

Comment on #669:

A difficult evasion
carried through with nerve
and intelligence. Half
the credit goes to T/Sgt
Grima (ErE #694) for
his equally fine conduct.

Note evader's trouble from
improper footgear. One
may wonder how many men
have had to give themselves
up because they couldn't
walk. A better briefing on
escape aids is indicated.

Rasmussen
#669

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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E & E REPORT NO. 669
EVASION IN

MAY 25, 1944
(Date)

RASMUSSEN D.E. Capt. 0-789504
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: Ludwigshaven

MIA: Dec 30, 1943.
Arrived in UK:

May 25, 1944

566th 389th 2A
(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Official
Disposition

Narrators
Disposition

PILOT Colby, E. N.
CO-PILOT Roger L. Taylor.
NAVIGATOR Rasmussen D.E.
BOMBARDIER Robert W. Hosier.
RADIO OPERATOR Robert A. Peterson
TOP TURRET GUNNER Thomas Grima
BALL TURRET GUNNER Robert Pitkin
WAIST GUNNER Stanley Vaughan
WAIST GUNNER Joseph Bagdonas.
TAIL GUNNER Wenard Grimes

Were you wounded?

Burned in Face -

We were ~~shy~~ ^{short} a gun in the top turret, before we took off. Over the Channel something went wrong with the tail turret, and one gun in the nose was missing. We had already aborted three times with this plane, ~~so~~ we decided to carry on, any way. Somewhere N of Paris we lost an engine, through supercharger trouble, I believe, ~~and fell behind~~ ^{and fell behind}. The formation was doing 180-185 MPH, and we could not keep up. The pilot asked where we were and how long we had to fly to the target. I told him that we were in France and had about an hour's flight to the target. He thought that we could make ^{The target} it and kept going, but we got so far behind that when we ~~Soon we started dropping farther behind.~~ The pilot asked how far it was to Luxemburg and decided to jettison our bombs there and return. When we were sure that we were over Luxemburg we jettisoned our bombs and started back. I set a course to follow the cloud cover to the best advantage.

TROUBLE

Then the tail gunner reported
 [The first report came from the tail, calling three B-24's behind us on our level. No one else could see them then nor five minutes later when I checked with the tail gunner to discover that he could still see them. Two or three minutes after I checked *Several minutes later* ~~later~~ someone yelled that the planes were not 24's, *and then* ~~Just about that time~~ ^{they hit us with} everything hit us. With our tail turret out the Germans came in straight from behind. ~~had not been down~~ The ball turret was not down. I saw the enemy come in on our tail and turn up, maneuvering as if it were a four-engine plane. One of the outside were rocket emplacements which could easily have been mistaken for engine nacelles. *shot down the first plane,* The top turret gunner poured everything into this first plane, and it went down in a cloud of smoke. A second plane ~~was~~ *got the second,* came in and the waist gunner and top turret gunner seemed to take care of him. I had been hit by machine gun fire and flak, but I never felt anything like the thuds we were receiving from these planes. ~~I saw~~ ^{was} Everything on fire underneath me, and realized that a gas tank or something had been hit. I ran to the nose turret and tried ^{to get the bombardier} to attract the ~~bombardier's~~ ^{for fighters,} attention of the bombardier, who was watching intently. ~~The bombardier looked at me blankly,~~ ^{He} perhaps wounded. I tried to get him to turn the turret around, but ^{his} he would not, ^{and got out,} and I could not turn it myself. I tried to bend the door and then

HIT BY FIGHTERS

FIRE

Saw them

~~to pull him out, all without success. Flames hit my face, and I realized that~~
~~my clothes were burning, and I ^{out}dived for the nose wheel door, which was evidently not~~
~~open, for I broke my nose. I think that I opened the door with my nose. One~~
~~moment I was all aflame, thinking that my parachute was on fire and probably would~~
~~not open; ^{fire in my clothes was my}The next thing I knew the flames were out and the parachute had opened.~~
~~I tried to count the parachutes but did not have concentration enough. I saw one~~
~~German plane and was afraid ^{that} it was going to fire. / I woke up a bit in the over-~~
~~cast, my parachute was swinging violently. I could see the ground 1000 feet be-~~
~~low and noticed a woods that seemed a good place to head for. When I was ^{at} about~~
~~500 feet I saw people waving at me. The last 300 feet went so fast that before I~~
~~knew it the parachute had turned me around and I hit the ground backwards. I~~
~~landed in a flooded field in about 18 inches of water. The parachute collapsed on~~
~~top of me.~~

