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

E & E REPORT NO 785
EVASION IN FRANCE

(Date)

TARGET:

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
(No of Missions)

Date Missing in Action: 6 June 1944

84 TC Squadron, 437 TC Group
(Squadron) (Group)

Date Arrived in UK: 23 June 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Indicate what happened to
each man
and how you know

PILOT T-121349 F/O James L LARKIN

CO-PILOT T-642 F/O William KOSTIAK

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

PARATROOPERS:

RADIO OPERATOR

15076425 Cpl Emil L JASINSKI

RET'D TO UNIT

LEFT TURRET GUNNER

36056528 PFC Carl E GLENN

RET'D TO UNIT

RIGHT TURRET GUNNER

13177146 Pvt John M BARTON

RET'D TO UNIT

82 Airborne Division, 80 Abne AA Bn

WING GUNNER

WING GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

are you wounded?

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *F/O WILLIAM KOSTIAK*

Unit:- *437 TC DP 847C Sq*

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?
- b. If not, why? *No*
- 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.
If NOT, State why not.

- b. Did you use the purse?

Yes. (over)

Red.

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?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

If so, how many?

b. Did you use them?

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

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

Carry a French-American dictionary - or some sort of booklet - Our greatest handicap was lack of knowledge of French.

Larkin - 1 Cest. alk

new impregnated ~~DD's~~, benzene, lighter, GTS gas mask.

(1)

June 6

OK to coast. Hit smoke 900 feet. Repe hole. ^{plane} erratic. Arrived for field. Drew monkey pine. Pine

Turned away on right car. Small field.

Hit phone pole, broke R. wire off. All 5 shock

up. 4 A.M. got out equipment. 5 mins. Deserted

at moment. Moved (3 m. w. of Quetta Tot). about

mile. Hid in dense woods. Stayed all day June 6-7.

Still about 1/2 mile. Heard underground ripp ripp glides.

10 2 each + 1/2 glides apart. 6th. One of ind mens.

ate K. within, candy.

note 7th to level house (5) 4 in bushes covered clerk (Larkin).

hurried. Frenchman alone. Americano.

Anguste 25, ^{junior} ~~glad~~ ^{to help}. Arrived to another man ^{shot, fat, reddish face} ^{reddish hair, 28-30.}

wife Renee - 25, dark. Shaved no point, in. Fed, water, no Germans

near, mind. Slept in woods.

note 8th returned to Xavier for fuel. Slept in barn. Stayed all day, fed.

note 8th in barn.

note 8th - H/O Silas Carson P.M. car group (437 gp.). French guide Valentine

home near Rouville, small sister (6) 2 parents.

6 + Valentine took off for Morville Morville 11 P.M.

6/1st blonde curly,
reddish, young, 20
sharp features
Smart, generous

10th JAN.
 10th
 went E and then S. to L'Etang Bertrand. nearly
 surprised by German truck, camouflaged. whisked us on.
 2 times 1 time. Refused at one house ~~and to try hard~~
 16th
~~last~~ a barn. Got another in barn. Germans 6 P.M.
 on bicycles, shooting. German capt for first to farm
 into orchard in hiding 9 P.M. met new boy
 Paul (with gun. 3 airmen have pictures of him). M——, shot,
 then, broke up him, had teeth, 24, works with French intel.
 knew Col. Jack. off ~~to~~ ^{to} Morville with Paul.
 met German AA Battery - hid in ditch. Germans all
 around. Stayed NW of Morville ~~to~~ ^{to} see nets
 11th
 Hid near Morville all day. Paul with food. Friends in
 Morville. One at dark. German according 100 yds away & drops.
 accord stopped - gunfire. Kamerad! shouting. Paul shot!
 snatches on gun pos. at dark moved again.
 1st/Lt. Land - (43rd) and Pfc. Ben Stewart (82 airmen).
 all 8th near Morville with Paul and 2 others. Lots
 more in bushes. also Carson. Lot of artillery to East (Amer)
~~got Carson disappointed & county. money couldn't be~~ ^{German}
 * Came to River bridge. Saw German horses & artillery. Back 2
 miles. Hid in ditch
 Morville area under "The Chief" 60, by farmer, gopher, bean, tall
 very spiky.

Between morning & minute fighting. To
12th ditch bank & vetat, more food. from farm. Cache in
ditch 8 guns, 100mm medical equipment, 1st aid kit,
spent day. Said 5 move from 101st Comd Amer S/ Sgt.
near Colomby.
coming. 4 French got guns from cache. mine, paratroop
party. Germans got 1 Frenchman, escaped.

13th night moved 500 yds. later ditch. Midnight ^{AA gun nearby.} has drawn.

14th Amer artillery shelled us heavily. very cold. all day.

Even- French supplied us with clothes. 3 inf. refused.
Captain Jaszinski orders them (Carl Glen, Pfc.; John Batten, Pfc.)

Idea abandoned. ~~move~~ another moved ~~there~~ ^{to near} Pilot: got

Cache of Eng MG, ammo, French uniforms. Took it along. 
into barn. C-47 Pilot shot down D-day. ^{1st Lt. Fullman}

Hitzler (61st Gp, 53rd Army) (balded out - crew lost?)
also Frenchman who had helped Americans. info, baby caught
released. all in mains. First, German Cognac.

