

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

E & E REPORT NO. 556
EVASION IN FRANCE

17 April 44
(Date)

Richard J FAULKNER, SGT, 12214475
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

1 mission

(Number of Missions)

350 Bomb Squadron, 100 Bomb Group
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: Augsburg

MIA: 18 March 44
Arrived in UK:

16 April 44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-593304	2d Lt	Paul A MARTIN	MIA	
CO-PILOT	0-795361	2d Lt	Thomas CRYAN	MIA	
NAVIGATOR	0-809515	2d Lt	Tom F HUGHES	MIA	
BOMBARDIER	0-688553	2d Lt	Albert A RACZ	MIA	
RADIO OPERATOR	13167691	S/Sgt	Russell E LONGDON	MIA	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	36620984	S/Sgt	Levi O TONN	MIA	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	12214475	Sgt	Richard J FAULKNER		NARRATOR
WAIST GUNNER	37462927	Sgt	Veryl A LUND	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	18124028	Sgt	Lonnie J ALBIN	MIA	
TAIL GUNNER	16110646	Sgt	John E HOWLEY	MIA	

Were you wounded?

E&E : Sgt Richard J FAULKNER

CRASHED INTO ANOTHER PLANE

RAILED OUT - LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS

Just after we crossed the coast of France on our way to AUGSBURG flak started ~~in the distance and~~ closed in on us, breaking ^{up} our formation. When we were pulling back into position a ship came down on us. I felt the impact. The next thing I knew I was on my head in the ball turret. I reached up, unfastened the safety belt, pushed back the door, and tried to stand but ~~but~~ could not in the strong wind. I hooked on my ~~chest type~~ parachute and managed to crawl over the side. I passed the stabilizer and opened my parachute. The next thing I knew I ~~lay~~ ^{was lying} on the ground, covered by my parachute. ~~My chin was bruised as if my parachute had hit it in opening.~~ At first I could not stand up. I seemed to have wrenched my knee.

SAW PLANE WRECKAGE

With considerable difficulty I picked up my parachute ~~and~~ went to the nearby woods where I hid my parachute, ~~my~~ vest, and flying gloves. After I had walked about 100 yards I met a man, woman, girl, and boy, and dropped to the ground. I called to them that I was an American. When they pointed in one direction I started to go that way. ~~I found an old type oxygen mask and a couple of bomb craters. At the edge of the woods I saw a piece of a stabilizer. A fuselage seemed to be in another woods.~~ I heard voices and retraced my steps, hiding ^{exhausted} in ~~ext~~ ~~huation~~ about 50 yards from the place where I had hid my parachute.

HELPED

JOURNEY ARRANGED

When After some minutes a Frenchman passed. I yelled to him he realized who I was, led me to an orchard, and had me hide while he brought another Frenchman. They took me to a hiding place in the middle of a field, gave me civilian clothes, and took me to a farmhouse. When the Germans came to check identity papers in the neighborhood the next day, I was taken to the field, ~~and then to~~ ~~I was taken to a place from which my journey was arranged.~~

Compiled by

Approved by

D E EMERSON
1st Lt, AUS

W STULL HOLT
Lt Col, AC
Commanding

Appendix B

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

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

Statement of information covering the period from 18 March to 15 April 1944

a. Informant was told that a large ^M mobile German unit was stationed at SOISSONS.

b. Informant was told that quite a few Germans were living in churches, especially at ROUEN.

c. Informant was told and observed that the soldiers in small towns in Normandy were either very young or very old.

d. Informant was told that there are three lines of fortifications running from the swamps near BORDEAUX to the ^{area of} SOISSONS in an arc around PARIS. Between ~~the back of~~ this line and PARIS were no fortifications. Between PARIS and Germany were supposed to be good ~~fortifications~~ defences.

e. Informant noticed trenches ^h and pill boxes in some of the small towns in Normandy.

f. In BULLY ^(Seine Infe.) at the end of March or early in April informant noticed quite a few Germans armed with rifles, in brown uniforms with red arm bands bearing Swastikas.

Appendix D

1. 2. I lost my ~~car~~ aids box and purse when I bailed out. The pocket in which I carried them was ripped off.

3. I hadnot been at my group long enough ³ to have received passport size photographs.

4. I had been lectured on evasion and escape at Grand Island, Nebraska by a navigator, and in England ~~at~~ Hemel-Hempstead in February by an ~~escaped~~ pilot who had evaded.

5. Men should be sure to carry passport-size photographs for identity papers. They should also be sure to keep their dog tags.