*B AILED
OUT*

~~I gathered all the stuff in my arms, ran to a large water hole, stomped the~~
~~stuff into it, and started ^{off for} to run to the woods, ^{I had spotted from the air}The farther I ran the deeper the~~
~~water became, ^{so} I changed my course, ^{and} saw another parachute, and wondered why its~~
~~owner had not hid it. I crossed a stream and ran to the edge of the woods, into~~
~~where I ^{plunged into a canal over my head}plunged into a stream. It was a canal and I went in over my head. Somehow~~
~~I managed to get across and hung on the opposite bank with ^{out}not enough strength to~~
~~pull myself out. Finally I ^{crept}crawled on through a fence and into the woods. About~~
~~100 feet away I heard ^{a noise which} something and thought that this was it. It turned out to be~~
~~Sgt GRIMA. ^{It was not his parachute that I had seen}His ears and hair were burned, but he had all of his clothes, ^{unlike me}Not un-~~
~~til then did I realize that most of my clothes had been burned. He gave me his~~
~~flying clothes and kept his coveralls. I was very sick from the shock.~~

*IRAN FOR
WOODS*

*MET
SGT
GRIMA*

~~We started walking in the direction of Switzerland, thinking that we would~~
~~surely find help along the way. We made good progress, but it was pretty rough~~
~~going through the woods. We passed through old trenches. About 1700 we could~~
~~hear people talking, saw a large barn, and decided to go to it that night. By~~
~~this time ^{The burns on}my face was running. We looked through GRIMA's escape kit to see wheth-~~
~~er anything in there might be any good and finally ^{put} smeared on the contents of~~

WALKED

MISERABLE NIGHT

They walked us a long distance and left us, apparently wanting us to put on the ~~the clothes after we had walked still farther.~~ It was pitch black and raining. We kept running into fences and falling down. Thanks to our ~~small~~-escape compass we could follow our direction. ~~When we~~ ^{when} were almost desperate we saw a light and decided to ~~look~~ ^{ask} for shelter. When a woman at the house saw my black swollen face she screamed. We went in quickly and told the people that we were Americans. Things were different immediately. We sat right down at a large table and were fed.

HELP

I saw some German writing on the wall and asked these people whether they were German or French. They assured us that they were French, but they explained that some Germans were sleeping upstairs. ~~The~~ After we had eaten we put on the civilian clothes which we were carrying. A couple of the Germans ~~staying at the house~~ ^{and hidden in} came in, ~~we~~ were rushed to a room. After the Germans went upstairs we went back and finished our meal. Then a Frenchman took us to a haystack a couple of kilometers away. We could not make a hole in the stack so we had to sleep beside it. It was raining and we got little sleep. About dawn when we were ~~brought~~ about to leave one of our friends from the previous night brought us more food.

3 Jan

We left and ~~walked~~ ^{walked} all day. We came out of the woods and ~~started walking~~ in ploughed fields, ~~They~~ ^{which} were so wet and sticky that our ~~feet~~ became heavier and heavier with every step. We ~~took off our flying boots and walked in our electric shoes,~~ but soon we had to take to the road, ~~My face was so swollen that every~~ ^{one} ~~stared at us.~~ ^{noon} It was about 0900 before I could get my eyes open enough to ~~see.~~ ^{My eyes were swollen shut, and Sgt Grima had to lead me.} Sgt GRIMA led me along as best he could. ~~We walked through a little town where everyone looked at us but no one offered us help. WE saw a gendarme and were scared but he did not trouble us.~~

WALKED

DANGER

In the next town we ~~were coming~~ ^{found ourselves heading} right toward a German officer. When he was about 150 feet away we crossed the street, turned off, and managed to avoid him, ~~all right.~~ After that we thought that we had better go back to the woods. ~~Since we were pretty hungry we~~ stopped at a house in the woods for food, but no one was

there but

~~only some children were there.~~ About 1700 we saw a haystack, and decided to crawl ⁱⁿ it and wait until darkness. That night we went to the nearby town and tried three places there without finding food or help ^{at any}. Everyone trembled ^{upon learning} when he found that we were Americans. We went back to the haystack, ~~for the~~ night, hungry, after finding nothing to eat. ~~We got~~ ^{little} sleep in the cold, and started off before dawn. *Stencil*

