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

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DATE: 19 April 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, HOWARD E. FOIL, Capt., AC, O-326180

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

CHARLES R. BIGLER, 2nd Lt., AC, O-736081

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.

Charles R. Bigler

Howard E. Foil

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



=====  
The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as CHARLES R. BIGLER,  
2nd Lt., AC, O-736081 (524 Bomb Squadron - 379 Bomb Group)  
previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

W. F. MARANDA

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

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19 October 1942

SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

TO : Personnel concerned.

1. It is the duty of all Americans to safeguard information which might, either directly or indirectly, be useful to the enemy.
2. It is an offense, carrying heavy penalties, to publish or to communicate to any unauthorized person any information which might be useful to the enemy.
3. 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.
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:
  - (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. 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 EISENHOWER:

(signed) RALPH PULSIFER,  
Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

## 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 American Military Attache to whom I first report, or an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) CHARLES R. BIGLER Signed Charles R. Bigler  
 Rank 2nd Lt A.S.N. O-736081 Date APRIL 12, 1944  
 Unit 379th Bmb GRP. 524th Sqd. Witness Wm. W. Dineen  
Col. G.S.C.

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

E & E REPORT NO. 558  
EVASION IN FRANCE

April 18, 1944  
(Date)

Charles R BIGLER 2d Lt 0-736081  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: LE BOURGET

14  
(Number of Missions)

MIA: 16 August 1943  
Arrived in UK:

524 Bomb Squadron, 379 Bomb Group  
(Squadron) (Group)

April 17, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-736081	2d Lt	Charles R BIGLER		<del>MIA</del> <del>MIA</del> NARRATOR
CO-PILOT	0-677197	2d Lt	Vern P DEEHR		<del>MIA</del> P/W
NAVIGATOR	0-794092	2d Lt	John W BRADLEY		P/W
BOMBARDIER	0-733269	2d Lt	John T BOYLE		E&E #138
RADIO OPERATOR	35402140	T/Sgt	Benjamin B JOHNSON		<del>MIA</del> P/W
TOP TURRET GUNNER	19080965	T/Sgt	Albert P <del>FRY</del> TYLER		E&E #139
BALL TURRET GUNNER	16084957	Sgt	Charles J KUKAWSKI		MIA
WAIST GUNNER	18041327	S/Sgt	James A DYSON		<del>E&amp;E #</del> <del>E&amp;E</del> 571
WAIST GUNNER	31159520	S/Sgt	John A STRACHUR		<del>MIA</del> KIA
TAIL GUNNER	35488678	S/Sgt	Paul MATTEWS		<del>MIA</del> PW

52w. 8c/s  
Henry - name

CO-PILOT - WAS WOUNDED! (HEAD INJURIES)

Were you wounded? YES

1. HAIR + HEAD WERE BURVED
2. Right ANKLE INJURED BY CANNON
3. Right SIDE INJURED BY FRAGMENTS

FIRE.

I SAW 8 PARACHUTES OPEN!

OF CANNON FIRE.



E&E 558: 2d Lt Charles R BIGLER

I was pilot of the crew from which Lt BOYLE and Sgt TYLER have returned. (See E&E 138-139.) About three minutes after we turned on the IP to bomb Le BOURGET German fighters attacked us, hit an oxygen bottle behind the co-pilot and wounded the two of us. Another attack hit other oxygen bottles. I dropped below the formation. The cockpit was on fire. In a head-on attack a fighter shot out number three engine, and I could not feather it. My hair was beginning to burn. I rang the warning bell. The interphone was dead. I put the ship on AFCE, stood between the seats, and flew for two minutes. I turned the AFCE off, ~~and~~ went out the navigator's hatch at 15,000 to 13,000 feet, and delayed my jump to about 6,000 feet. The bombs were still in the ship.

~~I had been instructed in parachuting~~ Thanks to instructions I had received about parachuting, I made a good landing. I was helped immediately--- taken to a farmhouse, fed, and given civilian clothes. I was taken to a place from which my journey was arranged.

