

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

E & E REPORT NO. 678
EVASION IN FRANCE

MAY-27-44
(Date)

Revis L SMITH, F/O T-121955
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: LUDWIGSHAVEN

1
(Number of Missions)

MIA: 7 January 1944
Arrived in UK:

565 Sq - 389 Bomb Group
(Squadron) (Group)

MAY-27-44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

			Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	←	→ 0-805918	2d Lt Robert H HIRSCH	MIA
CO-PILOT	←	→ T-121955	F/O Revis L SMITH	NARRATOR
NAVIGATOR	←	→ 0-799270	2d Lt Francis J THACKRAY	MIA
BOMBARDIER	←	→ 0-732121	2d Lt Duane C STRAYER	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR		→ 33290105	S/Sgt Robert G HAUGER	NARRATOR E4E664
TOP TURRET GUNNER	←	→ 14165185	Sgt Thomas L BURTON	MIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	←	→ 35637059	S/Sgt James DILLION, JR	MIA
WAIST GUNNER		→ 32610846	Sgt William J DONLEY	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	←	→ 31240409	Sgt Edward J GILBERT	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	←	→ 14108086	Sgt Relius E NOBLES	MIA
OBSERVER:	←	→ 0-741944	2d Lt Royce E SMITH	MIA

Were you wounded?

Sgt Burton P/w in German hospital in Orleans (wounded three times) - French information.
Heard that Lt Hirsch was in safe hands in France (8-January 44 - heard then from same org.)

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Appendix B

- a) The Renault plant in PARIS escaped serious damage until the middle of March 1944 when the B26s ~~hit~~ hit it effectively. (Hearsay, March 1944)
- b) In March all the trains out of PARIS bound for TOULOUSE were heavily laden with German troops (Observation and Hearsay, March 1944)

The rest of the military information ~~is~~.

known to this informant is the same as that in E4E665

- c) In March the German crews on an airfield S of PARIS refused to take off on a bombing mission to London. The commandant had five of the ~~aviators~~ aviators shot at once. (Hearsay, March 1944)

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F/O Smith

SEE E+E #
665

After F/Ws had attacked us the second time, the navigator pulled me out of the turret, for the interphone was gone and I had not heard the order to bail out. I followed the navigator out of the waist door and opened my chute as soon as I was clear of the plane.

I landed hard in a ploughed field about 100 yards from Sgt, Hauger. We joined each other at once, and my journey was the same as his.

JOINS CREW
MEMBER

~~F/O~~ F/O Smith landed a few yards from Sgt. Hauger and his story is identical with that of the latter (F & E # 665). The following additions and corrections of detail should be observed, however.

In TOURY the butcher who helped Hauger and Smith is named CASTON.

The correct spelling of the name CRISTAL given in F & E # 665 is PAUL CHRISTOL.

In PARIS Smith and Hauger had dealings with three organizations:

- 1) ~~BURGUNDY~~ They were in the hands of BURGUNDY and came out with this organization. In connection with it they met PAUL CHRISTOL, at whose home they lived for seven weeks, GENEVIEVE, Mme. TARDIER, CYRIL WATSON, and MR. HERRING.
- 2) A Polish priest and a Polish girl from an organization (next)

run by Polish priests or monks in
PARIS came to offer their services.

- 3) JEAN of ORLEANS, whom they
spoke to only through a door, had a
fluid organization in PARIS.

MARCEL MONIEUR, a postman in
ORLEANS asked that a message
saying that he is well be given to
his brother: GASTON MONIEUR,
~~1~~ BLVD. MARSEILLES 67,
CASABLANCA, MOROCCO.

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App D

AIDS BOX : ~~was~~ lost in jump.

Purse: I had a red purse. I used the compass; and of the 2000 French francs I spent some for food and tobacco and gave the rest to my helpers.

PHOTOGRAPHS: I had not yet received them, though they had been taken. This was my first mission.

LECTURES: I heard evaders lecture in the U.S., and at my base in U.K. The lectures were helpful to me.

Smith

on way back suddenly dropped from formation. I saw Fw's coming in. As I called fighters we dove suddenly, pulled out. We shot down first Fw. Then they formed & came in again & knocked out 2 engines. 1 eng on fire. Interphone out. Nav. pulled me out of turret. Emergency hatch wouldn't work. I followed nav. out of waist. I saw 7 clouds open. Delayed a few seconds until clear of plane. 3 Germans circled us on way down. I hit hard in ploughed field 50 or 100 yards away from Hanger. Same as Hanger.

village of ARTENAY picked up by the farmer

4 days

Man from ORLEANS - SEVILLE got us - 9 days.