DIFFICULT TO FIND HELP

4 Jan

^{approached} We ~~saw~~ a man working in a field, and ~~approached~~ him. We told him that we were Americans and asked him for help. He said that he could not help us, but he brought us ^{and gave us directions.} some bread. We started off again. A man came running after us and warned us not to go the way we had started because we would run into a swamp. We followed his suggestions ^{We on} and walked until about 1400, skirting towns. By this time I was almost convinced that we were going to find no help and that we would have to try to get ~~into~~ Switzerland on our own.

^a In ~~the~~ woods we ~~discovered~~ ^{came upon} a farmhouse and hid near a haystack to wait until night and approach ^{before approaching it} it, but a dog gave us away. ^{so we went up} We walked on to a man who was threshing and asked him whether we could crawl ^{into} the hay. He led us into his kitchen and shook hands with us. These people said they did not know anyone who could help us, but that we could stay there until our feet got better. They gave us the best of everything they had and did everything they could for us.

FOUND HELP

^{Still unfit to travel, so} After a couple of days we were ~~not too much better~~ and they called a doctor for us.

JOURNEY ARRANGED

^{Then} We were taken to a place from which our journey was arranged.

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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.

- a. Informant was told that in middle or late March there were 300 Germans in ESBLY (Seine et Marne). ^{about 200}
- b. In TARBES in late March informant saw a number of troops who he was told were Rumanians. ~~He estimates that he saw at least 200.~~
- c. Informant saw a number of FW's flying around TARBES and was told that there was a training school there. He thinks it is about five miles S of the town.
- d. Informant was told that a tank unit with skull and cross bones insignia came into the area of VERDUN in January. Rommel was ~~last~~ ^{recently} supposed ~~just~~ to have inspected in the area.

Appendix D

1. I used all the contents of the aids box while walking for four days. The milk tube should be labeled; I thought that it was salve for burns and so used it.
2. I carried a purse but I lost it ^{leaving} ~~in~~ a haystack in a hurry.
3. I carried three passport-size photographs, but they were burned ~~in the~~ fire in the plane.
4. I had been lectured on evasion and escape. The lectures were ~~worth~~ ~~while~~ ^{useful}.

TOP SECRET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

RASMUSSEN DE, Capt 0-789504
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

(Date)

389th Cp 566th Sqdn
(Unit)

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

Dec 30 1943 - approx 11:00 PM - near Charleville, FR.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.

Was it on fire, etc?

The nose was completely on fire. I think
Rockets exploded gas tanks - 2 engines out

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

Approx 17,000

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

I do not know.

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

Engineer - and I hit the ground together.
Saw other chutes but was unconscious before I
Did the plane explode on striking the ground? could count them

I do not know

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

Yes - Engineer - was with me for 5 1/2 months.

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so give detailed furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

The engineer says ten chutes - but I do not believe the bombardier could have gotten out - he was trapped in nose turret.

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

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 reason for his opinion?

As above - I believe the bombardier burned to death - I tried to get him out but could not because the turret was crossways - The others I do not know -

SECTION I

APPENDIX "D" TO H AND REPORT NO. 669

No., Rank, Name: 0-789504-Capt Rasmussen Dakwin E.
Unit: 389 "B" Co 566th Sgdn.

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? Yes.

b. If not, why?

c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item.

For example, "While hiding in woods for two nights"
While walking for four days
Horlicks tablets. Yes

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. Yes

Milk (tube). No - did not know what it was - No label

Nonsterilized tablets (fatigue). Yes

Halazone tablets (water purifier). Yes.

Matches. Yes

Adhesive tape. Yes

Chewing gum. ?

Water bottle. Yes

Compass. Yes

Sewing kit. Yes

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? No

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
Label the milk - I thought it was saline for
burns and used it that way -

c. Did you carry a purse? Yes

State color of stripes and letters. ?