Compiled by

D E EMERSON  
1st Lt, AUS

Approved by

W STULL HOLT  
Lt Col, AC  
Commanding

Appendix B1

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 16 August 1943 to 22 February 1944.

a. Informant was told that there is a seaplane factory 1.5 km SE of La FREITE which makes one plane each month or six weeks.

b. Informant was told in January that there is an <sup>ammunition</sup> arsenal 7km SW of MONTAUBAN just off the highway from MONTAUBAN to AUCH.

c. Informant was told that 2000 Germans were taken from MONTAUBAN to go

SEE E&E  
138-139

HIT BY  
GERMAN  
FIGHTERS -  
WOUNDED

PARACHUTED OUT

RECEIVED  
IMMEDIATELY

to the Italian front. Some were moving back in February. By 14 February about 400 had come. These men were either 50 or 15.

d. Informant was told that the morale of German troops in France is very bad.

e. Informant was told that 24 hours after the invasion communications and transport in the MONTAUBAN area would be stopped or broken.

f. Informant was told that German airfields are located near PAU, MONTAUBAN, and St ANTONIN.

g. Informant was told that the results of bombing at BORDEAUX on 31 December were very good, but that there had earlier been very bad bombing at St NAZAIRE and NANTES.

#### Appendix D

1. I carried an aids box which I did not need because I received immediate help. I kept the compass and found it most useful when I was crossing the Pyrenees. The rest of the equipment I gave to Frenchmen who helped me.

2. I carried a Red purse. I used the maps. I spent the money for shoes and for paying a guide.

~~3. I carried no other aids to evasion.~~

3. I had three passport-size photographs which I used on two cartes d'identite.

4. I was lectured in July 1943 at Kimbolton, England, by some evaders, ~~who were accompanied by Lt DARNELL.~~

(1)  
5. Two suggestions for other evaders are: (1) Do exactly as the French tell you, (2) If you are at one place any length of time, it is well to do exercises and keep in good condition for the Pyrenees climb.

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Military Intelligence Service

E & E REPORT NO. 557  
EVASION IN FRANCE

4-18-44  
(Date)

<sup>1st</sup>  
John N BEILSTEIN 2d Lt O-733514  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: *hantes*

20  
(Number of Missions)

MIA: 16 September 43  
Arrived in UK:

524 Bomb Sq, 379 Bomb Group  
(Squadron) (Group)

17 April 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-734095	2d Lt	Floyd H JAMERSON		KIA
CO-PILOT	0-738145	2d Lt	Earl H GUYETTE		P/W
NAVIGATOR	0-794097	2d Lt	Joseph F BURKOWSKI		MIA
BOMBARDIER	0-733514	<sup>1st</sup> 2d Lt	John N BEILSTEIN		NARRATOR
RADIO OPERATOR	<del>37271656</del>	T/Sgt	John F PAZNER		MIA
TOP TURRET GUNNER	<del>18102146</del>	S/Sgt	Alvin M RABUN		P/W
BALL TURRET GUNNER	<del>38148635</del>	S/Sgt	Charles T GRAY		P/W
WAIST GUNNER	<del>34128635</del>	S/Sgt	Howard E MOODY		P/W
WAIST GUNNER	31140922	S/Sgt	James P REID		P/W
TAIL GUNNER	15320292	S/Sgt	John SEMACH		E&E #422

SAW: P dead, N alive in ground

Hentes - None

Were you wounded?

No



SEE E&E 422  
 I was bombardier in the crew from which Sgt SEMACH has returned. (See E&E 422.) About 1615 on 16 September, 1943, just after we had passed RENNES on our German way to NANTES, I saw four fighters. The tail gunner and pilot reported that they were firing rockets. I saw an explosion under number two engine. The plane moved up under the high squadron, and we just missed the leader. I saw that the pilot was dead. The co-pilot made an effort to take ~~over~~ the controls and then slumped over. I thought that he was dead <sup>also.</sup> I tried to pull them out, but I became so weak from being off oxygen that I could not do much. I motioned to the navigator to bail out. He had already told the crew to prepare to leave.

