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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
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Military Intelligence Service

E & H REPORT NO 710
EVASION IN _____

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8 June 1944
(Date)

Drollinger, Lynn H. 2nd Lt 0-749531

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

8 approx (No of Missions)

TARGET:

Date Missing in Action: 28 Mar. 1944

Date Arrived in UK: 8 June 1944

362 Fi. Sqn. 357 P. Group
(Squadron) (Group)

none

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Indicate what happened to
each man
and how you know

PILOT

Drollinger, Lynn H. navigator

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

MIDDLE TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

Were you wounded?

Lt. Drollinger

HIT BY
FLAK

I flew through a flak barrage without noticing that I had been hit, but a few minutes later my engine coolant ~~be~~ was pouring out, the ~~engine to run out~~ cockpit filled with smoke, and the oil temperature gauge ^{shot up to the top.} ~~rose quickly until it reached its maximum.~~ I turned for home with the squadron commander flying on my wing until I bailed out.

DELAYED
JUMP

I left the ship at 20,000 feet and delayed my jump ~~until~~ to 4000 feet, throwing off my oxygen mask and dingy ^{on the way down.} ~~as I fell.~~ I landed within a ~~few yards of a hundred feet~~ ^{of} hundred feet of a farmyard, hid my chute under a haystack, and then walked over to two women who had been watching me ~~all this time.~~ ~~about halfway down~~ I was just about to speak (next)

GERMANS (to them when I heard a motorcycle
MISDIRECTED coming up the road. Without
BY FRENCH waiting ~~to speak or be spoken to~~ I
HELPERS turned and dashed into the
barn. From there I saw a German
soldier drive up to the women,
~~stop~~ stop and speak to them, and
then ^{leave} ~~go on down the road in~~
the direction in which they
pointed. As soon as he had

HIDDEN
BY
HELPERS

left, the women brought me
civilian clothes and then
hid me and my chute in a
haymow. An hour later ~~a~~ seven
Germans drove up in a staff
car and asked ~~the~~ my
helpers where I was, but when
they insisted that they had
never seen me the Germans
~~went away satisfied.~~

left without ~~searching~~ making
^a ~~any~~ search ~~of the premises.~~ I
was kept hidden in the haymow
all night and all the next
day, for the Germans were still
scouring the country-side. The
next night a man came and
led me to his farm from where my
journey was arranged.

JOURNEY
ARRANGED

Lt. Drollingen

App. B

a) At GUIGNES (15 km NE of
MELUN) ^{(a large number) of} ~~the~~ GAF personnel
^{were} ~~was~~ stationed (Observation,

31 March 1944)

b) Two Do 217's, several Heinkel
III K's, and a small observation
plane were seen flying in the
vicinity of the airfield at
NANGIS on 31 March 1944.

c) In the night raid on VILLENEUVE
ST. GEORGES about 28 March
1944 an ammunition train was
hit while standing in the station.
The station was entirely destroyed
and many Germans were killed.
(Hearsay, early April 1944)

The rest of the information provided by this
informant is the same as that in E. + E. # 687

Lt. Drollinger
App. C

Typed

Lt. Drollinger came down ~~next~~
on 28 March 1944 about 3 miles SE of
VILLIERS ST. GEORGES (~~15 kms NE of~~
~~PROVINS~~). He was immediately hidden
and sheltered ~~by~~ in a farmhouse
by a woman (40 yrs old, 5'2",
stout) who had a son 17 years old.
(A man about 45 years old and a
young woman of 23 years also ~~lived~~
in this house; their relation to the
woman is not known.) The next
evening BERNARD VI-(?), a man
~~#~~ 25 years ~~who has been~~ old, unmarried
who had been in the French navy took
Drollinger to his farm near FLAIX
(4 kms SW of VILLIERS ST. GEORGES)
and kept him there two nights. The
next morning (30 March) he was
visited by LUCIEN SEE (29 years old,
5'2" tall, 160 lbs.). LUCIEN had
attended a high school in upper
New York State; his English mother is
dead, his father had been manager
of a French corseteer, his aunt is
VIOLET SHAW, Red Cross Bureau, 556
ABBAY ROAD, TORQUAY, DEVONSHIRE.

