head 1 Th dead
G CAPTURE 4 men
3 men - 2 wounded taken to Paris

Were you wounded?

NO.

Saw 1 shot

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No.
ROBERT ALFRED SCHWARTZBURG #36278383
2. Decorations.
AIR MEDAL (4th mission)
3. Unit or Squadron.
410TH SQ
4. Division (Army) or Group.
94TH BOMB GR
5. Date of Birth.
JANUARY 25TH 1919
6. Length of Service.
15 MONTHS
7. Private Address.
1804 N. 40TH ST MILWAUKEE 8, WISCONSIN
8. Job as civilian.
METALLURGIST
9. From what field did you take off?
94TH BOMB GR
10. Take off time.
7:25 AM
11. Date and target.
JANUARY 5TH BORDEAUX
12. Where did you land?
BREST PENINSULA NEAR GONRIN
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?
NO
14. What was your position in aircraft?
RIGHT WAIST GUNNER
15. Were you wounded?
NO
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much?
YES 1100 FR. AND 11 POUNDS
17. Do you speak French? Spanish?
NO NO
18. Did you have Identity Papers?
NO DOG TAGS 2 French made
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.
NONE
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar.
NONE
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.
2/22/43 BY SEA
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
Dartmouth

Sgt. Robert A. Schwartzberg

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MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "B" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

List all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defenses, AA batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.,.....)

Lorient was supposed to have at least 20 submarines in port on January 8 + 9. I was told one by a English speaking Frenchman. Also in the conversation I was told that St Nazaire had 5 submarines in port on same date. In Guernsey I was told that there were 300,000 German soldiers on the Breast peninsula on the whole either very young or over the age of 35. The morale of the French is very high because of the incoming invasion. I only found one underground group that was angry with the English + Americans because they had not received any guns. These men signaled the planes and no guns had been dropped. In Guernsey we observed young French men digging tank traps. Bridges have been prepared to be blown up in case of invasion.

Near around bridges such as fields
and places used to cross rivers are
mined and marked with small and
crossbones.

While in Gournay the young men
of the town had received cards to
report to Brest for work for the
Germans. None reported and in
turn are now in hiding from the
Germans.

We were also told that the German
soldier is afraid of the coming invasion
and at times one or more of them
have told the French. Also the ^{French} French
paper has said that they will kill
as many Germans and cause as
much hindrance to the Germans
as possible when France is invaded.

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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.

GERTIFICATE

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) ROBERT A. SCHWARTZBERG

Rank SGT. A. S. N. 362 783 83

Unit 410TH BOMB SQ 94TH GP

Signed Robert A. Schwartzberg

Dated 3/28/43

Witness L. J. Murray 1st Lt 1/805

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