If not, state why not.

b. Did you use the purse? ?

Lost it in a hurried departure from
a Navy stack.

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO. 669

No., Rank, Name:- 0-789504-Capt. Rasmussen Darwin E.
Unit:- 389th BG 566th Sqdn.

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? Yes.
- b. If not, why?
- c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".
White walking for four days
- Horlicks tablets. -/yes
- Chocolate or Peanut Bar. -yes
- Milk (tube). - No - did not know what it was - No label
- Denzadrine tablets (fatigue). yes
- Halazone tablets (water purifier). yes.
- Matches. yes
- Adhesive tape. yes
- Chewing gum. — ?
- Water bottle. yes
- Compass. yes
- Sewing kit. yes
- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? No
- 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?
label the milk - I thought it was salve for burns and used it that way -

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? yes
State color of stripes and letters. ?
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? lost it in a hurried departure from a hay stack.

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

Maps. Which ones? *Yes - France*

Compass. *Yes*

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money?

*No - lost it before
I could use it.*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

*- gave away to people who helped me
same
lost it.
lost it.*

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?

*Yes 3, but the burned
along with my clothing.*

b. Did you use them?

No.

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

Yes

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 escapees?

No

not. Try count birds - not enough incursions. Saw 1 to
place - that is short.

Working in over cast - pretty strong wind - out - saw
good c. 1000' below. Saw woods - that good had for
8 miles on canal was when I c. 500'
Last 300' just - just before hit good pit 7 mi - hit backwoods
Sed flooded field - 18" water - not dryed - pit on top?
me. Bathed at off in ans - seem to big water hole - ran -
stayed at off in. Started to run to woods - further run, dryer
water - stage come. Saw another pit c. 200 yds - by go
in hole - woods and not pick up. Night running - cross stream.
To edge of woods - in stream - that - in over head - canal. Had
wearing boots, helmet, gloves - managed to get across - don't
know how. Day on bank - not enough staying the pull out. Crew had -
thought you - into woods.

c. 100' led something - that this is - turn out to light basin -
other pit not his - he running circles in woods. I wet &
cold - Dore
I had ^{not} all bolts head out - still had many parts - from
pit + cover - basin too all his - the ears & hair loose.
Not tell them that head bolts

Decide head sentjerled - find help around
c. 10 minutes in sick - shock - vomited blood - shining. Basin
you in his stuff - he had covers over with flying net. 11 light
covers - 1 day to flying net
Start walk.

OFF heading c. 1600 - figure toward sixty - stay in woods -
good progress - night going. Pass through old tracks. c. 1700 hours
people talking - no big bars, open 2 sides. Decide go back at dark.
ate little chocolate - face running by this time - but with tube in
face had taken ^{ing} Benzadine pills.

Into by at at

Someone come - start pitch fork down by - felt like it on top.
 Seen man & man - decide whether Fr or what speaking. By still.
 Next an someone come pitch by gain. I said - "Mamma"
 Ask if we escaped P.W. - no - yes - had it in by. But hot
 milk, bread! Had can't go - that I get help. Not - walking.

c 2/00. Next an lot trouble getting eyes open. To have -
 not saw person there that had spoken to. Said in for but to look.
 Feet - try dry clothes on stove couldn't. Couldn't make any sense
 with them. They frightened. We back to by.
 That fellow was just as next to an - someone come pitch by - didn't get.
 Scared - to leave.

Just down - we thought better leave. But the man start
 walking - I could barely open eyes - little slits - left
 pit & money there.

By to 1400 - raining, cold. Trying to plan.

To one little town pick isolated have approach through
 woods. Tell people how. They surprised. By a man. Bread.
 Another man in - seen Mags - welcome us. We ask if I help us -
 We tried - no sleep in cold - we in wet clothes. He point to
 have some want us to go there. Bottle give water. Then I had.
 Don't want sleep.

Just at fall over whistle - someone - took to another man -
 Ask do you speak English? He had roll of cloth - gave boiled eggs.
 Food. They want us to walk thru in way - 5 another help put
 on cloth.

c 2 km left is - I had black rain through fur -
 fell - rain. Could get direction only from little compass
 Saw it - thought try - to it - quite a big fur - enter court yard.

