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P/W and X Detachment  
Military Intelligence Service

E & E REPORT NO. 689  
EVASION IN France

(Date)

Milton J MILLS, JR S/Sgt, 35649131

~~Edward J DONALDSON, 2d Lt 0-682084~~

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

2 Missions

TARGET: LUDWIGSHAVEN

MIA: 30 December 1943

Arrived in UK:

30 May 1944

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

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-802105	2d Lt	Glenn E CAMP, JR		MIA
CO-PILOT	T-121961	F/O	Joseph F FITZGERALD		MIA
NAVIGATOR	0-687814	2d Lt	Jarvis H COOPER		MIA
BOMBARDIER	0-682084	2d Lt	Edward J DONALDSON		E&E #460
RADIO OPERATOR	35649131	S/Sgt	Milton J MILLS, JR		NARRATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER	15329583	S/Sgt	Richard R GIERSCH		MIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	18151528	Sgt	Marcus C PIERCE		MIA
WAIST GUNNER	33126276	Sgt	Douglas J FARR		E&E # 509
WAIST GUNNER	18226608	Sgt	Neelan B PARKER		E&E #461
TAIL GUNNER	38164212	S/Sgt	Robert E CROSS		MIA

Were you wounded?

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PILOT G.E. Camp - Alive

CO-PILOT Fitzgerald

NAVIGATOR Cooper - Alive - was with him for few hours in France.

BOMBARDIER E. McDowell Donaldson

RADIO OPERATOR M.J. Mills Jr.

TOP TURRET GUNNER R.R. Giersch

BALL TURRET GUNNER M.C. Pierce - I think he's dead

WAIST GUNNER D.J. Fark - Safe in England or Spain.

WAIST GUNNER N. Parker - Alive - was with him for few hours in France

TAIL GUNNER R. Cross - I think he's dead.

Official  
Disposition

Narrators  
Disposition

Were you wounded? yes. 20 mm in my left Leg just above the knee.

~~FLAK CONCENTRATION~~ On our way to the target we struck two concentrated flak areas and the second one scored a direct hit on our No. 1 engine which <sup>began to lose</sup> started smoking. We were unable to feather the prop and ~~lose~~ the formation. ~~After bombs were away we saw it was useless to keep up~~  
*Returning from target*  
~~with the group.~~ We asked for fighter support, which was received, and Then the escort left us. the pilot got a course from the fighter escort for England. As we approached PARIS we were attacked by four FW'S and two Spitfires with German markings.

FIGHTER ESCORT-  
COURSE

ATTACKED  
BY  
FIGHTERS

LOSING  
ALTITUDE

One Spit peeled off and a FW came in at our tail. The ~~tail~~ section was shot away, and the ship began to lose altitude. I was hit in the leg and fell, but managed to get to the tail gun to replace the gunner who ~~XX~~ was dead. I hit one FW, and learned later from the French that 3 FW'S and one Spit had been shot down. As the plane ~~continued to lose altitude~~ *catwalk* began to drop more, I pulled along the runway to the waist door and *myself* tumbled out. ~~When~~ I pulled the cord after I was clear of the plane, and the strap ~~came up and~~ knocked me out. Apparently I was unconscious when I landed.

BAILING OUT-  
UNCONSCIOUS

MEETING NAVIGATOR  
AND GUNNER.

My first recollection of anything was when I found myself ~~walking~~ walking behind a Frenchman toward *(two of my crew-members* ~~my navigator and waist gunner)~~ who were waiting for me. I learned that I had landed in the *vicinity of* ~~region~~ *old* ~~tween~~ MONTATAIRE and GOUVERNEUR. The Frenchman took us to an ~~old~~ *one of the crew members* house in the woods and as ~~the navigator~~ could speak French we <sup>us</sup> were told to wait in the woods until nightfall. During the night the *he* Frenchman took us to a farmhouse about six ~~km~~ *h.c.* away. I was able to walk a little but was pack-carried for the last part of the trip.



Mills- 2.

OPERATION BY  
CIVILIAN DOCTOR

The Frenchman had brought civilian clothes for us and after changing in the farmhouse, the ~~navigator and the gunner~~ <sup>two crew members</sup> left. I was taken to another farmhouse ~~occupied by one old lady, a young woman and her husband and two other men.~~ <sup>where</sup> ~~they had~~ a civilian doctor was waiting for me. The doctor took the bullet out of my thigh without administering any ~~anesthetic for the operation~~ and gave me what treatment he could with <sup>his</sup> limited medical equipment. I stayed at that house for two days when the remainder of my journey was arranged.

Frank A. Wrensch  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. A O S

Appendix "B" - Mills.