German rats, officers, officers: arsenal in barn ^{all saved up.} ^{ammunition, tools, traps}
Artillery & infantry moved at night near barn

about 3 days there until 23rd. Americans
came 1:30 ^{assumed} Amer patrol Co E, ^{1st} Div. Lt. Foché
& squad of 15 men. later 30 then 80 men. German MG trap

met an squad came up. 3 NE parts of Germans. water for
on them. German n.t.s. moved to hedge row with inf.
met an fire. ~~Back to B'n CP.~~ N. NE-SW.

15 French uniforms in barn, old men, children, women.
Germans rushed barn. Lots of cries. 146 men captured.
them out. Back to B'n CP. 79th Div.

Col. Higgins got orders there for attack.
Intelligence there by Capt. Jap to St. Marie Eglise

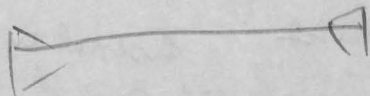
(15 m.). Ju 88's. Airplane 3 + ~~knock~~ off them

off to 82nd near St. Sauveur. To Sugar Red
Beach near ~~St. Marie Eglise~~. Lt. Treatment, Navy

(Beach Commander?). To Engr. outfit Col X? Food
& blankets. On all 24th very much. no boats.

25th C-47 air group to Pansbury 469.

Intelligence there.



Must 2 info.

many motor cycles at night.

P-47, P-51's knock out Germans above.

2 ME 110's - cruising (photo?) minute.
downed by 2 spits.

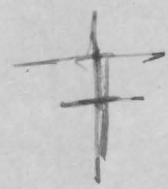
German AA fire heard, little results.

Lots of MG's. all over around A.A position 

For planes shot rifles signal (one - come)
Trigger happy. 

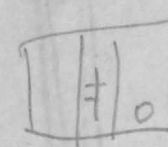
Horses used extensively.

Full back + over.

Uniforms mixed 

Acanda - Paratroops up on them 

Paratroops. Got them.

Helps were F French / insignia 

{ French resistance mount.
Also similar they on leg, one attached on leg.
on cross bands, foot straps. En, Brit 2 legs X's over
new patch over German coat, French helmet, P. coat
German ammunition. Patrol got 6 before played.

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E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

William Kostik F/O T-642
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

6/27/44
(Date)

437 TC 8P 84 TC Sq.
(Unit)

Date, time and approximate location of ^{glider} plane crash or landing.

6/6/44 - 4:00 AM Approximate 3 miles west of Quettecot. Crash Landing

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

Was it on fire, etc?

Crash - Landing in glider

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the ^{glider} plane crashed?

No

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

None No parachutes

Did the ^{glider} plane explode on striking the ground?

No

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

None

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.

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

Glider - Total wreck

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?

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EVASION IN

6/27/44
(Date)

William Kostak F/O T-642
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
1 (No of Missions)
84 TC Sq. 437 TC GP
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET:

Date Missing in Action: 6/6/44
Date Arrived in UK: 6/23/44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Indicate what happened to
each man
and how you know

PILOT JAMES L. LARKIN F/O 121349

CO-PILOT WM Kostak F/O T-642

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

REAR TURRET GUNNER

WAIIST GUNNER

WAIIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

Carried 3 airborne men and 57 mm. airborne
anti-tank gun - Airborne men joined up
with their outfit at St. Marc Eglise.
Gun was rendered useless by removing of
the firing mechanism. The glider was
strapped & destroyed by the French Underground.
Men belonged to the 82 Airborne Division.
Under command of Lt. Col. Singleton.

Were you wounded?

No one was wounded.

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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.

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) William Kostiak
Rank P/O A. S. N. T-642
Unit 437 TC GP. 84 TC Sq.

Signed William Kostiak
Dated _____
Witness _____

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MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. *William Kostiak F/O T-642*
2. Decorations. *none*
3. Unit or Squadron. *437 TC 8P. 84 TC 8P.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *9th Air Corp - 437 TC 8P.*
5. Date of Birth. *8/19/1917*
6. Length of Service. *2 years and 4 months*
7. Private Address. *P.O. #2 Monroeville, New Jersey*
8. Job as civilian. *1st Class Chemical Operator, E.I. DuPont DEEPWATER, N.J.*
9. From what field did you take off? *Ramsbury - Station 469*
10. Take off time. *1:45 AM*
11. Date and target. *6/6/44 - St. Mer Elgie - L.Z.*
12. Where did you land? *3 miles west of Guettetot*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *yes*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *52. Slider in formation*
15. Were you wounded? *No*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *\$80:00 \$40:00 per person.*
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? *No*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *No - just 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?
20. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?
Group Intelligence - 437 TC 8P. Station 469
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *No*
437 TC 8P. Intelligence
22. Date of arrival in Spain. *—*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *—*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *Air Strip #6 - Beachhead - By Air -*
Ramsbury, Station 469 - 6/23/44

