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MIS DETACHMENT

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. *Walter E. Minor Sgt. 31134430*
2. Decorations.
3. Unit or Squadron. *410th Sqd*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *94th Bomb Gr. (H)*
5. Date of Birth. *July 25, 1917*
6. Length of Service. *13 mo.*
7. Private Address. *Halifax Mass.*
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?
Joined May 17, 1943 about 8.00^{PM}
Parachuted out about 10 mi south of Morlaix
Do not know about aircraft
9. If in AF, give names of other members of crew and what happened to them.
10. Give details and full story of your trip on attached sheets.
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *No*
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? *No*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? *yes*
14. 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 experience? Where and when? *No*
15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? *No*
16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *In Gibraltar June 27, 1943*
17. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.
Gibraltar June 28, 1943 by air
18. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
Bristol June 29, 1943

after target in bombing run - #1 engine
 started smoking - someone said in fire - 1 Cop -
 answered that it wasn't - about then fighters started
 coming in in formation - seen over water &
 back over land - seem to be pulling out of
 formation when we hit land - Had ~~some~~ my
 guns hot - out of commission other one
 all right - noticed ship - came by - slightly
 higher L.W. and it was burning &
 in a glide - flames were all over
 front of ship - Top turret gunner got
 it & Navigator - ~~fighter~~ started coming in at
 8 o'clock from 250 to 100 yards - Could
 see tracer hit & bounce off - Cop wanted
 to know if T & G still there - Mike out so
 couldn't answer - Saw another fighter
 burst into flames - Got 10' order to take
 out then - put on chute - heard
 Nav - say stick with #6 - noticed smoke
 coming from #3 - Heard someone say
 upper & ball turrets out - Got second order
 to take out - fell back by door - pulled
 release & fell out - fighter in tail -

By time I got my feet straightened so I could
go out head first I got hit in leg -
pulled out of ship - saw chute blow me
open up - dropped 8000 ft before
pulling ring - waited until in immersion
before pulling - noticed 6 other chutes
open in back of plane - legs still
buzzing around - landed well in field
near a hill - took off chute & rolled it up -
man came running over hill yelling at
me to come to him - took me into woods
near - 6 more people showed up - took chute
& mail west of flying boots & jacket - brot me
food - 1st fellow sent others away - we
started walking thru fields & woods -
my leg started bothering me - put on crutches
& bandage - walked 2 or 3 miles - went
into woods & H.C. was brot to me

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 43

No., Rank, Name :- 3113 4430 Sgt. WALTER E. MINOR
Unit :- 410th Sqd. 94th Bomb Gr. (H)

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? *yes*
- (b) If not, had you one on you? *yes*
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (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.
 - (iii) Milk (tube).
 - (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).
 - (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).
 - (vi) Matches. *✓ Light cigarettes*
 - (vii) Adhesive tape. *✓ Wounded*
 - (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. *Wore it away*
- (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? *add an antiseptic*

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?
 - (ii) Compass.

- (iii) File (hacksaw).
- (iv) Foreign Currency. State countries and amounts. *2000 francs. French*
How did you spend the money. *for help*
- (d) How did you dispose of:-
 - Maps.
 - Compass.
 - File (hacksaw).
 - Surplus currency.

} *gave away*

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? *No*
If so, how many?
- (b) Did you use them?
State how.

5. LECTURES

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *yes*
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.
Thurleigh, in May. H. Wright
- (b) Did you find the lectures of value?

I never had to put into use.

9 April 1943

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TO : Personnel concerned.

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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:
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 - (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 ANDREWS:

Ralph Pulsifer
RALPH PULSIFER,
Colonel, AGD, Adjutant General.

CERTIFICATE

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

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Name (Print) MINOR, WALTER E Signed Walter E. MinorRank Sgt ASN 31134430 Date June 29, 1943Unit 41089d. 94* Bomb Gr. (H) Witness John F. White Jr. 1021. 90

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Date 27 June 1943

Unit 410 Sqn. 94th Bn. Grp. Heavy

Witness Grady Lewis
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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER
U.S. ARMY CASUAL DETACHMENT
GIBRALTAR

26 June 1943

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : Personnel named below.

T/Sgt. Claiborne W. Wilson, 14068222, 336th Bn. Grp.,
423rd. Sqn.

S/Sgt. Carey B. Ford, 34161709

Sgt. Walter E. Minor, 311134430, 410 Sqn. 94th Bn.
Grp., Heavy.

having reported at this station on 26 June 1943, you 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 No. 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. TDN PD 1-5412 P 432-02 A 0425-24.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel HOLCOMB:

GRADY LEWIS,
Major, Air Corps,
Executive Officer.

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