(next)

On ~~the~~ 31 March LUCIEN and BERNARD took Drollinger by bicycle to PARIS to the HOTEL AMSTERDAM which is run by LUCIEN's sister, PAULINE, a 26 year old widow (5'2", dark, fairly heavy; has two children). There Drollinger met LUCIEN's brother, ALEX SEE, and the father, M. SEE (5'11", 180 or 190 lbs, dark hair) who had been arrested by the Germans previously and released. During the afternoon BERNARD got in touch with Mme. LEON DARRAS and later in the afternoon took ~~him~~ ^{Drollinger} to her apartment at 20 RUE DE BRUXELLES. She took Drollinger to her restaurant, ALA FORTUNE DUPOT, and from there SIMONE ROSSENU took him to the apartment of her parents, the GAILLETS on the RUE MOLIN. Here Drollinger found Sgt. Barlow staying. From this point his journey was the same as Barlow's (E+E687)

N.B 1) LUCIEN SEE wants the following message to be delivered to his aunt, VIOLET SHAW, Red Cross Bureau, 556 ABBEY ROAD, TORQUAY,

DEVONSHIRE: The family is all well but has not heard from her for ~~18~~ eighteen months. Her son has married a very nice girl.

2) In VILLIERS ST. GEORGES the city clerk, a butcher, and a garage owner are pro-Germans who tried to capture Drollinger and turn him over to the Germans. They were forestalled by a gendarme who, knowing what their purpose was, prevented them from setting out along the road in their automobile. This gave Drollinger's helpers an opportunity to hide him.

4. Drollinger

App. 5

AIDS BOX: I used the Horlicks tablets, chocolate bar, milk, water/bottle, and compass in crossing the mountains. ~~The paper wrapping could not be got off of the Horlicks tablets.~~

PURSE: I had a red purse. I used the compass and the maps of France and the Pyrenees. The 2000 French francs I spent for food in Spain.

PHOTOGRAPHS: I had eight photographs, but they were the wrong size and so were not used.

LECTURES: I heard my S2 officer at base lecture on evasion. ~~The lectures were of some value,~~ but Immediate aid made it unnecessary for me to apply much of the instruction.

28 March 1944 - Escaping bombers flown through flak.

3 minutes later engine coolant started to run out.

I turned home (Near Dijon). Sq. commander flew on my wing until I bailed out. Coolant

formed ice on cockpit canopy. Unlocked & disengaged canopy. Oil temp. was as high as

it could go & smoke was coming through

cockpit. I left at 20000 ft. Delayed jump to

4000 ft. I threw off dinghy & oxygen mask.

(Germans got the dinghy) Landed ~~near~~ within

25 ft of a farm courtyard. Hid chute

under hayrack. Walked over to 2 women

in courtyard who had been watching me. Just

as I started to speak to them a German

motorcycle came up the road. I ran into

barn and hid. The women pointed out down

the road to the German & the German

went on. I hid me & parachute in a

hay mow. ^{They gave me civilian clothes before taking me to hay mow.} After about an hour 7 Germans

in a staff car came & asked these people

where I was. The woman brought me supper.

Slept in hay mow that night. Next morning she fed

3 miles SE of Villers St. Georges.
Astronomer of 40 yrs, 5' 2" - ~~about~~ quite
short. She had a son about 17. There was
a man of 45 or so here & a girl about 23

me & told me that 100 Germans were looking for me -
At noon she told me that a man would come
for me that night. At 10 PM he came & we

took everything but canopy of chute & walked to his
farmyard near FLAIX where we hid the army
clothes (except 9 shoes) in a secret ~~place~~ cave.

He told me that a friend was coming next
day at 10 AM. I stayed there night. The
next morning (30 March) LUCIEN SEE of PARIS

(had gone 3 1/2 years to a high school in
upper N.Y. State. His mother English - dead -
& father French, ~~was the~~ manager of French
wrestler who toured the States in 1930. He
was (29 years old, 5'2", weighed 74 kilos. (160 lbs.)) who
told me next day we would cycle to PARIS.