1. When he was in GOUVIEUX, <sup>evader</sup> subject stated ~~that~~ Germans were about to make a search of the town. The French seem to know when a search is to take place, but some times <sup>the Germans</sup> they by-pass one town and go to the next.
2. <sup>evader</sup> Subject ~~was~~ overheard a German officer make the remark, ~~when he came to the~~ house In GOUVIEUX, that he didn't see why it was necessary to take exercise as they were going to lose the war.
3. While going through AMIENS, <sup>evader</sup> subject saw the result of bomb damage to the marshalling yards at LANGUES. He <sup>said that it</sup> ~~described it as~~ most <sup>extensive</sup> destructive and that trains were greatly delayed.

*Typed*

Appendix "C"- Mills report.

After~~/~~ I spent two days in the French farmhouse during which time I was being treated for the wound in my thigh, ~~XXXXXX~~ an Italian by the name of Lauro came and took me to his house in GOUVIEUX by car. While I was there, Louis ~~XXXX~~ Dupre came and brought me cigarettes. He also sent in a nun to dress my wounds. He told me that my pilot had crash-landed the ship and was all right and that the navigator and the waist gunner were being helped. While I was in GOUVIEUX I was visited by Sgt. Morrison with whom I was to travel later.

I remained with the Lauro family until the twenty-seventh of January when Edmund Bouge came to the town. I met him at Louis Dupre's cafe and he took me on his motorcycle to MONTATAIRE. I went to the home of Mme. Dore, where Morrison was living, and spent two nights there. Then I was moved to the home of M. and <sup>L</sup>~~Mme~~ Du Chateau, a short distance away. I stayed there until the fourth of February when I was supplied with identity cards and papers furnished by M. Bouge. The rest of my trip is exactly the same as that given by Sgt. Morrison. ~~IK~~ (See E & E report No.\_\_\_\_)



Appendix "D" - Mills report.

(*First person*)

1. Subject did not use <sup>I</sup>his <sup>my</sup>aids box, as <sup>I</sup>he was taken care of as soon as he <sup>I</sup>hit the ground.
2. He carried a <sup>I</sup>purse; <sup>red</sup> but does not remember the ~~KIX~~ <sup>save it to help out.</sup> color of it. He states that there <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ 2000 francs in it and maps of Spain and France.
3. He disposed of his aids box and purse <sup>I gave my</sup> by <sup>to help out</sup> giving them away with their contents.
- 3 4. He carried six passport photographs all of which were used.
- 4 5. He had been lectured on evasion and escape at ~~his~~ <sup>I</sup>bases and found the lectures of value ~~in his walk<sup>3</sup>out experiences.~~
- 5 6. He suggests <sup>I</sup>that <sup>should not travel together in trains.</sup> when evaders are traveling in trains together that they should be separated. <sup>I</sup>He sat with five others in a compartment and feels that is too many and they should have been separated.

Mills

Dec. 30 - 1943 - left base - hit 2  
flak areas - heavy & concentrated -  
2nd area hit No 1 engine - started smoking  
couldn't feather prop - lost formation  
bombs away - followed formation - 2  
groups behind - saw Liberators go by -  
asked for fighter support & it was recd.  
Pilot got course <sup>from</sup> fighter escort for  
England - then left - close to Paris -  
4 - FW's & 2 Spitfires - came up -  
one Spit peeled off - FW's came in  
to tail - tail gunner dead - engineer  
hit - only gun covering tail - ball turret  
man was killed - tail section shot - losing  
altitude & No 2 acted up. FW's packed  
on tail - Mills hit on leg - fell got  
back on box - waist gunner's dead -  
got to tail gun - hit one FW - French  
stated 3 FW's shot & one Spitfire  
with German markings. Started for  
waist door. Pulled along run way to waist  
door - tumbled out - pulled out when



2

clear of plane - strap came up & hooked  
him out - landed unconscious - Frenchman  
walking in front - navigator & waist  
gunner waiting there. In region between  
mountains & quiviers, went to a town -  
down house in wood - civ. spoke French  
told to wait in woods until nightfall  
waited there until night, during night  
Frenchman came & taken to farmhouse,  
6 km. away - pack - carry - to house.  
Nav. & waist gunner left in civ.  
clothes. Mills fitted out with civ. &  
taken to another farmhouse. One old  
lady - young woman & husband - 2  
other men - no names - got civilian  
doctor who was there waiting, ~~and given~~  
treatments by Dr. who operated & administered  
treatments. Two days later - station  
man - Lamo - came & took him to  
his house Quivier - taken in a car  
to Lamo's house. Louis Duprez - came  
there - cigarette - got help of a man  
who took care of him. Morrison came to  
see him. Louis said pilot had crash  
landed ship & was all right - and  
that navigator & waist gunner were being  
helped. Stayed there until 27 Jan.  
M. <sup>Edmond</sup> Bouge came to Louis Duprez's cafe  
with motorcycle & then went to mountain  
to Madame Loro's house - office in  
lower - basement with chess & butter -  
gauge opened to public once a week -  
Morrison there when Mills arrived -  
Stayed 2 nights - then moved down

street to M. + Mrs. Du Chateau - visited  
back + forth - stayed - there until 4<sup>th</sup> of Feb.  
got identity card at Mrs. Hare's house  
from Bouge - name of Pierre Mouquet  
landscaper - funny woker

