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

E & E REPORT NO. 520
EVASION IN FRANCE

3/26/44
(Date)

ROSENBLATT, ML 1ST LT 0680121
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
MISSION — 12th
68th 44th
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: 5 Ki Sights

MIA: 1/21/44

Arrived in UK:

3/24/44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Official
Disposition

Narrators
Disposition

PILOT	SOROTKA, Frank Jr.	
CO-PILOT	ROSENBLATT, MILTON L	— 914
NAVIGATOR	BUTLER, Fred C.	
BOMBARDIER	TEITEL, ABRAHAM	—
RADIO OPERATOR	CAPIZZI	Reported in France by French People
TOP TURRET GUNNER	SHAEFFER	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	SHANIOTTO	
WAIST GUNNER	SHOCKLY	
WAIST GUNNER	ROSS	
TAIL GUNNER	REEVES	

5 m 4 c h t s

1 person dead
B safe on gnd

Were you wounded?

No

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26 March 1944
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MILTON L ROSENBLATT, 1st Lt, O-680721

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

12 missions

(Number of Missions)

68 Bomb Sq, 44 Bomb Group

(Squadron) (Group)

SITES

TARGET: SKI SIGHTS

MIA: 21 January 1944

Arrived in UK:

24 March 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

			Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	O-799486	2st Lt	Frank W SOBOTKA, JR	MIA
CO-PILOT	O-680721	1st Lt	Milton L ROSENBLATT	NARRATOR
NAVIGATOR	O-676018	1st Lt	Frederick C BUTLER	MIA
BOMBARDIER	O-678496	1st Lt	Abraham TEITEL	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	32533914	T/Sgt	Thomas F CAPIZZI	MIA
TOP TURRET GUNNER	33187932	T/Sgt	Clair P SHAEFFER	MIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	19062047	S/Sgt	August F SMANIOTTO	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	15332970	S/Sgt	Charles W SHOCKLEY	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	35773111	S/Sgt	Andrew J ROSS	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	13046428	S/Sgt	Clarence D REEVES	MIA

Were you wounded?

HIT BY
FIGHTERS

On our third run over our target in the Pas de Calais German fighters hit us, knocked out our inter-com and set number two engine on fire. Number one ~~was~~^{ran} away. We went into a spiral at 12,000 feet, pulled out ^{at} about 5,000 feet, and went into a flat spin. The pilot rang the alarm bell. I followed the engineer out. I think the radio operator and the pilot were the only ones left.

BAILED
OUT

~~When I reached for my rip cord, I discovered that I had my parachute but got away with it.~~
on upside down. I saw three parachutes on the ground before I landed. I landed close by the plane and ~~heard ammunition going off.~~^I I hit flat on my back and was dazed. I took off my parachute ~~and started running~~^{was} when I saw a man coming up the hill toward me. I walked along in a ditch, tearing up my AGO card which I had made the mistake of carrying on what I thought was a milk run. ~~I lay down in the woods and tried to sleep but could not.~~

I put a bundle of faggots on my shoulder in order to look like a peasant and started walking across a field. A French boy whom I met took me to his house. I stayed in the barn a while, but the ~~Frenchman~~^{man there} told me to "Partir" and made a ~~motion with his hand~~^{gesture} which I had ~~never~~^{not} seen before. At first I did not understand, but the ~~man~~^{he} showed me what ~~the~~^{for me} direction to go. ~~I started out and~~^{walked I} found from my compass that I was going south. I ~~walked~~^{went} through fields and got into some marshland.

RAN INTO
HELP

I met a Frenchwoman by grabbing a horse which was running away from her. When I handed it to her, she discovered that I was an American and took me to her house. ~~(insert section A from reverse)~~
~~From that place my journey was arranged.~~

Compiled by

D E EMERSON
1st Lt, AUS

Approved by

W STULL HOLT
Lt Col, AC
Commanding

Appendix B

1. The following information has been obtained from an officer who evaded capture in enemy occupied territory.

2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but in that case it is important not to divulge any details about the source.