At 6 AM on 31 he took me ^{& Bernard} by cycle to for 70
kms & then took a bus to center of PARIS
where we peddled the cheese & eggs at cafes.
(250 francs a kilo)

Then we went to HOTEL AMSTERDAM
run by LUCIEN SEE's sister (PAULINE -
~~married~~ widow: 5'2", dark, fairly heavy, 26
years old, 2 children. His brother, ALEC SEE
also lives here & old M. SEE who had
been arrested by Germans before, for did not
live at this hotel (dark hair 5'11", 180 or 190 lbs)

~~John~~ During this afternoon ~~to~~ BERNARD
called Mme. DARRAS + I was taken to
her apartment at 20 RUE DE BRUXELLES.
She interrogated me & took me to her restaurant,

29 March
father
had
been
killed
in
war
had
been
sent
Bernard
has
an
other
brother
who
has
been
shipped
to
Germany

(BERNARD VI. Had been
about 25 yrs old. Spoke a little English.
Aunt: Violet Shaw - Red Cross Bureau
556 Athley
Road, Tongue
Eng. Land

A LA FORTUNE DUPOT. There I met Mme SIMONE
ROSSENU who that night took me to the
apartment of her family where I met BARLOW
(The Gailliet on RUE IMOLIN)

Mme LA ROCHE was in Switzerland during this
time + they were waiting for her return.

After leaving TOULOUSE they left the train
at ST. LAURENT (? Sgt Hendrickson knows
the name)

Left Gibraltar 7 June for U.K.

See App. B a)

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story =
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LUCIENSEE wants Drilling to give a message to his aunt, VIOLET SHAW, Red Cross Message Bureau - ~~23~~ - 556 Abbey Road, TORQUAY (Devonshire) England. The family is ~~well~~ all well and haven't heard from her for 18 months. Her son has married a very nice girl.

App B.

- a) In Villiers St. Georges the city clerk,
a butcher, & a garage man are pro-Germans
who tried to capture Drollinger.
- b) Near Nangis there is an airfield; two DO 217s
and an observation plane (small) seen +
Heinkel III Ks.
in this vicinity. (~~Germany~~ 31 March)
- c) In Guignes (SE of Paris) there were ~~a~~ many
GAF men stationed (31 March)
- d) Many German troop trains seen coming
into Gare des Marchandise (April 1944)
about 28 March, night raid,
- e) In raid, on Villeneuve St. Georges (S. of
Paris) an ammunition train was hit in
station. Station destroyed - many Germans
killed (April 1944).
- f) French programme on BBC 8100 hours received

letter than English programmes from London
(April 1944).

APP 8

a) In the morning St. George's the city clock
is broken, & a garage man, one of the
men tried to capture the clock.

b) Near Hanger there is an airfield, this is
the only observation plane (one) seen
in this vicinity (1st 31 March)

c) In Japan (2nd 31 March) there were many
CAF men (31 March)

d) Many German troops were seen
in the morning (31 March)

e) In the afternoon St. George's the city clock
is broken, & a garage man, one of the
men tried to capture the clock.

f) French programme in 1944 was received

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MOST SECRET - BRITISH
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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No.
Drollinger, Lynn H. O-74 9531 2nd Lt.
2. Decorations.
3. Unit or Squadron.
Recommended for Air Medal
4. Division (Army) or Group.
362 Fg Sqdn. 357 Fg Group.
5. Date of Birth.
8th Air Force
17 April 1923
6. Length of Service.
7. Private Address.
2 years
Route 7 Spokane, Wash.
8. Job as civilian.
9. From what field did you take off?
Pilot at Boeings.
Liston Airdrome.
10. Take off time.
11. Date and target.
12/15
12. Where did you land?
28 March 1944
Dijon airfield
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?
parachuted
Villiers St Georges - S.E. 3 miles.
14. What was your position in aircraft?
yes.
pilot.
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?
no.
dog tags also false French identity.
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, Spain by English also at Gibraltar by English.
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 at Gibraltar
6 June 1944
22. Date of arrival in Spain.
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar.
22 April 1944
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.
5 June 1944
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
7 June 1944 by Air from Gibraltar
8 June 1944 airdrom near Bristol

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 710

No., Rank, Name:- *Drollinger, Lynn H. 2nd Lt. 0-749531*

Unit:- *362 Fi. Sqdn 357 Fi. Group.*

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".