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. *Faulkner, Richard John - Sgt. 12214475*
2. Decorations. *None*
3. Unit or Squadron. *350th Bomb. Sqd.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *100th Bomb. Grp.*
5. Date of Birth. *Oct 8 - 1924*
6. Length of Service. *16 months*
7. Private Address. *Mottville, New York*
8. Job as civilian. *Jig-operator in woolen mill*
9. From what field did you take off?
My home field at Diss
10. Take off time. *8:55*
11. Date and target. *March - 18-44*
12. Where did you land? *Augsburg Harda Court*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?
14. What was your position in aircraft? *Ball-turret*
15. Were you wounded? *No - I had a bruised knee and was laid up for over a week - trying to nurse it.*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *No*
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? *No Spanish - A little French*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *Yes DOG TAGS IIP*
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 - No
20. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *yes - here with these papers*
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. *4/16/44*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *4/16/44*

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Faulkner, R. J. Sgt. 12214475
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

1
(Number of Missions)

MIA: March-18-1944
Arrived in UK:

350th 100th
(Squadron) (Group)

April-16-1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT <u>Martin - Paul - A.</u>		
CO-PILOT		
NAVIGATOR <u>Hughes - Tom - F.</u>		
BOMBARDIER <u>Racz - Albert - A.</u>		
RADIO OPERATOR <u>Hogdon - Russell - E.</u>		
TOP TURRET GUNNER <u>tonh - Levi - O.</u>		
BALL TURRET GUNNER <u>Faulkner - Richard - J.</u>		
WAIST GUNNER <u>Lund - Veryl - A.</u>		
WAIST GUNNER <u>Albin - Lonnie - J.</u>		
TAIL GUNNER <u>Howley - John - E.</u>		

518 pch^t lot
men in plane

Saw no parachutes
Howley - other 9 crew members killed in plane

Were you wounded?

No.

We were hit by another airplane and it happened so quickly that no one had a chance because they had on their flak vests and had to take them off to put on their chutes. I had my chute in the ball-turret and our ship broke up and I escaped thru the door of the turret - the aircraft was in two pieces as I was later told.

Later I was told that near pieces of the airplane there was nine men. All were dead. I was shown a wrist band belonging to Sgt. Lund. - Also I was shown a parachute from our aircraft. - I was also given a description of my fellow members - Also was told of the Military funeral they were given to show the people there abouts - Propaganda purposes. - Also I saw pieces of my airplane.

Col Miller CO 13-27 Base Norwich *Hiding in woods*
LT Geo Schiedman
Supposed to be held up at Amiens - G. Schiedman

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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.

GERTIFIGATE

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) Faulkner, Richard J.
Rank Sgt. A. S. N. 12214475
Unit 350th Bomb Sq. d., 100th Bomb. Grp.

Signed Richard J. Faulkner
Dated March 17, 1944
Witness Olmeron 1ST LT AUS

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Foul Knew to, rendezvous, start across Ch - to myshing. Test fire guns.
N call coast for - cross coast before met flake - start in distance -
Com close - both format in. N call P - not answer P yours on land.
Pulled into position P say look out - ship coming down on us -
felt in pack. Next thing knew on head in turret - reached
up - unfastened safety belt - open door - pushed back - try
stood in seat - mind to stay - chit on lower - looked on.
Tried to stand up but couldn't. By jump but not too strong -

Down North's court
Vergence X

Crawled over side plane - A/C turn over - on back. I crawled out -
Went by stabilizer - pulled chit - hunched out - evidently
hit in chin; for binned. On god, wound chit. At 1st couldn't
stand - seemed wounded bones

Had funny curvature / not supposed to jump.

Picked up chit - stepping - to woods. Had pilot, MW,
gloves - Had coveralls over heated flying suit

Started at - c 100 yds met man, woman, girl, boy - dragged
to ground - called son when they started to pass. They
pointed in direction. I start go that way - c 1/8th mile
found old type O2 mask - bomb crater - Am type shell.

1230
Toward woods - had voice - Saw pieces of stabilizer - evidently
plane: Sunlaye seen to be up in woods. Started go back
way came from. In leg flying boots - difficult walking
Back to c 50 yds. from where hid pilot - lay down - rest.

c 5 min. For man came along - I followed at him. He had in follow.
Had in hide 45 - to orchard, had in wait, soaked Gully
clothes. He went to farmhouse, brot another man - to hole
in middle of field - gave me clothes to wear - had his
own clothes underneath. They took flying clothes; had

To farmhouse. Stayed that night.

Next day 3 com check 2/P - hid in hole - all day in rain

C room farmer put woman who yk's Eng - was in about security

18 March Dog can hear saw ^{c 1630} 4 pch's - told to waiting for them in good - by time coming down.

Not sure whether 2-3 days at farmhouse.

at night c 2000 farmer moved to house in town of Vergennes.

Farmer left me at house of Mrs Rogers Dubray.

2 Fr patriots - kids - took me to place at other end of town - there that night - hot in bomb - Schmidtman - 1 picture.

Went with Dubray to find my pch't - took to his house.

Yellow pulled out identity booklet - Sgt Lund (RWG) - showed me ch't, plain floors picked up meekly - before to - asked in command?

Yes. Got Schmidtman to ask him details - told 9 killed. House of Andre Lue. Did come in afternoon - Ballad (?) 31 heavy set, c 5'5"; dark black hair.

Cordently told st something about Col (Miller)

2 yellow then claim blow up 350 soldiers on train.

One not move on motor bicycles with 2 Fr men, B, 1 station Contre ville to house of good, above.