HIT BY ROCKETS FROM FIGHTERS  
 I had popped my chest type chute up in the nose and had to change chutes. The navigator <sup>had not</sup> helped me or I probably could not have made the change. I left the ship at about 20,000 feet and passed out before I reached the clouds at 12,000 feet. The ~~force~~ <sup>brought me to.</sup> impact of landing ~~restored my consciousness.~~ I lay there for a couple of minutes, too weak to move. A number of French children, men, and women gathered around. I got up, walked over to a ditch, and rolled up my parachute.

BAILED OUT - LOST CONSCIOUSNESS  
 Then some Frenchmen took me to a ditch 200 or 300 yards from the place where I landed and indicated that I should stay there and that they would return. At dark they took me to a farmhouse, fed me, and gave me civilian clothes. I told them that I wanted to go to Spain and to go right away. I showed them my passport photographs, and asked them whether they could get me papers. They took everything from me but my wedding ring, dog tags, and escape equipment.

JOURNEY ARRANGED  
 I was taken to a place from which 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 16 September 1943 to 11 March 1944

a. Informant was told up to 1<sup>st</sup> December 1943 that the Brest Peninsula was very heavily occupied by German troops.

b. Informant was told that all trains carry <sup>AA</sup> anti-aircraft guns which are usually concealed.

in October and November

c. Informant was told that the coast around St MALO is heavily mined. The mines are electrically controlled from a central point so that they can be blown when ~~the~~ invasion takes place. French resistance groups claim to know the location of the mines and of the control point.

in October fighter

d. Informant was told that a large airfield ~~at~~ near DINAN was completely surrounded by large sharp stakes driven into the ground as a defence against para-troops.

e. Informant noticed German encampments in most of the towns he went through up to December in the Brest Peninsula and western France..

f. Informant was told that many German troops were in Paris, and he also saw many Germans <sup>there</sup> in December and January, ~~and February~~.

g. Informant was told that Allied bombing in Paris was in general good, but that there had been some very bad bombing in NANTES.

h. Informant was told that the morale of German soldiers is good.

i. Informant reports that the French people with whom he came in contact are becoming most anxious for liberation by Allied landings.

j. Informant was told that there is a German pilot school near PAU; ~~but~~ he understood that it was west of the city.

## Appendix D

1. I carried an aids box which I did not need because I received immediate help. I gave it away as a souvenir.

2. I carried a Red purse containing 2000 French francs. I destroyed the maps and gave the money to various people who helped me.

~~3. I carried no extra aids to evasion.~~

3. I was lectured at my base on evasion and escape. I heard lectures by a number of evaders including Lt PETERSON (E&E 69) from my group.

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SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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.,.....)

1. There is a seaplane factory 1 1/2 Kilometers SE of La Frette which makes 1 plane each month or 6 weeks.
2. There is an ammunition Arsenal 7 KM S.W. of Montauban just off the highway from Montauban to Auch.
3. Movement of troops: 2000 were taken from Montauban to go to the Italian campaign. Some were moving back in Feb. about 400 had come by Feb 14, 1944 Either 50 years ago or 15.
4. Morale of German troops in France is very bad: as reported to me. French people are of good morale but ask for radio equipment. They are very anxiously awaiting the invasion. 1 Jan 60 mins - 18-25  
9.5 hrs sun - 300 mpts  
reported mid an  
8 gms
5. Lt. Marcus said that 24 hrs. after the Invasion began communications + trains would be stopped or broken. Air field at Pau, Montauban, and near St. Antonin.
6. Results of Bombing: Bordeaux 31st Dec. very good results. St. Nazaire + Nantes. very bad for French people: many killed!

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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 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) CHARLES R. BIGLER  
Rank 2nd Lt A. S. N. 0-736081  
Unit 379th B.M.B. Grp. 524th Sgd.