✓ Horlicks tablets. *in mountains Pyrenees*

✓ Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *" " " "*

✓ Milk (tube). *" " " "*

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *did not use*

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *" " "*

Matches. *" " "*

Adhesive tape. *" " "*

Chewing gum. *in Paris*

✓ Water bottle. *in Pyrenees*

— Compass. *" " "*

Sewing kit. *in Spain*

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *Horlicks Tablets*

- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *The wax paper stuck to the Tablets, had to eat the paper left it in Paris*

- 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?

more milk and chocolate

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *yes*
State color of stripes and letters. *French Money 2000 Francs*
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. and pyrenees*

Compass. *yes*

File (hacksaw). *no*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *French - Food + Drink*

How did you spend the money? *(2000 francs) changed it to Pesetas.*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *Spanish.*

Compass. *" "*

File (hacksaw). *in Paris.*

Surplus currency. *none - Spent in Spain on food.*

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? *8*

b. Did you use them? *no. Wrong size.*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *yes.*

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM *in England, at Base by S2*

b. Did you find the lectures of value? *some; immediate aid prevented me from seeking much of the advice.*

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers? *no*

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E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Drollinger, Lynn H 2nd Lt. O-749531
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

8 June 1944
(Date)

362 Fi. Sqdn 357 Fi. Group
(Unit)

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

28 March 1944, 1420, 3 miles Southeast of Villiers St. Georges

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

Was it on fire, etc?

A coolant leak and engine temps. were 150°C oil and engine was burning and stopped.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

20,000 ft.

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

no

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

pilot.

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?

no

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.

no - fighter plane.

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

engine six meters in ground

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.

over land.

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

fighter plane

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

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

KLS/el-2B-939 Pentagon

6 August 1943

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

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

1. Publication or communication to any unauthorized persons of experiences of escape or evasion from enemy-occupied territory, internment in a neutral country, or release from internment not only furnishes useful information to the enemy but also jeopardizes future escapes, evasions and releases.

2. Personnel will not, unless authorized by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, publish in any form whatever or communicate either directly, or indirectly, to the press, radio or an unauthorized person any account of escape or evasion of capture from enemy or enemy-occupied territory, or internment in a neutral country either before or after repatriation. They will be held strictly responsible for all statements contained in communications to friends which may subsequently be published in the press or otherwise.

3. Evaders, escapees, or internees shall not be interrogated on the circumstances of their experiences in escape, evasion or internment except by the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations. In allied or neutral countries, American Military Attaches are authorized to interrogate on escape, evasion and internment matters.

4. Should the services of escaped prisoners of war, evaders, or internees be deemed necessary for lecturing and briefing, such services will be under the direct supervision of the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations.

5. Commanding Officers will be responsible for instructing all evaders, escapees, and internees in the provisions of this directive which supercedes letter, AG 383.6 (5 Nov 42) OB-S-B-M, 7 November 1942, subject: Instructions concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War and other previous instructions on this subject.

By order of the Secretary of War:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 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) D. Hollinger, Lynn H.
Rank 2nd Lt. A. S. N. 0-749531
Unit 362d Sp. In. 357 P. G. Group.

Signed Lynn H. Hollinger
Dated 8 June 1944
Witness _____

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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.
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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) Lynn H. Drellinger Signed Lynn H. Drellinger
Rank 2nd Lt. A.S.N. 0-749531 Date 5 June 1944
Unit 362 Fi. Sqdn. 357 Fi. Grp. Witness Horace W. Forster

HORACE W. FORSTER,
Colonel, G.S.C.,

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

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DATE: 9 June 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, CHARLES E. YEAGER, F/O, AC, T-970

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

LYNN H. DROLLINGER, 2nd Lt., AC, O-749531

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.

Lynn H. Drollinger.

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



Charles E. Yeager.

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The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as LYNN H. DROLLINGER,
2nd Lt., AC, O-749531 (362 Fighter Squadron - 357 Fighter Group)
previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

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

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