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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

- 1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. KYLius
- 2. Decorations. None
- 3. Unit or Squadron. 306TH Bomb BRA 423=1 594.
- 4. Division (Army) or Group.
- 5. Date of Birth. Nov. 7- 1916
- 6. Length of Service. 2 YEARS
- 7. Private Address. 802 CEOAR ST. YANKTON, S. DAK.
- 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?

 ST. NAZAIRE FEB.16-'43 Ploermel, Morsinan France
- If in AF, give names of other members of crew and what happened to them.

 Pilor . WARNER Killer PADIO Espiralise P. W. CARISON (0-WMIT BO NEALEY _ DEAP UTLEY -MAG. .. Kissline -DEAD BAIL TUR MURGAN -Wilson ENG. ESCAPED TAIL G.
- 10. Give details and full story of your trip on attached sheets.
- 11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? 200 or 300 FRANCS
- 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 experiences. Where and when?

MAJ. CLARK . SPAIN - MAJ. LEWIS + MR. ANDERSON - Gib. Lot LT. BRITISH - BRISTO!

15. Did you report on your operations? 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? YES.

SPAIN-IGNE 26-MAJ. CLARK. - Gib. MAJ. LEWIS - LONDON.

17. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.
June 28- Gib. - Air

18. Place and date of arrival in U.K.

Bristol, June 29-43

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11 July 1943

& E REPORT NO. 45 EVASION IN FRANCE

0-726043, 2d Lt Robert E. KYLIUS 423 Bomb Squadron, 306 Bomb Group

26 8/12 Years.

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 2 Years.

HOME ADDRESS:

802 Cedar St.

YANKTON, South Dakota

MTA: 16 Feb 1943 Arrived Spain: 5 June 1943 Arrived Gibraltar: 26 June 1943 Arrived UK:

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AVOID MID-AIR CRASH

PILOT KILLED

FORCED TO ABANDON SHIP

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SEES ONE CHUTE

GREETED BY FRENCHMEN

WARNED OF GERMANS

GIVEN DIRECTIONS

RECOGNISED BY

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Z. at MORHAIX - Saw an airfield near here which the French said had just enough petrol for combat in that area. (march)

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me small towns in BEITTANY policies were
either very young or middle-agelx They were dressed
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5. Southwest of PARIS (m. VERSAILLES) an hour on the train saw fully loaded thoop trains one siding & also saw light tan tanks loaded on trains standing an sidings a Two hours train ride from PARIS going routh saw more hoop trains, not moving, loaded with very tired and hargard Cooking throps a british phaloon barrage.

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AFFENDIX "B" TO E & E REPORT NO. 45

- 1. The following information has been obtained after an interview with an officer 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.

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 If NOT, state why not. Lost in Bailing Out.
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16 February 1943 THURLEICH

We left THURLEIGH approximately 0900 hours 16 February 1943. Our target was ST. NAZAIRE. We reached the target, without incident, and dropped our bombs at 1130 hours. At this time no one of the crew was injured though the aircraft was showing a few flak holes. Our plane was leading the second element of the group. The first three ships made a sharp turn to the left away from the target. In following, we made a wide turn which threw our three ships far to the right of the formation. On the turn we were exposed and saw four FW 190's coming in to attack from 12:00 o'clock. The first attack knocked out the 'inter-com' and left our number four engine smoking. I think this was the attack that killed the pilot (Lt WARNER).

EXPOSED TO ENEMY ATTACK

AVOID MID-AIR CRASH

PILOT KILLED

FORCED TO ABANDON SHIP.

Our ship nosed down steeply almost crashing into the right-wing ship. The co-pilot must have seen it in time for he pulled the ship level and peeled away from the formation. Our right wing tip dropped. Six fighters were making nose-on attacks as we steadily lost altitude. I went up to the pilot to suggest getting under clouds and the co-pilot motioned me to come to him. The pilot was lying in the cat-walk - dead. He had been shot in the back of the head. I helped the co-pilot fly the ship until we reached thin clouds at 6,000 feet. Another fighter attack set our number three engine on fire and more bursts got the hydraulic lines. The co-pilot and I decided it was time to get out.

I tried to climb back through the bomb-bay but found it impessible. The cat-walk was blocked by the top-turret and exygen bottles. When Lt CARISON saw that I couldn't get to the waist, he turned on the alarm bell. I went down to tell the navigator and saw that he was still firing. After a struggle I got the escape-hatch door away. In trying to get out I was caught for a short time by my parachute and the slipstream. Lt CARISON finally kicked me out. I opened my chute at 300 feet and saw one chute open in back of me. I landed all right while an FW circled with the pilot waving to me.

SEES ONE CHUTE

GREETED BY FRENCHMEN

WARNED OF GERMANS

GIVEN DIRECTIONS

RECOGNISED BY TWO BOYS

16 February 1943 9 March 1943 JOURNEY ARRANGED Four Frenchmen were on the spot to greet me. After I got out of my chute I gave it to them to bury. They shook hands with me. I don't speak French but when I asked about Germans they told me the Boche were seven kilometers away. I left them and walked about 100 feet to a group of people - one of whom had called to me in English. This person brought a pair of trousers to me and told me to run because the Germans were coming.

I ran down a hill to some bushes where I discarded my flying coveralls and heated suit. I had a green combat jacket and scarf to go with the trousers and kept my flying shoes on. For two hours I walked along a canal keeping out of sight until I spotted a Frenchman who looked friendly. When I asked the way to SPAIN he pointed the directions of St. Nazaire, Lorient and Brest. He told me one 'Camarade' had been taken to a hospital with a bad leg wound, I believe this was Sgt. ESPITALLIER. Continuing to follow the canal for about three kilometers I passed a barge. I saw about six Frenchmen watching me so I walked to them. I said I was an American but they seemed to know immediately and felt about me for injuries. After they had given me some wine, I left them and sometime later walked along a road. Whenever I heard a car I dived into a ditch and hid until it passed. Several times I hid in woods to avoid people.

About 1900 hours I arrived in the outskirts of a small village. As I passed two young boys I heard them say, "RAF or American." I walked to the side of the road and motioned to them. Told them, "American," and made signs to show I was hungry. They took me to their home for food. As soon as I got there, the father left, returning later with a man who spoke English. I told him I wanted to go to Spain. He said it was impossible and that I'd better stay with him until the war was over. When I refused he suggested I come for a week anyway. I stayed with him three weeks during which time my subsequent journey was arranged for me.

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