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Comment: It seems incredible at this late date that an evader should even think he had been briefed to make for Paris. Why not Berlin? It is comforting to get a complaint that the maps are too detailed.

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

E & E REPORT NO. 729
EVASION IN FRANCE

(Date)

Ray P REEVES, T/SGT, 18076981

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

18 Mission

TARGET: ROCKET GUN EMPLACEMENTS
in Northern France

MIA: 21 January 1944

Arrived in UK:

8 June 1944

67 Sq, 44 Bomb Group

(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWID)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-800356	1st Lt	Hartwell R HOWINGTON		MIA
CO-PILOT	0-748585	1st Lt	Herman M CURTIS		MIA
NAVIGATOR	0-683831	1st Lt	Richard J KASTEN		MIA
BOMBARDIER	0-741141	1st Lt	Wayne D CROWL		MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	12164582	T/Sgt	Alvin A ROSENBLATT		E&E #549
TOP TURRET GUNNER	14151313	T/Sgt	Archie R BARLOW		E&E 687 IN NEUTRAL COUNTRY
BALL TURRET GUNNER	17106849	S/Sgt	Nickolas M HEITER		MIA
WAIST GUNNER	32337637	Sgt	Alfred M KLEIN		E&E #550
WAIST GUNNER	39831745	S/Sgt	Charles W BLAKLEY		E&E #551
TAIL GUNNER	18162569	S/Sgt	Earl E BOGGS		MIA
CAMERAMAN	18076981	T/Sgt	Ray P REEVES		NARRATOR

Were you wounded?

E&E : T/Sgt Ray P REEVES

BAILED OUT

About 1500 I bailed out and landed close to a small village, spraining my wrist and shoulder, ~~in parachuting~~. I made ^{After running} to attempt to cover my parachute but started away immediately. ^{and doubled back in} In about 150 yards I dropped my mae west, ~~and~~ turned, ~~and went~~ the other direction to a forest where I hid. I used my little hacksaw to ^{cut} get a club, and ^I hid my maps, which seemed to me too detailed. About dusk I passed a couple of farmhouses to look them over. I saw some trucks with German soldiers pass, apparently searching the countryside.

They were HELPED

I went to a house by a marsh ^{and} approached two boys bailing ^{hay} ~~hairs~~, apparently scaring ^{ed} them when they saw my blue heated suit. I ^{gave} them some chewing gum. They called their mother and she took me to the house. They tried to ask me what I wanted. All I could do was indicate that I wanted civilian clothes and that I wanted to go to Paris ~~(N.B.: a very bad thing to do)~~. As I had understood our P/W briefing, ^{organized} we were supposed to head for Paris, finding/help ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~the~~ on the way. I was given civilian clothes and permitted to stay at the house all night.

JOURNEY ARRANGED

In a few hours, however, I was given a note in English which told me to go with these two friends who had appeared. I was taken to a place from which my journey was arranged.

Compiled by

D E EMERSON
1st Lt, AUS

Approved by

W STULL HOLT
Lt Col, AC
Commanding

Appendix B

1. The following information has been obtained from a sergeant 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.

Statement of information covering the period from 21 January to 7 May 1944

a. Informant was told in January that at BREST and other places along the French coast the Germans had made Frenchmen work to build concrete emplacements and tank traps

b. Traveling from Paris to BORDEAUX in early May informant noticed that the Germans were placing tanks, ~~and~~ guns, ~~and~~ other equipment, and some cars of ~~the~~ troops in marshalling yards which had been thoroughly bombed out, camouflaging them with stripe camouflage. At yards or railway stations which had not been bombed there were no such concentrations.

c. Informant was told by helpers that there seemed to be a great many duds among the bombs dropped by Americans, especially from B-26's.

d. Informant was told that a B-26 raid on BEAUVAIS airfield missed the field by five kilometers and that there had been a number of other poorly directed raids on the same airfield. He was told that the field was never much damaged until the B-17's knocked it out.

e. Riding by train from Paris to BORDEAUX in early May informant saw that ~~the~~ a great many marshalling yards had been excellently bombed. Only in a few places could he see that there had been much dispersion of bombs, causing damage to surrounding houses.