Statement of information covering the period from 21 January 1944 to 24 March 1944

a. While walking from BOUTAVENT la GRANGE to MUREAUMONT on 21 January 1944 informant noticed heavy tire tracks going into an empty field. A thick woods was on the other side of the field. He did not notice any activity while he passed.

b. Traveling through the CREIL railroad yards on 17 March 1944 informant noticed a good bomb pattern on the rail yards. No bombs fell outside the yards. He saw much more equipment---tanks, trucks, canon, etc--- which could be bombed.

c. Informant was told that an old German camp site south west of BEAUVAIS with well camouflaged buildings and watch towers was unoccupied in March

Section "A" - insert

She sheltered me that night and the next afternoon took me some distance by horse and buggy. *After walking for the rest of that day*

JOURNEY ARRANGED
~~After I had walked some distance I stopped at one place for help and was refused.~~ Farther on I knocked at a door and received help. From that place my journey was arranged. *point*

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:--

Unit:--

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. Lost in jump*
- b. If not, why? *IT WAS THROWN OUT OF MY POCKET WHEN I JUMPED*
- 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).
- Denzadrine 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. Lost in jump*
State color of stripes and letters.
If NOT, State why not. *IT WAS THROWN OUT OF MY POCKET*
- 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?

YES EXTRA COMPASSES

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

If so, how many? YES SIX

b. Did you use them? YES

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

YES MANY TIMES IN THE STATES AND ON ARRIVAL IN UK.

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

YES. Told not to travel at night. That most French help you.

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

Not to go through large towns
Approach house only if not sighted
to look to people along other houses
1 put in my state that it

Man should make their
Man should carry Indostan
Usually put CK in shirt - this is in shirt under flying boots

See attached
flip.

b. Yes. Told me not to travel in France at night; to avoid large towns; to speak only to people alone; to approach only isolated houses.

c. ① It was good to learn that most Frenchmen will help you.

② You must wear your dog tags.

③ Put escape kit where you won't lose it — you will need it. I lost mine from open pocket.

④ Wear shoes under flying boots.

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E 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.,.....)

While traveling from Bontant to Mureauxmont I saw heavy tire tracks going into an empty field. There was a thick woods on the other side of the field. I didn't notice any activity going on at the time.

While staying just outside of Beaumis I saw two or three raids carried out on what I think was the airport. I didn't have a chance to observe actual damage but the French people reported good bombing.

I was at the station in Creil the day after one of our raids and saw a splendid bomb pattern. No bombs fell outside the yards but there was much more equipment (tanks, trucks, cannons etc) that could be bombed.

Just South west of Beaumis there is an old German camp site with well camouflaged buildings and watch towers that the French say is unoccupied now.

Rosenblatt. TOC 1100 for this night - one pass - saw T - 20 miles -
putably left to go for another run.

24 plane - 8/18/6

In 2d run - headed down (2d + N3 position headed)
up by - we left by rockets. Miss on #6 2d time

For third time saw trail 5 planes at 9 - came in in 11 at
11 - 2 passes -

1st vs - bright burning - got I-C - 2d - saw wing -
Saw running - No 2 on fire / running.

U. start low (1) - 2 on fire - snap over with
extra speed - start spiral. 12,000' - down
to 5000' - pull out - flat spin

Firebombing fell when 1st spiral - 2 got it mostly
good as if asleep. C 7000'

Cut power on 3 & 4 - too late -

Snapped in out of frame - Oh, got out - told Aug -
Sublet - showed forward, I run more carefully
slow. I think he lost out of track.

Followed by - RO still there

We still had on bombs.

Swing through air quickly down - had hit in quick down.

Reached by zig and - couldn't find it - shake left of
opened chute, 3 chutes got before I landed - plane
land before in woods SW Tanager

I land close by - had arm going N

1st flat on back - dazed

Man runs up hill to me - I scared - took off shirt - brand
of boots - left NW - run - away from fence - S
to ditch - walk along - arrived at 8:00 pass & bus.
c1400 Kept long jacket for day - took off shoes run for
moments.

To edge of woods - jumping - mind hardly seem to
be registering

Saw house by self - think approach later.

Leg down - tried sleep - but couldn't

Put hand fingers to on shoulder - carry across field -

Saw boy ^{not far} walk toward me - I up to me

I think he now scared then I

Laugh / uph G - 'Am' - 'Oui'

'Follow me' - ran to left - I kept sticks - ran - told
on three sticks

To c. house - I wait - Man & woman mother in in -
To house

c1600

Seen to live in house upstairs

c1900 then, wife, boy are upstairs

Tell me 'Patri' - don't understand at 1st

Show me directions - found from compass that it S

Through fields - into Marshland

Grabbed house running from woman - hand to her - She

Sph in S - I understood. Sg Am? - No. She
said she alone -

Follows her to house - over night the

Silbats Bounden - she says see S lets you

Told me take me to her mother's place near Formine.

