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

E & E REPORT NO. 619
EVASION IN FRANCE

(Date)

Halleck H HASSON T/Sgt 33282570
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET:

9
(Number of Missions)

MIA: 6 September 43
Arrived in UK:

560 Bomb Sq, 388 Bomb Group
(Squadron) (Group)

10 May 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-733696	1st Lt	Roy H MOHR, JR	MIA	
CO-PILOT	0-740947	2d Lt	Elmer F SCHULTZ	MIA	
NAVIGATOR	0-670175	1st Lt	James G SHILLIDAY	E&E #481	
BOMBARDIER	0-735891	1st Lt	Roland A MAREAN	E&E #482	
RADIO OPERATOR	33282570	T/Sgt	Halleck H HASSON	NARRATOR	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	39241144	T/Sgt	Hartzell H JONES	MIA	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	17020056	S/Sgt	Bernard A BECKER	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	39236543	S/Sgt	Redric C BECKHAM	MIA P/W	
WAIST GUNNER	17047207	S/Sgt	Robert W WALLIN	P/W	
TAIL GUNNER	33185176	S/Sgt	Robert R AMMERELL	MIA	

Were you wounded?

E and E Rpt. # 619
Sgt. Hallock H. Hanson

SEE E & E
RPTS. #
481 and 482

I had lost my ear-phones, and so I did not hear the order to bail out; but when I saw #2 propeller go out I went back to the waist and there discovered that the order had been given. ~~The tail~~ One of the waist gunners, Sgt. ^{fastened} ~~gunner, had been wounded~~ Beckham, and I ~~fastened~~ the wounded tail gunner's chute on him and pushed him out of the plane. Then Sgt. Beckham jumped, and I followed him. I landed easily and was gathering up my chute when I saw Lt. Marek at the edge of a wood a little distance away. I ran over to him; and ^{from that point} ~~the rest~~ of my journey was the same as his.

JOINS CREW
MEMBER

APPENDIX B

Same as E & E # 481-482.

E & E # 619
Sgt Hassan
Appendix D

AIDS BOX :

Immediate aid made it unnecessary for me to use the aids box.

PURSE:

I had a red purse, the 2000 French francs from which I gave to my keepers.

Photographs:

I ~~had~~ had no passport photographs taken.

Lectures:

I heard ~~lectures~~ by S2 officer and evaders lecture on evasion at my base in August 1943

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. *HASSON, HALLECK H. T/SGT 33282570*
2. Decorations. *AIR MEDAL - Did NOT RECEIVE*
3. Unit or Squadron. *560 TB*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *388 TB*
5. Date of Birth. *JUNE 5TH 1907*
6. Length of Service. *22 MONTHS*
7. Private Address. *818 CARSON ST. NEW CASTLE, PA.*
8. Job as civilian. *TINNER - CARNEGIE ILL. STEEL*
9. From what field did you take off? *NETTISHALL*
10. Take off time. *DON'T RECALL.*
11. Date and target. *SEPT. 6TH - 1943 - STUTTGART
MONTCEAUX*
12. Where did you land? *1 KM. COURRAY-LOIRET*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *YES*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *1ST RADIO OPERATOR*
15. Were you wounded? *NO*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *PAID BY MY HELPERS*
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? *NO*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *~~YES~~ NO.*
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?
GIBRALTAR - BRITISH INT.
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? *GIBRALTAR - 15/8/44; London, 10 May 1944*
22. Date of arrival in Spain. *MAR. 3RD*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *8TH MAY*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *9TH MAY - AIR*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *10TH MAY*

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MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE AMERICAN CONSULATE GIBRALTAR

8 May 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)


NUMBER.....19)

1. Pursuant to authority contained in WD Cablegram, Number 45, dated 4 February 1943, the officer named below, having reported at this station on 8 May 1944, is placed on temporary duty at this station. Upon completion of this temporary duty he will proceed by first available transportation to LONDON, ENGLAND, where he will report to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, U.S. Army. In lieu of subsistence a flat per diem of \$5.00 is authorized while traveling on official business (except by belligerent, or government vessel) and while on temporary duty at this station, in accordance with existing law and regulations. TDN 91-26 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

1st Lt. JAMES P. CLARENDON 0-667390 813th Bm. Sqdn.