Face swollen - black - red swollen. W. in - tall Sun's - diff.
at any. Sat to lay. table. Saw 25 writing on wall - ask help
Is - at my eye - Is sleep upstairs. Saw in food - just
chatter on electricity for night.

Is. come in - do work in the room. Is go up. W. back fish
meal. Buy with wooden by table. Is 2 km to hospital.
We couldn't make bed - 5 long, beside - rain - little sleep.
C dawn about 4 leaves. Buy with wooden by hot milk &

bread. We leave. Walk all day - cut 1 woods - start in
ploughed fields - wet, sticky - very steep just in day. Took 2
fly. boots - walk electric shoes - how to take road.
Everybody star at - - my face swollen so - not till 99001

see - Lucia help me - a moon under me. Through little town -
highly guard at - no one offer to help. Saw garden -
sawed - next to Boyonville (Buzancy)

Then Run at station to office - L c 150' - instead of meet
me on main street and church. We that go back to woods.
Nothing eat - found food in woods - ask food but nobody the
hot children.

Saw by track - c 1700 - didn't crawl - wait till dark.
Tons nearly - out at night - to town - went 3 diff. places - no food or
help - stumbled when found Sun's

Nothing eat - back by track for night. walk
Off help. dawn - little sleep - cold. Saw man work in field
near place.

2 approaches - motion in man in over. We tell Sun's ask help.
Is my next help - but wheel bannister is some head.

Stu P, in clothing - P.
Man come running. Help. Is my to pole. Tell is not go me up.

Swampy - go other way.
Watch - c 1400 (starting tons) B, this time I almost covered feet
no help.

To woods. Saw farmhouse - tried - kids by track tell not let
dog give us any. We on walk to man house - ask if we
3 Jan in by. He lead us into kitchen - show beds
M. Dumont - 2 miles SE Condres (Mont Foucault)
But, in bad condition.

They say not know people help us - but we stay there till feet
better.

They gave us best or best of anything. Got 2 days feet not
better. They doctor us with what had. Doing not much a circulate
De Tante - live here from Lecher. back's full.

c 7:30m
Deaths of 2 young children Dani a bit we move to above.
C thin of day - not your eyes - no pain - but they body.

Look for dr. They get on from Grandpre E. Hriser
Sister in law in 5 states Mrs. ^{estate} ~~Lucy~~ Variatio
Munkall, Pa 400 E 78 ST
MSG from
Cottletta -
rice

Told you at 10/10
Marva Inrich - gave medicine for eyes - tell keep bandaged.
Brother better who also a physician.

See speak a little English - say saw 7th go out by plane.
Turn out 10/10 in her 10/10 west of Rheims - to go there

Kept saying eyes in 2 days.
P 14 days took bandages off - couldn't see well - all this time
Gruina took care for 3 weeks - continual delg.

ad Jan
Finally tell. Just been by certain date we leave on on.

On 2 Feb Dr come with new men & car & took us to
Senac. Stay with tall Polish chaps who run power station -
Ruscel had been there before.

2 into there. Man came in just truck - soldier - on hand @ been
burned when tank blew up. 14, men & women

Took us to Attigny - Dr waiting to look at us - on out the

with returning - next day by car with men supposed
to be little men with glasses - Linette / Charly

(I'd be fine with
a married
now -
CP)

Feb 5

Took us to Mr. Thomas - leave 2 hrs from Tourteron
Told 2-3 days taken out - now not seeing A/C but
Byzantium - 10 days
P.A.S days but in 2 Mrs Don Ogilvie, Bruce Kilmer -

6 March

Worked a farm
Lot of Mrs's close by.
c 22 Feb (Stuttgart said) plan done - we pick up on
seats &
just left left told 17 Mrs's - saw Sam plan,
men.
2 weeks like around.
Before we left saw other folks go to Charville - go out by A/C

Canadian O who in in Dieppe said seen - long of A/C truly
on in @ at 1st - think we days of Ogilvie & Kilmer
30 Dec with him - tell his miss - sent go - come - did just after
move

M Thomas take by bike to place where her her lot of Mrs's before
Then first met Francine - who like Capt Smith.
- Benoit
parents address 7 Rue de Valerine

Said had notes for me - I say not go with it Benia -
Charly with glasses come - agree Benie go -
no I/P - put his glasses on - to Amagne long way by
bike

Francine's been stopped twice with Mrs's 5 I/P 'Ben
Cham'

To compartment with 4 empty seats - everybody jabber -
seats taken. We stay - left 2 seats next window seat.
He go next compartment. In come 2 for Milice for seats - me
kept looking at me - I stare down as told - B
At Rheims - move to the compartment - in 4 days.