Left that pm - gave me jacket & shoes - muffs.

In home and busy to men Boastevan - mother's plan
Told them I ~~was~~ for Paris - I don't want take train

From S-Lates - Waco Mrs. Kansas / Henry too big
Concluded that if I walked toward Paris get picked up before
I got halfway there - 'Walk to Paris - get picked up on
my way'

She took me just outside some town - I start walk
to Milly sur Therou

At Gullon tried to rent by a dog - it's black
smith's shop, look 'Allemands ice' - he picked
not understood. Took me to house - I told Ann
Told go on next town - through Bonnieres

Just before Milly - lunch down - with family - they
seemed fed.

Man took me to his house in Bonnieres

Wife - pregnant - kids 2

Next day couple people were in me

Woman spoke with - husband Peroche Raymond
Lives in Milly

Man spoke pretty good English - think school teacher.
Peroche took me by bike back Gullon

To Vrocont with Foulon - man, wife, ^{and 15-16} kids
1st

Big fall fellow there - spoke some to
to sleep in field

2 into the - with letter here.

He told me I was - told me go back way of Africa

Paul Georges -

To Benicourt - transport
Said had caught 5 or 6 birds helped before
Had hidden room from cellar
3-4 days. On bottles

Was about mentioning name further y

In car to Beauvais - outside town - little house

Old man & young fellow - 8 yrs of in school speak French

M Thibault pick me up there

Ask for dog type - pictures

Took in car to other side town

5 by pub near church - met mother, Mme Marais
with me the day

Then to his house Benicourt

Took from just outside - Rogier (Le Croquet Farm)

3 weeks later
Son, wife (Christine), etc have another part of farm

In house not if the died

50x Left camp (?) - very old school teacher - after 7

part with girl you Rogier married

Want visit right, left, get, Glenn

Enthusiastic among way to Spain by way of Ben & me.

To 4 the story of body - don't want of men never see

[I supposed of some woman named 2. Or]

Supposed to women - Thibault was a man from down
Marianne

3
Told me that his woman captured & woman
Captured

Thus impossible for us to leave
Dendani & the Dlemmas to do

I go Rocky Lake - Marani's - Wright & Helfgot
Helfgot go to Rossi

Wright & I in

↓ Over to Mom's mother's place last

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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.
- (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.

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) MILTON L ROSENBLATT

Signed Milton L Rosenblatt

Rank 1ST LT A. S. N. 0-680721

Dated 26. 7. 44

Unit 44TH Bomb Gp. 68TH SQDN

Witness W. C. Munson 1ST LT AUS

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. MILTON LOUIS ROSENBLATT
2. Decorations. 1ST LT. O-680721
3. Unit or Squadron. 44TH Bomb Gp 68TH SQDN
4. Division (Army) or Group. Air Corp
5. Date of Birth. 7/11/22
6. Length of Service. ~~From April~~ 2 YEARS
7. Private Address. 246 JEFFERSON AVE MIAMI BEACH FLORIDA
8. Job as civilian. WAITER
9. From what field did you take off? SHIPDHAM
10. Take off time. 1100
11. Date and target. JAN 21ST 1944 SKI SITES IN NORTH FRANCE
12. Where did you land? TOUPRAY
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? YES
14. What was your position in aircraft? CO-PILOT
15. Were you wounded? NO
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? NO
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? NO DOG TAGS 2 1/P
18. Did you have Identity Papers? YES (A.S.O. Pass) (figured in 1/6 run)
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?
YES Today 26.3.44
22. Date of arrival in Spain. _____
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. _____
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. LEFT FRANCE 0400 ON 4/24/44 NEAR PAMPOL
Arrived PAMPOL 4/24/44

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
OFFICE OF THE A. C. OF S., G-2

DATE: 25 March 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, MANUEL M. ROGOFF, 2nd Lt, AC, O-678392

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

MILTON L. ROSENBLATT, 1st Lt, AC, O-680721

prior to his being reported missing in action over enemy territory.

The person whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon is the individual referred to above.

Manuel M Rogoff

Milton L Rosenblatt

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as MILTON L. ROSENBLATT
1st Lt, AC, O-680721 (68 Bomb Squadron - 44 Bomb Group)
previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

W. F. MARANDA SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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