2. Pursuant to authority contained in WD Cablegram, Number 45, dated 4 February 1943, the enlisted men named below, having reported to this station on 8 May 1944, are placed on temporary duty at this station. Upon completion of this temporary duty they will proceed by first available transportation to LONDON, ENGLAND, where they will report to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, U.S. Army. They will be entitled to monetary allowances in lieu of quarters and subsistence furnished, according to Executive Order No. 9386, dated 15 October 1943, for subsistence at the rate of three (\$3.00) dollars per day and for quarters at the rate of two (\$2.00) dollars per day, while traveling on official business (except by belligerent or government vessel) and while on temporary duty at this station, in accordance with existing law and regulations. TDN 91-26 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

Tech Sgt. HALLECK H. HASSON	33282570	388th Bm. Grp.
Tech. Sgt. FELTON R. LUKE	14026905	389th Bm. Grp.
Tech. Sgt. NICHOLAS MANDELL	13102105	392nd Bm. Grp.
Tech. Sgt. WILLIAM R. MATTSO	11088221	392nd Bm. Grp.
Tech. Sgt. WILLIAM J. MILLER	33365620	379th Bm. Grp.
Tech. Sgt. ROBERT E. WARNER	15016628	446th Bm. Grp.
Staff Sgt. NICK ASVESTOS	12181065	303rd Bm. Grp.
Staff Sgt. CARL E. BACHMANN	32462898	384th Bm. Grp.
Staff Sgt. KENNETH CARSON	37438941	94th Bm. Grp.
Staff Sgt. ROBERT FINNEY	6394292	96th Bm. Grp.
Staff Sgt. HARRY D. KRATZ	13126535	351st Bm. Grp.
Sergeant NORMAN ELKIN	13136335	351st Bm. Grp.
Sergeant TAYLOR D. HARRISON	18060652	92nd Bm. Grp.
Sergeant LORAL MARTIN	16041057	92nd Bm. Grp.
Sergeant HERMAN D. MORGAN	37494373	92nd Bm. Grp.
Sergeant EDWARD R. SHAFFER	35384298	379th Bm. Grp.
Sergeant WALTER R. SNYDER	13093393	351st Bm. Grp.


HORACE W. FORSTER,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Mil. Lia. Officer.

Distribution.
A.C. of S., G-2 WD
Hq ETOUSA (A.C. of S., G-2)
Personnel concerned
File

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AG 383.6

Hq ETOUSA

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) HALLECK H. HASSON

Signed Halleck H. Hasson

Rank T/SGT. A.S.N. 33282570

Date MAY 9th 1944

Unit 388th

Witness Chas. W. [Signature]

C. L. G. S. C.

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RADIO OPERATOR T/SGT. HASSON ✓		Narrator
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WAIST GUNNER S/SGT. R. C. BECKHAM ✓		WOUNDED - CAPTURED
WAIST GUNNER S/SGT. R. W. WALLIN ✓		" "
TAIL GUNNER S/SGT. R. R. HAMMISRELL ✓		" "

ALL THREE TO-GETHER
SAME HOSPITAL. TOLD BY
FRENCH

Were you wounded?

No

SECRET

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*
- b. If not, why? *PICKED UP RIGHT AWAY*
- 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?
State color of stripes and letters. *RED*
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? *No*

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Hasson

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

6 Sept 1943. near COUDRAY-LOIRET

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.
Was it on fire, etc?

3 ENGINES OUT - 1 ON FIRE

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 16,000 Ft.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

yes two wounded in plane (Ammerell + Wallin)

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

8- ALL OPENED - DID NOT SEE PILOT OR CO-PILOT

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? don't know

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? yes. Wallin, Marcan, Shilliday.

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise. Heard from French that Beekham, Wallin, Ammerell were captured.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

No

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reasons for his opinion?

See above.

Typed

E & E #619

(Sgt. Hasson)

App. C.