Appendix D

1. My aids box fell out of my coverall^s pocket when my parachute opened.
2. I carried a ~~red~~ purse. I hid the maps in a forest. I lost the compass while changing clothes. I used the hacksaw to cut a club for dogs or anything else. I spent the money for tobacco.
3. I did not carry passport-size photographs.
4. I had been lectured on evasion and escape at group by PW officers. The lectures were very very valuable, but you need many more and better ones.
5. Suggestions: While you are in France don't be noisy. Keep your mouth shut to every one except the people who are moving you. Don't be sacred to death; just use your common sense and do what you are told. Patience is very necessary.

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) RAY P. REEVES Signed Ray P. Reeves

Rank 7/567 A.S.N. 18026981 Date June 5, 1944

Unit 44th Bomb Gr. 62nd Bomb Gp. Witness Horace W. Forster

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

APPENDIX "B" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

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.,.....)

B radio stat in M & ^{visual} pretty town - c 6 Air hq.

Told that in Brest & another place on coast just from
to work building concrete supplements & tank traps.

Saw box cars of goods - c 6'

Is pretty tanks & guns at places bombed out - camouflaged
by stipes - Paris & Bordeaux - especially around Paris -
Not so at stations not bombed.

Never hear of no more duds - told hardly of tank loads of the
exp B-26 bombs

Saw 1 B-26 on way hit Bordeaux.

Told B-26 missed Beavers A/F 5 km - on day - ^{no 1st} hit
Never did too much damage, until 17's finally got it
Bombed of my Paris & Bordeaux perfect by day - some houses in
on a two places - but gets really hit.

Told tank duds at M - 8 - x (Manned.)

Also tanks.

TOP SECRET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Ray P. Reeves T/SGT 18076981
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

(Date)

44th Bomb Gp 67th Sgd.
(Unit)

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

Jan. 21, 1944 plane crashed approx 3 o'clock
near Sommeren, France

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

Was it on fire, etc?

It fire and exploded after and while crashing

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 10,000

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

I saw none, or knew of none

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

One, Left Waist gunner, name unknown

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. Not identified by name but

the Left waist gunners anchor were broke
and was taken prisoner
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?

Killed - I saw but one parachute and
The plane crash.

Rever c1500 bailed out close to small fly (sprained wrist & shoulder - joined
Summer when chit gun & when hit.) No attempt to cover retreat - let fly out on
out - c150 yds deep NW - then went other way - forest - hid.
C dashed to James' house - per for me - to another. Paris twice with
soldiers - they looking over country. Used saw to make chit - hid my ^{too much in detail} gun.
To home by mouth - 2 boys looking by - gun cleaning gun - I in blue
heated suit - scared them. They told M. He took me to home.

2-3 girls - women there - they try ask what want. I motion
for dolly/indicate want go to Paris.

Been interested to go to Paris - find my way.
Brown in clothes - suit, cap - shoes - no good.

I have no change for it - but

Given note 'go with these 2 friends' - 2 men with them

1. Old c65 heavy set mustache - quiet to Summer

2. —

Taken to S - home of Pater Victor (sic) - 2 dth, wife

Q. come - said from for Int took photo

White hair - said quote Dated, for - little g.

Had auto - home of Summer. Following day.

Took me in buying with fly - c2 hrs - to D's home.

Given another note - took by car to of toward Beauvais

Old bachelor - c70 - got big mustache - big man - born in O

Only pupil eyes - tall, big - c45-50 - lived in same city

Saw 2 women - they tell me of bed in with 2 hrs.

2 days.

27-28

25) m For Navigator - little fellow - black hair - skin - big
heavy set man - c24

Taken to latter's wife's at Beauvais. Then to Lucien Rwert.

short, lit complexion, hair,
blue eyes.

Min took photo -
Beauvais - W gave
1/12

25 Rue de Champs (??) a new street.

Left with another Frenchman - young, dark complexion, dark hair.

By car - met fellow at train depot - Billbert.

C 5 other men in car - for little time when Billbert here -

Ate breakfast - left early next am - by car to station -

T. Paris by train with Billbert, Claudette - brown hair -

short, ruddy complexion, married - Year in Uni Unit at Boston.

5-6 Am's On bid from Texas - Fats - shot down 30 Dec.