Jolen - was picked up by Gestapo  
in Hornoy - was a saboteur -  
carried guns -

Incidental -

French morale - good -  
Germans <sup>about by</sup> making a search in Guivier -  
German officer made statement - why  
take exercise - will lose the war.

Randel a village near Guivier  
Langueas - Amiens - mailbailly  
yards - 3 bombings while living  
there - complete + effective  
damage - 2 hours to go through  
2 weeks after raiding at Tondel  
early in April.

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO. 689

No., Rank, Name:-

Unit:-

Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and comments will help others to evade capture or to escape.

1. AIDS BOX

- a. Did you use your aids box? *NO*
- b. If not, why? *I was taken care of as soon as I hit the ground*
- 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? *Gave it away*
- 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. *don't remember*  
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? *NO*

(over)



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

Maps. Which ones?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money?

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

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

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

If so, how many? 6

b. Did you use them? yes They were good

5. LECTURES

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

yes. I don't remember  
where or when

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?

Six sat in compartment - groups  
should be separated.

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. *Milton Jameson Mills Jr. - S/Sgt - 35649131*
2. Decorations. *NONE*
3. Unit or Squadron. *527 B. Sqd. group*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *379th Bomb Group*
5. Date of Birth. *April 22, 1923*
6. Length of Service. *1 year 3 mo.*
7. Private Address. *1522 Sycamore St. Reno, W. Va. U.S.A.*
8. Job as civilian. *Groceryman*
9. From what field did you take off? *Kimberly*
10. Take off time.
11. Date and target. *Dec. 30th Ludwigshafen*
12. Where did you land? *NEAR Montdidier, France*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *I do not know.*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *Radio operator*
15. Were you wounded? *yes*
16. Did you pay your guides? *NO* If so how much? —
17. Do you speak French? *NO* Spanish? *NO*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *yes - dog tags*
19. Have you been questioned before to-day on your escape or evasion? *yes* If so, where and by whom? Have you given anyone a written report on your experiences. Where and when?  
*yes. At Gibraltar. By British Authorities*
20. Did you report on your operations? *NO* If so, where and to whom? —
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *yes. Both at Alhama, Spain & Gibraltar*
22. Date of arrival in Spain. *April 20, 1944*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *May 29, 1944*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *May 29, 1944 by air*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *May 30, 1944*

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Milton J.  
Miller  
#689

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

DEC. 30, 1943. 2:30 o'clock. Near Montetive

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

Was it on fire, etc? NO. 1 ENGINE out and would not feather. NO. 2 ENGINE acting up. Tail section shot up pretty bad.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 700 to 800 Ft.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? I think the Tail gunner and Ball gunner was dead. The Engineer was wounded in the head and I myself was wounded.

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

Navigator-opened. Two waist gunners-opened. Myself-opened

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? I don't think so because the Pilot crash landed the ship and got out alive.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? NONE OTHER THAN MENTIONED.

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. A Frenchman of the organization told me my Pilot, G. E. CAMP, crash landed the ship and was alive and unhurt.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? NO If so, what was its condition?

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? It was reported to me by a Frenchman that four member of my crew was dead in the wreckage of the plane. Also reported no prisoners taken.



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:
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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.

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Name(Print) Milton J. Mills Jr. Signed Milton J. Mills Jr.  
Rank S/Sgt. A.S.N. 35649131 Date May 29, 1944  
Unit 379<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Witness H. W. Forster

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

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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:

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Unit 379<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group

Signed Milton J. Mills Jr.  
Dated May 30, 1944  
Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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Rank S/sgt. A. S. N. 35649131

Dated May 30, 1944

Unit 379 Bomb Group

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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

DATE: 31 May 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, WALTER J. SCHWEIGER JR., Capt., AC, O-566669

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

MILTON J. MILLS JR., S/Sgt., AC, 35649131

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.

Milton J. Mills Jr. Walter J. Schweiger Jr.  
Capt. A.C.

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 MILTON J. MILLS JR.,  
S/Sgt., AC, 35649131 (527 Bomb Squadron - 379 Bomb Group)  
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