In Greenville man from org. in Paris came to see us.

Farmer Butcher in TOURY - Gaston -

8 days

PAUL CHRISTOL in Paris - 7 weeks.

came out with

→ 3 Organ.

↳ Genevieve - Mrs Tardieu -
Cyril Watson. Mr. Herring

Polish priest + Polish girl came up to see them at Christol
Polish Organization run by priests or monks

JEAN of ORLEANS ran 3rd org. in Paris. Saw him only through a door.

American girl in PAU led them to house.

MARCEL

In Orleans, MONIEUR (postman - has
a brother)

Brother: Gaston MONIEUR
67 Marseille Blvd.

Casablanca, Morocco

Let Gaston know that Paul
Monieur is well.

App B

a) The Renault plant was missed until
B26s raided it in middle March -
Then the raid was successful
(Hearsey March 44)

b) 3 of Feb. 44s raided a series of
airfields around Paris - BRACY airfield
(near Orleans) was wiped out
(Hearsey Feb 44)

c) At TOURY a garrison of 100 soldiers (infantry)
kept moving from town to town in
squad of 20 to impress French that they
have plenty of troops.

d) All the trains out of Paris are carrying
German troops through Toulouse
(March 44)

e) du March it was said that Germans on an airfield S. of Paris (Veroy?)
Caucourens?) had refused to take off on a bombing mission to
London + that 57 of them had been taken out + shot (Hearsey March
44) (Mme Tardieu)

No., Rank, Name:-

T-121955 F/O REVIS LEONARD SMITH

Unit:-

389th Bomb GP.

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? ~~DID NOT HAVE TIME TO REMOVE IT FROM PARACHUTE HARNESS LOST IN JUMP~~
- 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).

Izalzone 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? **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? **FRENCH**

Compass. **YES**

File (hacksaw). **NO**

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. **2000 FRENCH FRANCS**
How did you spend the money? **FOOD AND TOBACCO**

d. How did you dispose of: **GAVE IT TO THE ORGANIZATION WHO HELPED ME.**

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? **NO**

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?
If so, how many?

NO ; Had not yet been delivered.

b. Did you use them?

5. LECTURES

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

YES - IN THE U.S. AND IN 389th GROUP. - Evaders

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

YES 1922 IN 1946

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

TOP SECRET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

REVIS L. SMITH F/6 T-121955

(Name)

(Rank)

(ASN)

5-27-44

(Date)

389th Bomb GP.

(Unit)

#678

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

1-7-44 1:15 P.M. WEST OF ARTNEY

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

Was it on fire, etc? THREE ENGINES WERE USELESS AND ONE WAS ON FIRE.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

10,000 feet

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

JAMES DILLON - TOP TURRET - KILLED - AND THOMAS L. BURTON
BALL TURRET - WOUNDED - INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM RADIO OPERATOR

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

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? YES

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

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. ROBERT HIRSCH, CO-PILOT - WAS PICKED UP BY SAME ORGANIZATION.

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. NO

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? ALL MEN OTHER THAN JAMES DILLON

AND POSSIBLY ONE OTHER SHOULD ESCAPE OR BE P.W. AS I SAW SEVEN NOTES OTHER THAN MY OWN OPEN.

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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5-27-44
(Date)

REVIS L. SMITH F/O T-121955
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: LUDWIGSHAVEN

MIA: 7-1-44
Arrived in UK:

NOV-9-43

565th 389th
(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	ROYCE E. SMITH	
CO-PILOT	ROBERT H. HIRSCH	UNKNOWN
NAVIGATOR	DVANE C. STRAYER	
BOMBARDIER	REVIS L. SMITH	
RADIO OPERATOR	ROBERT G. HAUGER	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	JAMES DILLON JR.	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	THOMAS L. BURTON	
WAIST GUNNER	WILLIAM J. DONLEY	
WAIST GUNNER	RELIUS E. NOBLES	
TAIL GUNNER	EDWARD J. GILBERT	
OBSERVER	FRANCIS J. THACKRAY	

Were you wounded?

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

DATE: 27 May 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, FELTON R. LUKE, T/Sgt., AC, 14026905

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

REVIS L. SMITH, F/O, AC, T-121955

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.