Here 8
March
Leave 12 March

To get Cliby (Miller know address) Told Rene's
apt. 22 ^{at P. Ramon's} ^{study's to do} ^{study in Paris}
Francis by sister Denise next day
Ate off black market large, long hair, good looking but big.
Said Rene had gone to inspect new fields - had lost me + 8 -
that still blind.

12 March Men w/ Rene were - Bernard & Rene
All Rene c 5'7" - mustache - dark hair combed back - slush
looking - well dressed - c 35. Spoke Eng well.
Said his wife in Eng. Said married in Egypt. Made tights back

Very old ^{with} ^{hair} ^{at} ^{the} ^{time} ^{of} ^{the} ^{war}
w/ Miller that took back in one parachute
He & Rene very much alike - almost brothers
Bernard smaller, mustache, dark hair - pilot
Another man in very black copy, long hair - wore black wool collar
coat - he to take photo, but didn't

They not know in there - Rene said had sent location of F/F
to RAF - they photo - not think had map + land. Rene
inspect.

In w/ 2 little women - Michelle & (Miller Claude
Gy ladies look like school teacher, c 40. Sy being
Took to Ban de l'Est - to Esbly - suburbs Paris - c bus into

Red hair
5'7"
c 120 lbs
good looks
33

To home of ^{Charline Charble} ²¹ ^{Place de lasches Esbly Paris} ^{Chantale} who met 2 sons - Miller & Shon
Little (North Feniburg, VT) he had been with Reneal.

This woman has actress & model before war. Husband divorced - he
P/W has an aviator - fri home - estate furniture. She
had girl - nice - staying with her. in general road - not safe
with girl friend

Then word that Rene in ditch - think from Claude ^{with girl friend}
380 in Esbly. ^{girl friend got shot}
^{Chief at point}
^{1st bus leaving} ^{Denise &}

24 March Chable, Miller, Bruna - have little bean? by
To Paris still no HP

Back to Rene's apt - Le Thu & Denise. Françoise of Charlotte
to get Ogilvie & Kilmer - not here just before they came.

2 girls gave pictures (no dust) -
To department for photos. Rene's fix HP - my card have Bourchard's
name.

Saw for come Miss Jean Roch de par Vitteaux, Cole d'Or
Party that not - couple new for long in 10 in all.
Said just got new shipment of pens - should new 45 - stock?

Buy ¹⁰⁰⁰ Exp. bills.
Rene still insisting on go by plane - he said taking me -
just some for 1 - article to Bruna

Miller & Miss Jean leave first - train with Denise - all met
accidentally at Metro. To station - 2000 train Toulouse -
Bernard not have compartment - very crowded train - not asked
identification papers.

Toulouse c 1000 - see train - c 1500 train Toulouse - ticket to
Loudes -

met Jean Dubard - surgeon 43 - Capt Fr Aug.
Dign, Fr - Hadn't been here in a long
his car 17 - look 14 - with him

Took us took 2 of us to place opposite park in Toulouse -
On left. Miller go with Miss Jean to another place.

25 March. Denise elsewhere - she contacted someone with RC
Old lady, man wife, young fellow (25 - glasses &
soph good S - he just stay.

B | Saw no Russians - late teens - in Toulouse - at least 200
Follow in charge of about - we to his place (apt where wife & baby)
for lunch - Miller there. Is another class - Rene had given
them to me in P. Tried write over notes, 3 for write.
28 March - c 1800 car up - pick up everyone (6) us B3 car to Loudes -
sub by road.

Saragosa, 13 days Albas - Little Math - Madrid, 9th.
Told in Madrid

2 - to Col Zyngier's O
Pr women want know names of people in org in Pr.

Ohio ??

Another fellow going as Spit pilot

Not told what could put in letters.

Capt interrogated at his b.