She went on bicycle evident to get in touch with Col. B got message that Col 'Waiting patiently & trusting people' said too many pch't into at home to move us.

B left - told I to stay - gather too much risk in stay with U.

She say I leave within 2 days.

But note printed in S - I to be patient - not to be moved because getting information from leader now. Abysmal - that too many pch't

I stay until c 5 April - c 15 days.

Had to visit quietly.

One young Fr man came - told I to leave with him - had motor cycle - short, dark hair, smooth face, long straight nose - one of tenants who had blown up 350 soldiers -

To another town - Le Canale - left with butcher - then over night next am to another house - again talk at yard with mayor that day & night. Then back to butcher.

Some BS come question me - I not give mit tag inf.

B

Fellow was in mit tag - short, wavy hair, dark
He took me to Bully (?) Quite few BS there
BS wear uniform - red
arm band - Swastika
rifles

At meals on plane, stay with his sister
I am left for Neu-chatel by mit tag - passed BS sentries with
Tommy guns.

To mit ^{lumber yard} yard - met fellow spoke of well - Red hair, short,
fresh faced face, c 24

I had made 9 plt jumps into his

Another fellow then with wooden leg.

B

Told BS with I was - old a young

Woman, little girl up little

Told me I to go to farm near town where 2 more pellets -

Described me fellow had met when staying with lady.

He had been Red haired, big Norman Piro 19 Missouri 21 March W6 Fatness
at Gabe Sue's met at Neu-chatel 58 Clayton St Rochester, NY. Down near Rowen.
Richard Eliot - 1324 W6 20 March.

I don't know Tex.

Man who had put me had had there 2 fellows.

I never saw him again.

Told that some of BS sleeping in churches.

Left c 14 April

Man with wooden leg & ^{red head} ^(p photo) man from Paris come in car - to go
to Paris

To Neu-chatel station, 3 of us with 2d red head - c 5 hrs to Paris

To Mitro - to fellow's home.

had been to Prisoner

Next am took me up for photo

Something about his chief E.
Got my papers fixed - found others not ok. Then went on out.
In pm had had girl who took me out - same girl as had
Wms - (dark black hair, thick rimmed glasses, good height)

13 To St Merdic - just before or after on rd - camp/forest
It's dark green - mixed into huns. No mung.

Saw no planes.

Chained to
Rode 7 pm. to mall of - walk a rough hike - to another
town.

To a little bar, ate, left girl - picked up 2 women who came
back
out in guide's truck.

Lost completely, stop in town when lost of us.

To huns, ate, met 'Mad Russian' who came back - spoke
good E.

When work up RSC off then - I told me we leave by boat
after dark. to place where meet Wms & Br. Just Capt.
Scared me to death

Capt. briefed us on our trip - gave us all something to carry.

S E C R E T

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E 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*
- b. If not, why? *I lost it when I bailed out*
- 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. *I lost every thing I had when I bailed out*
- b. Did you use the purse? *No*

(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?

If so, how many? *No*

b. Did you use them?

5. LECTURES

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

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM *Grand-Island-Nebr. A Navigator -*

England-Hemel-Hempstead - Feb. - An escaped-Pilot

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? *Make sure they have*

escape pictures with them - Make sure they do not give away their Dog tags -

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "B" 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.,.....)

I was told that there was a big German Mobile unit at Soissons and they were moving light flak guns on the trains constantly on all trains - I was also told that quite a few Germans were living in the churches, especially at Rouen - the soldiers that guard the small towns are either very young or very old. I was told that there was three lines of fortification running north to south from Soissons to the swamps near Bordeaux and none between the last line to Paris. But from Paris on back to Germany they have fairly good defenses - At the rail yard in Paris I saw a few very large flak guns between box-cars and barrage balloons. Also they are putting trenches and similar fortifications in the streets of the towns - An Air drome at St. Merdic
(told to Schneiderman - at km / Amch bar)

OUTLINE FOR TALKS

1. Complete description of everything that happened. in plane before jump.
2. Description of jump and landing.
3. Description of what you did with your equipment.
4. Tell story of experiences up to time you met the person who put you in contact with organization.

DO NOT GIVE THE NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO HELPED YOU AT ANY TIME.

DO NOT GIVE THE NAMES OF TOWNS.

DO NOT GIVE ANY ADDRESSES.

5. How you crossed Pyrenees (General Location)
6. Your experiences in Spain.

Suggestions for others.

If there is some helpful incident that happened after you were picked up, do not mention it until it has been discussed with M.I.S. Interrogator.

Richard R Nelson

RICHARD R NELSON
Major, AC

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

556

DATE: 17 April 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, ROBERT H. TIENKEN, Capt., AC, 0-562206

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

RICHARD J. FAULKNER, Sgt., AC, 1221/1/75

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.

Robert H. Tienken

Richard J. Faulkner

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



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The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as RICHARD J. FAULKNER, Sgt., AC, 1221/1/75 (350 Bomb Squadron - 100 Bomb Group) previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

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

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