Revis L. Smith Felton R. Luke

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 REVIS L. SMITH,
F/O, AC, T-121955 (565 Bomb Squadron - 389 Bomb Group)
previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

KLS/el-2B-939 Pentagon

6 August 1943

SUBJECT: Amended Instructions Concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War, to Include Evaders of Capture in Enemy or Enemy-Occupied Territory and Internees in Neutral Countries.

TO: The Commanding Generals,
Army Ground;
Army Air Forces;
The Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area;
The Commanding Generals,
Theaters of Operations;
Defense Commands;
Departments;
Base Commands;
The Commanding Officers,
Base Commands;
Director, Bureau of Public Relations.

1. Publication or communication to any unauthorized persons of experiences of escape or evasion from enemy-occupied territory, internment in a neutral country, or release from internment not only furnishes useful information to the enemy but also jeopardizes future escapes, evasions and releases.
2. Personnel will not, unless authorized by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, publish in any form whatever or communicate either directly, or indirectly, to the press, radio or an unauthorized person any account of escape or evasion of capture from enemy or enemy-occupied territory, or internment in a neutral country either before or after repatriation. They will be held strictly responsible for all statements contained in communications to friends which may subsequently be published in the press or otherwise.
3. Evaders, escapees, or internees shall not be interrogated on the circumstances of their experiences in escape, evasion or internment except by the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations. In allied or neutral countries, American Military Attaches are authorized to interrogate on escape, evasion and internment matters.
4. Should the services of escaped prisoners of war, evaders, or internees be deemed necessary for lecturing and briefing, such services will be under the direct supervision of the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations.
5. Commanding Officers will be responsible for instructing all evaders, escapees, and internees in the provisions of this directive which supersedes letter, AG 383.6 (5 Nov 42) OB-S-B-M, 7 November 1942, subject: Instructions concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War and other previous instructions on this subject.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J. A. ULIO
J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

1. Information about your escape or your evasion from capture *would be useful to the enemy* and a danger to your friends. It is therefore *SECRET*.

2. a You must therefore not disclose, except to the first Military Attache to whom you report, or to an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations, or by A. C. of S., G-2, W. D.

- (1) The names of those who helped you.
- (2) The method by which you escaped or evaded.
- (3) The route you followed.
- (4) Any other facts concerning your experience.

b You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.

c You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.

d You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4.

e No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of A. C. of S., G-2, W. D., or corresponding organization in the theater.

GERTIFIGATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

I understand that any information concerning my *escape or evasion* from capture is *SECRET* and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the agency designated by A. C. of S., G-2, War Department, the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations, or to the Military Attache in a neutral country to whom I first report. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) REVIS L. SMITH
Rank F/O A. S. N. T-121955
Unit 389th Bomb GP.

Signed Revis L. Smith
Dated MAY-27-44
Witness _____

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

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) REVIS L. SMITH Signed Revis L. Smith
 Rank F/O A.S.N. T-121955 Date MAY-22-1944
 Unit 389th Bomb GP. Witness Horace W. Forster

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

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. REVIS LEONARD SMITH F/O T-121955
2. Decorations. NONE
3. Unit or Squadron. 565th BOMB SQ. 389th BOMB GP.
4. Division (Army) or Group. 389th BOMB GP.
5. Date of Birth. NOV. 8 - 1921
6. Length of Service. 2 YEARS 6 MOS.
7. Private Address. 97 FORT COVINGTON ST, MALONE N.Y.
8. Job as civilian. PAPER MILL
9. From what field did you take off? HETHEL
10. Take off time. 08:00
11. Date and target. 1-7-44 - LUDWIGSHAVEN
12. Where did you land? (FRANCE) ARTENAY
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?
14. What was your position in aircraft? BOMBARDIER
15. Were you wounded?
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? NO
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? NO
18. Did you have Identity Papers? YES
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?
MADRID - BRITISH NO WRITTEN REPORT
GIB - BRITISH
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 - GIB.
22. Date of arrival in Spain. MARCH - 29 - 44
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. MAY - 22 - 44
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. GIB - MAY 11 - 20 - 44
AIR
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. MAY 11 - 27 - 44

APPENDIX "B" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 678

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.,.....)

Civilian morale in France is very good although people are impatient for invasion. Defences around Paris are very strong and the people feel that the coast is almost impregnable. Airfield at Bracy-Orleans was completely destroyed by Fortress Raid, Railways are being harassed all the time resulting in some long delays. Renault Plant in Paris was hit by