B | Saw ^{at Thuring} small large transport plane - SS in bottom.

No EW at Taxis - training school told - grass field
with anti glides - thick, 5 miles S.

C | Before we leave some people got word that Ruman
in G - they told by people who said they lead.

B | Told of tank outfit with skull & cross boni - believe
Came under in with you (as I would tell
found just in just area)
Told drag story here

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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.

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) DARWIN E. RASMUSSEN

Signed Darwin E. Rasmussen

Rank Capt. A. S. N. 0-289504

Dated May 26, 1944

Unit 389th Bomb Group 566th Sqdn.

Witness L. Johnson 1st Lt AVS

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

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Tele. No.

Telegrams:



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TRAVELLERS' CENSORSHIP OFFICE

Postal & Telegraphic Censorship Dept.

(Ministry of Information)

Our Reference:

Imperial House,
Kingsway,
W.C. 2.

IPD/LON/20066

Date 26.5.44

To: - No 2 Base Censor
ETUSA
Greenwich Square W.1

From: - Officer in Charge,
I.P.D.
Travellers' Censorship Office, London.

The enclosed papers personal letters + note book

✓ were detained from: - Captain Darwin E. Rasmussen
O. 789504
at Whitchurch on 25.5.44 arrived from Gibraltar
~~proceeding to~~

Traveller requests that papers, etc., should be disposed of as follows: - sent to him at 63 Portico St. W.1

Kindly take appropriate action and acknowledge receipt.

REMARKS

Recently interned in neutral country

J. Labrec.

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. *Darwin Elmer Rasmussen 0-789504*
2. Decorations. *Air Medal - 3 Cluster - was in for D.F.C.*
3. Unit or Squadron. *389th Bomb Gp 566th Sqdn*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *566th So 389th*
5. Date of Birth. *April 23, 1919*
6. Length of Service. *2 1/2 yrs.*
7. Private Address. *941 Baker St. Muskegon Heights, Michigan*
8. Job as civilian. *Drafting-Engineer*
9. From what field did you take off? *Hethel*
10. Take off time. *?*
11. Date and target. *Dec 30, 1943 - Ludwigshafen.*
12. Where did you land? *Northern France - Near Charleville*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *I do not know*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *Navigator.*
15. Were you wounded? *Burned about the face*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *No*
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? *No - No*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *Yes DOG TAGS 1 I/P-France*
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 - Security Officer at Gibraltar - 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? *Spain - Apr 22 - Madrid May 21, Gibraltar - May 22*
22. Date of arrival in Spain. *Mar 31, 1944*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *Apr 22, 1944*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *Gibraltar - May 24 Air*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *Bristol - May 25, 1944*

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) DARWIN E. RASMUSSEN Signed Darwin E. Rasmussen
Rank Capt. A.S.N. 0-789504 Date MAY 22, 1944
Unit 389th BG Group Witness Horace W. Forster

HORACE W. FORSTER,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
U. S. Mil. Lia. Off.

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OFFICE OF THE MILITARY ATTACHE
MADRID, SPAIN

SPECIAL ORDERS

NO. 38

EXTRACT

19 May 1944

1. Pursuant to authority contained in radiogram No. 180, Office of the Adjutant General, dated 7 February 1943, the officers named below will proceed on or about 21 May 1944 from x x x x x x x x x x to x x x x x x x x x x, reporting upon arrival thereat to the U.S. Military Liaison Officer for further orders. Government transportation will be furnished. The travel directed is necessary in the military service. F.S.,A., 1942-44 91-26 P 432-02 A 212/40425. In lieu of reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses a payment of a flat per diem of seven (\$7.00) dollars, exclusive of transportation charges is authorized:

✓ Darwin E. Rasmussen, Capt., 0789504, 389th Bomb Gp, 566th Bomb Sq.
Roy W. Carpenter, Jr., 2nd Lt., 0690546, USAAF.
Clayton C. David, 2nd Lt., 0682818, USAAF.
Dale W. Kinert, 2nd Lt., 0809631, USAAF.
Bernard W. Rawlings, 2nd Lt., 0685320, USAAF.
Charles B. Screws, 2nd Lt., 0533596, USAAF.
Philip B. Warner, 2nd Lt., 0680128, 95th Bomb Gp, 334th Bomb Sq.
James E. Williams, 2nd Lt., 0807955, USAAF.
Revis L. Smith, Flight Officer, T121955, 389th Bomb Gp.