Signed Charles R. Bigler  
Dated April 18, 1944  
Witness W. J. [Signature] 1st Lt AUS

AG P BR HQ SOS 2-44/2M/22472

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Bigler C 2 1/2 3 mis after 1P attacked by fths from Boel - hit O<sub>2</sub>  
bottle behind Co-11 - was thinking in head. Attacked from  
8 & 9 out - O<sub>2</sub> bottles behind

FW & Me 189's  
Dropped below cockpit a few in head - attack No 3  
hit & caddy feathers. Hair lying + low - very warm  
like 1P dead. put slj in AFCE - stood between

seats - flew 2 mis - turned ... N - veiled out  
B still in slj - B knew not to drop - went out N

0930?  
S Valmundois  
but he - 13, 15,000' - deluged young 5-7,000' - opened c 6,000'  
Had been instructed in pdrty - good landing. Was carried  
to home by girl's mother, feet, linen, clothes - that c 0930.  
After her same 2 women took to farmer - path in by left  
There from 16-18 Aug.

Am 18 men at farmhouse took out Valmundois red station -  
ticket man tall, head of school, black hair

Came with Mr Hoffmann & son - from Valmundois

T. Taverny - stayed with Mr & Mrs Beaujeu - he lives in  
st was - left leg amputated above knee - 48.

18 Aug to 20 Sept

At 20 Aug whored to work for Vandell here - M. Just took  
to Saint Ger la Foret - overnight with <sup>accidentally</sup> Mamma, wife, mother

Next day Mamma's bottle took

3 frames, Sgt Dixon,

Bigler & Dixon dropped out 1st in Paris - Mamma - met  
Dixon took to his mother's & father's home. Bath house -  
live next door to house where stayed.

That out moved next door to Mr & Mrs Paul Madigante



16 Hotel de Ville - stayed until 14 Oct when mounted by  
Ernst Gyo.

Ernst Gyo went next door  
Mrs Madigan took us to M Bonliori, furniture man -

2 days  
Mrs Gyo in Paris took us to Herouville - stayed with M  
de Longville 2 days

heavy net, mounted - 45-50 - may be man who helped <sup>murder</sup> Johnson

Julien M Bontalt came - took us to La Bret  
16 Oct - 2 Dec there with him, wife, 14 year old dtr  
short, bald, 37

Some by people - husband & son at St Denis camp - she Fr  
Pullen. Her son Godfrey, 17, came almost every day.

Another man's wife came to see us.

1 Dec 9/10 from Julien Bontalt <sup>& his wife</sup>  
Day before left 7 minutes of my car - 1 man with car, gun.

Radio equipment - Paris

2 Dec M Bontalt took us in to St Lazare - met Andrie, big tall  
Took us to Isaac du Snyr - to Calves - met by man & friend  
with car - took to his home - 2 days - by outside.

Man in red ho-car to St Antonant - stayed with Marie Benet

1 1/2 days. - took 23 24

Moved to Espinas by Rex & Reye  
1 Special, mother at Baucalen - held in Marseilles  
prison 5 days

To home of M Zerdinal & Elperche - 15 days - wife, 10 yrs old  
Reni & Rex & Paul " (not third brother) - wife, 17 dth, m<sup>13</sup>

Rens escape from St Antonant - then through France & New York  
Ate dinner with M Dumont - prisoner in 2 merchant way.

His wife from Cal - son Robert in Navy. Brother Bruning  
Stayed at their home NY/2 eve.

1 Jan to plan owned by Rene Brussus - photograph in St Antonant  
Moved from plan to plan - 3 nts with 1 family - rest of time by rebels.  
M & M. Lewis - 2 dtrs, school teacher  
St Centre

Suspected Verdoy (?) to account / collaboration  
moved to home of M & Me Jacques Roussier - to 24 Jan then  
Delpach & Brusse coming to see us  
24 taken to Margis - 7 miles SE of St Aubertin - main road  
to Montauban. taken to Margis by Delpach - to 60  
one of whom Margis.