Met by big blond boy - tall nice looking, fair complexion - 20-22

Others with Billbert & Claudette - I follow this fellow -

All met in apt house near hotel - 3 or 2 d floor (up winding stairs) bedroom & little living room - dining room.

Am by the pilot (think Typhoon) A Londoner - bald headed -

on last mission when shot down - going to O - he in the control

I said just what I said.

An American there who phoned about you

Old to look like - skin, black hair - looks like old man.

Barber came (as Italian boy.)

2 Frenchmen there - talk about hanging 1/11

Claudette there, Billbert.

Couple other Frenchmen there

I told Billbert & Claudette that I mean that by never as an soldier & especially in aviation

1st question asked of SN - gave 5 nos

2 ask if you work for BPC - they pay you - I know can't work for govt & military else they

Don't ask about you - I'm not bound to, I'm a quiet boy.

Said make recordings on radio - only reason not in uniform. To keep from being shot
" escaped prison, killed.

27 Dec to Paris

Loose in Paris - told Madame when stopped that he had no papers & as an aviator was flying. Madame kept him to

'Red Dog' also told - said last say he told of his
I think now think boy who folks had helped aviators - he trying
to get to G - I think Samuels became no more.

28 Jan
Claudette to 8 Rue Jean Moures, Paris 17, to Mme
Dixmerie, Mme Bay & her daughter Mlle Françoise.
She was with Red +. Had with work for Swedish Red +
husband killed by Gs in battle
P/W - been in army
Works in black market.

Claudette but says - want photos

Said going to Bay by boat.

I ask her by chance - would she not come

→ she say of with her say
address -

To place where you 5-6 stories - must be on top. ^{Thin} Lady was tall, black haired
ht haired, short, stocky - Irishman - been down 5 months

Ent - B or N (been down 5 months

He ask me if I think above as soon - he say they asked
me to identify -

They going to take him to body - ask explain - get rid of
him.

Next we to 8 Rue - by Claudette

One girl could speak G - Mme Bay's daughter Françoise.

She say that Claudette captured c 12 Feb - she had from
Mme Bay to not find C's M. said that (Olef) phone.

Destgo. Destgo follow C into home - 2 bags then - by me & O'leary - Destgo say do you know this lady - Egan say yes - not know what to say. Searched in papers & got papers & 25,000 fr. (Thinking papers became due back to give them to me)

Know name Maurice Lefevre (?) in Beauvais - by Fr N.

Destgo want to know who come in (apparently at by when here)

I anxious to know whether you have address - lady with in hysterics - know Dest C's M had address. 1 wk after C cut M & taken.

Mme Bay took me to hotel for 2 nts - to pictures during day to keep my from home.

2d hotel told to my deaf & dumb. Man come in with pass by: Ask me Charles Mme. I have what asking. He had no note - I say - No.

I leave it any - you to get Fr police - went to home. Franconi had returned. He possibly.

Told them this to ^{up with Dismore} take me back to Beauvais - I find here a place.

p10
day I want back to Beauvais - I see Fr N - new tobacco shop - by road - on main st.

He tell him how can I have come back.

Found who come to home - tall, grey hair, 55 - ^{some} - had told story from C's mother. Say no body in my home when I was - & was contacts.

Say Capt in Fr Cavalry - little more with mustache working as veterinarian. Wif. had lived in Fr. Think this not Beauvais

T. Lucien Ruvant is here - stayed with Shurtick & Thomas
 I left before with Cypri - to edge Beavis - but Javits
 there. Picked up Marian Knight, Camp, Cooper; 2 others in
 17 crews (54) - left in M -

Thinks Noailles to
 see other fellow with

Then Monjevalt. after going through some other line - got
 a big bldg - Camp & Cooper stay there for some time.

Perhaps we pick Camp & Cooper up at Chas. town. Then to
 Monjevalt - stay with other head, small

Had to talk more to country for air.

While the G. B. - who had run in Beavis - came to check

c. 15 days. Ruddy complexion - dark - curly hair, short, c. 33-35

there. He identifies - had run in in O.K. speak & fairly well, mounted - something peculiar about mouth 22-23
 brilliant, photog, & another from, & Yvonne (but not in last)

L. J. Beavis

PO'd at going for being to us - had not conf. done. Planning to
 go to Fritz (that could get out & didn't understand
 anything from P/W but us)

Find out that we going back to Paris - & didn't know that
 well organized & feared capture.