2. Pursuant to authority contained in radiogram No. 180, Office of the Adjutant General, dated 7 February 1943, the enlisted men named below will proceed on or about 21 May 1944 from x x x x x x x x x x to x x x x x x x x x x, reporting upon arrival thereat to the U.S. Military Liaison Officer for further orders. Government transportation will be furnished. The travel directed is necessary in the military service. F.S.,A., 1942-44 91-26 P 432-02 A 212/40425. While traveling they will be entitled to a monetary allowance in lieu of quarters and subsistence furnished according to Executive Order No. 9386, dated 15 October 1943, subsistence at the rate of three (\$3.00) dollars per day and quarters at the rate of two (\$2.00) dollars per day:

Elres D. Dowden, Staff Sgt, 6384231, 482nd Bomb Gp.
Kenneth Leach, Staff Sgt, 15339125, 547th Bomb Sq., 384th Bomb Gp.
William Malasko, Staff Sgt, 37161516, 389th Bomb Gp.
Michael J. Negro, Sergeant, 13153392, 389th Bomb Gp, 565th Bomb Sq.
Travis J. Ross, Staff Sgt, 18131995, 389th Bomb Gp.
Kenneth D. Shaver, Tech Sgt, 34036141, USAAF.
Kenneth M. Walley, Staff Sgt, 11113728, 389th Bomb Gp.
Richard C. Weiss, Staff Sgt, 36166448, USAAF.

For and in the absence of the Military Attache
and Military Air Attache:

F. Dorsey Stephens
F. DORSEY STEPHENS,
Lt. Col., G. S. C.,
Asst. Military Attache.

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MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE
AMERICAN CONSULATE
GIBRALTAR

22 May 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER.....24)

1. Pursuant to authority contained in WD Cablegram, Number 45, dated 4 February 1943, the officers named below, having reported at this station on 22 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. In lieu of reimbursement for actual expenses a payment of a flat per diem of \$5.00 exclusive of transportation charges 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.

✓ Capt. DARWIN E. RASMUSSEN	0-789504	389th Bn.Grp.
2nd Lt. ROY W. CARPENTER	0-690546	93rd Bn.Grp.
2nd Lt. CLAYTON C. DAVID	0-682818	303rd Bn.Grp.
2nd Lt. DALE W. KINERT	0-809631	92nd Bn.Grp.
2nd Lt. BERNARD W. RAWLINGS	0-685326	303rd Bn.Grp.
2nd Lt. CHARLES B. SCREWS	0-533596	361st Ftr.Grp.
2nd Lt. PHILIP B. WARNER	0-680128	95th Bn.Grp.
2nd Lt. JAMES E. WILLIAMS	0-807955	92nd Bn.Grp.
P/O REVIS L. SMITH	T-121955	389th Bn.Grp.

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Tech. Sgt. KENNETH D. SHAVER	34036141	388th Bn.Grp.
Staff Sgt. ELRES D. DOWDEN	6364231	428nd Bn.Grp.
Staff Sgt. KENNETH LEACH	15339125	384th Bn.Grp.
Staff Sgt. WILLIAM MALASKO	37161516	389th Bn.Grp.
Sgt. MICHAEL J. NEGRO	13153392	389th Bn.Grp.
Staff Sgt. TRAVIS J. ROSS	16131995	389th Bn.Grp.
Staff Sgt. KENNETH M. WALLEY	11113728	389th Bn.Grp.
Staff Sgt. RICHARD C. WEISS	36166448	389th Bn.Grp.



Horace W. Forster
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Colonel, G.S.C.,
Mil. Lia. Officer.

Distribution.

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

DATE: 25 May 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, ROBERT F. DEWNEY, Capt., AC, O-913645

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

DARWIN E. RASMUSSEN, Capt., AC, O-789504

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.

Darwin E. Rasmussen

Robert F. Dewney

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 DARWIN E. RASMUSSEN, Capt., AC, O-789504 (566 Bomb Squadron - 389 Bomb Group) previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

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

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Lt. Philip
Warner