16 Sept - Wed night - Sept - c 1920 alert - bombs over - then  
at Tarn  
E. W. Middle parachuted at night - still alive when  
shot at at 1000'

Read that 5 parachutists found in street - Le Petit Courrier  
Security Man Auban -

NT 24  
Jean  
Margis  
with  
children

Montauban with St Margis - with L. Dixon  
Stayed at home Margis's wife - 24 Jan - 7 Feb  
c 6'3" - h t Fr B-A 42 years of age - 2 years in  
England - M. the Roussier - lives with him.

7 Feb to home S Montauban - by Margis - to man, wife,  
young children 4, 2 (Gables phonetic)  
Margis came then 14 Feb - taken by car by 2 men to Pau  
then joined St Keriton -

Am-pilot - lived in Meringuel's, Mont before war -  
flew B-17 - c 40's.  
c 5'10" c 170 - blondish, well built.

Stayed at hotel with Jannet - 20  
In many towns to O. house.

Isaba - civil authorities seem to be waiting for  
us - took to Pangua - 24 Feb - 13 March.  
Alum 14 March - 11 April Medical  
site.

Capt

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2  
Another interrogated in prison.

5'10" 150 lbs black wavy hair - thick hair  
Montauban - with Man for contact in forest  
Think Ro.



SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH  
MIS (X)

HEADQUARTERS  
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. CHARLES R. BIGLER, 2nd Lt. O-736081
2. Decorations. AIRMEDAL 2OLC
3. Unit or Squadron. 524th Squadron
4. Division (Army) or Group. 379th BMB GRP.
5. Date of Birth. JUNE 4, 1923
6. Length of Service. ENLISTED MARCH 11, 1942 2 years 1 month.
7. Private Address. 813 Pontiac Street Rochester, Indiana
8. Job as civilian. STUDENT
9. From what field did you take off? # 117 Kimbolton, ENGLAND.
10. Take off time. 6:30 - 7:00 AM.
11. Date and target. August 16, 1943 LE Bourget, FRANCE.
12. Where did you land? Did NOT LAND. -
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? I DESTROYED IFF. →
14. What was your position in aircraft? Pilot
15. Were you wounded? YES
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? 1500 FRANCS FOR SHOES 500 FOR guide
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? I SPEAK SOME FRENCH NOW.
18. Did you have Identity Papers? NO, "ONLY DOG TAGS" 2 I/P
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?  
YES, IN GIBRALTAR BRITISH CERTIFIED INTERROGATOR.
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 SPAIN + GIBRALTAR
22. Date of arrival in Spain. FEB. 22, 1944
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. APRIL 12, 1944
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. GIBRALTAR APRIL 16, 1944
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. CORNWALL AIR

APRIL 17, 1944

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 0-736081 Bigler, CHARLES R. 2nd Lt.  
Unit:- 379th Bmb Gp, 524th Sqd.

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, NOT AT FIRST
- b. If not, why? NOT NECESSARY
- 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. GAVE TO FRENCH WHO AIDED ME.
- Chocolate or Peanut Bar. GAVE TO FRENCH
- Milk (tube). GAVE TO FRENCH
- Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). NO
- Halazone tablets (water purifier). NO
- Matches. NO
- Adhesive tape. NO
- Chewing gum. NO
- Water bottle. NO
- Compass. YES AS A GUIDE ACROSS THE FRONTIER.
- Sewing kit. NO
- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? NO
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? YES
- 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?  
NO

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? YES  
State color of stripes and letters. RED.  
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? YES

(over)

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones? Both maps. "Immediate Aid"

Compass. YES

File (hacksaw). NO

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money? FOR SHOES

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d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. BURIED

Compass. GAVE TO GUIDE

File (hacksaw). BURIED

Surplus currency. NONE

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion?

NO

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

YES

If so, how many? 3

b. Did you use them?

YES

Co-P-through Fr on bike

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

YES

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM

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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?

ONE: Do implicitly AS the FRENCH TELL YOU.

If at one place will to do exercises