Sgt. Hasson came down near LE COUTRAY MONTCEAUX on 6 September 1943. He joined Lt ~~Alan~~ Marean at once and his journey ^{was} identical with Marean's ~~and~~ and Shilliday's (481-482) until they were within a short distance of the Spanish frontier on the night of 2 March. Then Hasson was exhausted and told the party to continue without him. He rested for a while and then went on by slow stages, following the tracks of the party in the snow until about ^{0200 hrs} ~~2000~~ when the moon set and it became too dark for him to see his way. He sheltered himself behind some rocks until ~~day~~ dawn and then walked on until 1000 hrs when he met some woodcutters who told him that he was in Spain. He walked on slowly, stayed in a farmhouse that night, and the next morning was ~~picked up~~ arrested by Spanish soldiers a few kms outside of CANTALLOPS. They took him into a village and put him into a small hotel where he stayed from Saturday to Monday. He was then taken to
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FIGUERAS and thence to GERONA where he was put into prison on 6 March. A representative of the American consular saw him here, and he was removed to a hotel in GERONA the next day. He was here for three and a half weeks, then taken to BARCELONA by the Spanish Air Force. Three days later he was removed to LERIDA and after one night there to ALHAMA where he remained for three and a half weeks more. A Warrant Officer from the American embassy then took him to ~~Mada~~ MADRID, and six hours later he went to ~~G~~ GIBRALTAR, ~~having~~ arriving there on 8 May. On 9 May he left for U.K.

N.B. Sgt. Hasson complains of the treatment at the hotel in CANTALLOPS where he was made to sign a bill for his food and shelter and nevertheless a Russian Jewish refugee whom he met there had to pay in cash for Sgt. Hasson's expenses. He was also refused medical attention.

Hasson

App. B same as ~~###~~ 481-482

~~when~~ No 1 engine

I didn't hear bail-out order because I lost ear-phones. When 2 pupelles went out I went back to waist. Boys there had heard bail out order. We put t-guns on him. Beckham + I put Ammerell out + then Beckham followed + I followed him. I landed + gathered clunk. I saw Maraen + went over to him near a wood. We got rid buried our equipment + started to run when we heard someone call. It was Wallin who was shot in ankle. He limped over to us. L + Maraen + topped some f. men on bicycles who promised to get dr. for Wallin. Then we left —

Story same as Maraen's — with Maraen for 5 days + after that Maraen + I were with Shilliday.

On 2 March at night our party was about 15 minutes from frontier. I couldn't go any further so told party to leave me. I rested +
— over —

walked on by slow stages ~~the~~ until 2 AM when
moon set. Then huddled up out of wind till
daylight. At daybreak I walked on and at
10 AM met some Spanish woodcutters. They
told me that I was in Spain + gave me directions
to village. I stayed in farm house that
night and was just a few kms from
Cantallops when Sp. soldiers picked me
x up + took me into village. They put me
into a little hotel - Sat - to Monday very
poor treatment, no doctor. They then took
me to Figueras. Then to Gerona + put me
into prison 6 March. Rep. of consul saw me
next day. On 7 March to hotel in Gerona.
Here $3\frac{1}{2}$ weeks + then Spanish A.F. took
me to Barcelona. Three days later to Lerida
+ after one night to Alhama. About $3\frac{1}{2}$ weeks
in Alhama. Then to Madrid with Am. W.O.
from embassy. After 6 hours to job. 8 May.
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2. PURSE

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

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

Mps. Which ones? *No*

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *FRENCH 2000 Francs*
How did you spend the money? *To MY HELPERS -*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Mps. *FRIENDS*

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? *No. Never taken.*
If so, how many?

b. Did you use them?

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *Y/E S*
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

BASE - AUG.-1943 S 2 and evaders.

b. Did you find the lectures of value? *Y/E S*

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

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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.

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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.
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 - (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) HALLICK H. HANSON

Signed Hallick H. Hanson

Rank T/SGT. A. S. N. 33282570

Dated 10 Aug 44

Unit 560th Bomb. Sq. 388th Bomb GROUP

Witness W. C. Smith Capt

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

619
DATE: 11 May 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, ERIC J. FORSTA, T/Sgt., AC, 39309014

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

HALLECK H. HASSON, T/Sgt., AC, 33282570

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.

Halleck H. Hasson

Eric J. Forsta

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as HALLECK H. HASSON,

T/Sgt., AC, 33282570 (560 Bomb Squadron - 388 Bomb Group)

previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

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

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