Said this Enslavement's Day - knew then going by boat.
 (who said to be 15 days - came 2 days later - & then nothing
 15 days)

Drill but showed head - but not talk much.

Back to small town where he was - in and I talk -

Camp, Cooper, Knight, & 1 gr.

To. Guillot's hair gain - stay in one - back on the Paris
with Tantal, Canadian named 13 ill (from Mosquito)

Smiled by 2 men from little town - one was very thick & fat &
tall fellow with red black hair - seen one in Bravies.
Also short, Irish, long red yellow (dinner)

Picked up Tantal, then got train.

One train with Yvonne & boy with peculiar mouth
Off before Paris bus daily pages - ^{pick up at the girls - girl 22 and black hair} not another hair. Had TBC
Met in Paris to have I feel - Knight with me -

Oliver, tall, long hair, red complexion. Apt 5-6-72 floor.

Very very small, mild blue face, freckled, farmer's girl complexion -

Yellowish brown hair, thick blue eyes.

(Not as short as 4'8" - c 5") Well proportioned.

Just built of energy.

To 42 Rue de Paris - by your girl.

Swabs Lucienne Le Roy - very good to us.

Had little boy - Jean.

W like the saw Guillot one.

Kept telling that there 48" was, then 2 days, week, then don't know
what.

2 getting nervous. Time taken for walk.

One to see lady & Rue Jean Marais.

I want her arrange me to go to Suinty. Yvonne kept telling me
being moved. Told me fellow
that he take me on vacation.

Yvonne - same position as Claudette

Black head - 5'8" - slight - mounted - in field boots

Mrs. Le Roy - take me to other stay - met women was at -

Say know ^{some} work with Mrs. pilots of.

Women to Rue Franklin, Paris ~~St~~ - come over.

Mrs. Claffey

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She tell me not to go to Fritz - said had connections with
other ones.

Found out that Mrs Dixson's sister from Red Cross he is to see her.
I wanted to see and the folks thought her.

I led me out of patience with me.
Went by self to Mrs Claffey - she say she go see Mrs D's sister
But must wait - and that couldn't come.

Mrs Rafferty come - say had into out - for some reason
(Billie give Yvonne card not to take her out to Spain.
She tell Yvonne that she take there or else she would.
She say Billie already in trouble with G but for
disobeying orders.

Said had had fight with me & leaders of me.
Fellow with whom Billie had fight went to G & said / My.
He not to return to Spain. & he beating Bert's couple times -
he had military information)

Yvonne, Marie Knight, Billie, ^{young} 21-22, black hair, high
nice looking, & aviators to
come to Spain after us.

Billie's ^{also Yvonne} stay on Claudette - O'Leary telephoned - I saw
O'Leary - men shot - not fight.

Yvonne show picture - also picture - I told Fred by who
let me in Paris.

Tracy's pilot taken also.

Said me talk to G - moved his couple times - to help him -
say Bert's - I can not Claudette at by - also some
other. Later Billie come in - Mary come on in - Billie
over.

Said Claudette following for Olaf - that why not shoot. Like me
she figure to be dumb.

Claudette best worker ever seen for aviators - take care of you.

Dressed like Bourgeois - young man I/P - Mme Rafflitz's
brother - tall, blue eyes - high 5 thick br.

Maria Knight to go - little time when just one aviator.

Camp & Cooper with leafy meat later in train

Mme Leroy took us to meet Yvonne - also 2 girls with Camp & Cooper -

Shaved city.

One wore thick glasses - long set -
turned yvonne - must ask.

At little park rendezvous with very short girl - about Yvonne's height -
blond, let complexion, stocky.

Man - ears torn down - pig nose - looked Irish - C25-27
C S' 7" medium build.

Train to Bordeaux - Camp & I with man.

Tittelman - white as ghost - tall but you eat comrade.

Almost immediately Tittelman in - ask me for papers. Then pass me.

Blanc Pages - look down - at shoes - sit yvonne in front of Cooper -

Spoke for well - tell me 5th June de Joz - man felt for

you - felt shoes here. Little soldier - took here.

(Camp & Cooper had to shoes - blacked, leather straps)

Under, Bar

Girl questioned by Capt: 2 others s...

Think
you

I have Mgr in Sany to whom giving 500,000 frs for release
think giving to work out.

Paris late April seen by Mgr - yellow over prison

When R wanted L₇ Pitt - RN - G.P. Landa &
how that is ok. L₇ sub ch

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

18076981 T/SGT. Leever, Ray P.

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? *Fell out of my coveralls when parachute opened*
- c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".
- Horlicks tablets.
- Chocolate or Peanut Bar.
- Milk (tube).
- Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).
- Halazone tablets (water purifier).
- Matches.
- Adhesive tape.
- Chewing gum.
- Water bottle.
- Compass.
- Sewing kit.
- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box?
- f. Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger?

2. PURSE

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

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

P & E REPORT TO
EVASION IN

June 8
(Date)

Ray P. Reeves T/SGT 18076981

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

18 (No or Missions)

169th

(Squadron)

44th

(Group)

Photo - Crash Radio

NUMBER OF CASW: (This information checked with PWIR)

TARGET:

Date Missing in Action: Jan 21, 44

Date Arrived in UK: June 8, 1944

Indicate what happened to
each man
and how you know

PILOT Unknown

CO-PILOT "

NAVIGATOR "

BOMBARDIER "

RADIO OPERATOR "

TOP TURRET GUNNER "

LOW TURRET GUNNER "

WING GUNNER "

WING GUNNER Bailed out hurt ankles and was taken prisoner.
was told by Doctor in French Intelligence service that dressed
my hand -

TAIL GUNNER Unknown

Were you wounded?

yes. 2nd finger left hand, small
cut before leaving ship, from an explosion.

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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) RAY P. REEVES
Rank T/SGT A. S. N. 18076981
Unit 44th Bomb Sq. 67th Bomb Sq.

Signed Ray P. Reeves
Dated 9 Jan 1947
Witness L. Johnson 1st Lt MS

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HEADQUARTERS
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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. *Ray P. Reeves T/Sgt. 14076981*
2. Decorations. *D. I. C. One Metal Oak Leaf Clusters (had not received the 2nd one)*
3. Unit or Squadron. *44th Bomb Grp. 67th Bomb Sqd.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *44 Bomb Grp.*
5. Date of Birth. *April 6 1922*
6. Length of Service. *one year 11 1/2 months*
7. Private Address. *Box 13 Alameda, Ilesan*
8. Job as civilian. *Printer - Auditor*
9. From what field did you take off? *Shipdham*
10. Take off time. *Approx 12:00 noon*
11. Date and target. *January 21, 1944 Busby - Rocket Target in France*
12. Where did you land? *Small village in France (just near this, in a field) Sommercup, France*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *yes*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *photographer (extra man)*
15. Were you wounded? *yes*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *no*
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? *A little now - none before*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *No - Identification Tags only (dog tags)*
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 a British Intelligence Officer at Gibraltar. Have forgotten the name.
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, Gibraltar, June 6, 1944*
22. Date of arrival in Spain. *May 7, 1944*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *Monday June 6, 1944*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *By Air, June 8, 1944 at Gibraltar*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
Bristol England June 8, 1944

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

DATE: 9 June 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, ARCHIE R. BARLOW, T/Sgt., AC, 14151313

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

RAY P. REEVES, T/Sgt., AC, 18076981

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.

Ray P. Reeves

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



Archie R. Barlow

The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as RAY P. REEVES,

T/Sgt., AC, 18076981 (67 Bomb Squadron - 44 Bomb Group)

previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

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

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

Maps. Which ones? *None - I had the maps in Forest*
Compass. *No - Lost the compass while changing clothes*
File (hacksaw). *yes - sawed a club for dogs or anything else*
Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money? *French - 2000 Francs - Spent*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *Had maps in Forest*
Compass. *Lost compass while changing clothes*
File (hacksaw). *Gave it to farmer*
Surplus currency. *Gave to French resistance when crossing the border -*

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

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? *No*
If so, how many? *—*

b. Did you use them? *—*

5. LECTURES

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

England, Shipdham Several times by P.W. officers of my group

b. Did you find the lectures of value? *very - very - much you need more and better ones*

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

*While you are in France - don't be so noisy -
Keep your mouth shut to every one except the people
that are moving you. Don't be scared to death
just use your common sense and do what you
are told. Patience is very necessary.*