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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. T/SGT JOSEPH GROSS 18153161
2. Decorations. - NONE
3. Unit or Squadron. - 96 GROUP 339 SQUADRON
4. Division (Army) or Group. 96 GROUP
5. Date of Birth. JAN. 25, 1922
6. Length of Service. 21 MONTHS
7. Private Address. 8026 W. SUSQUEHANNA AVE.
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.
8. Job as civilian. - MDSE CHECKER IN DEPT. STORE
9. From what field did you take off?
ECKELS ROAD
10. Take off time. 7:20 A.M.
11. Date and target. JAN. 5, 1943 - BORDEAU
12. Where did you land? DIDN'T, BAILED OUT NEAR ROYAN
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?
YES
14. What was your position in aircraft? RADIO OPERATOR
15. Were you wounded? NO
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? NO GUIDES
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? NO
18. Did you have Identity Papers? NO DOG TAGS
19. Have you been questioned before to-day on your escape or evasion? If so, where and when?
by whom? Have you given anyone a written report on your experiences. Where and when?
NO - NONE
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 - NOW, WHEN FILLING THIS
22. Date of arrival in Spain. NEVER
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. NEVER
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. FRANCE - AUG. 10, 1944 -
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. HARRINGTON L AUG. 10, 1944

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- T/SGT. JOSEPH GROSS

Unit:- 96 Bomb GRP 339 SQD

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. - WHILE HIDING ONE NIGHT

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. - WHILE HIDING ONE NIGHT

Milk (tube). - FOR NOURISHMENT AND BLISTERS

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). - NO

Halazone tablets (water purifier). - NO

Matches. - YES WHILE WALKING

Adhesive tape. - YES ON BLISTERS

Chewing gum. - YES

Water bottle. - YES ON A BACK COLD

Compass. - YES DEFINITELY

Sewing kit. - YES DEFINITELY

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? - NO

e. How did you finally dispose of the box? IT WAS BURNED IN A STOVE

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?

RAZOR AND BLADES

2. PURSE

a. Did you carry a purse?

YES

State color of stripes and letters. RED STRIPE MK. III
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? BOTH

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money? NO

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

} GAVE IT TO FREE FRENCH

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?

Yes - 8

b. Did you use them?

YES USED ONE FOR IDENTIFICATION

5. LECTURES

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

YES, IN NOV. 1943 AT BASE

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

YES - A LITTLE

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 REPORT NO 919
EVASION IN

AUG. 11, 1944
(Date)

GROSS, JOSEPH T/SGT.

(Name) (Rank) (ACH)

4 (No of Missions)

339 SQD 96 GRP

(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: MARINAQUE
(BORDEAU)

Date Missing in Action: JAN. 5, 43

Date Arrived in UK: AUG 10, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Indicate what happened to
each man
and how you know

PILOT COLE, D.C. CAPT. KILLED (UNDERGROUND INFO.)
CO-PILOT SCOTT, T.H. LIEUT. RET. AUG. 10, 44 WITH ME.
NAVIGATOR WIGGINS, H. V. LIEUT. - DON'T KNOW
BOMBARDIER BRADLEY, J.M. LIEUT. - RET. AUG. 8, 1944
RADIO OPERATOR GROSS, JOSEPH, T/SGT. RET. AUG. 10, 1944
TOP TURRET GUNNER HENDRICKS, H. T/SGT. - DON'T KNOW
MID TURRET GUNNER THORNE, H. S/SGT. - DON'T KNOW
WAIST GUNNER NORTON, C.C. S/SGT. - RET. AUG 8, 1944
WAIST GUNNER GATESMAN, R. J. S/SGT. - DON'T KNOW
TAIL GUNNER FINNEY T/SGT. - DON'T KNOW

Were you wounded? NO

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E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

GROSS, JOSEPH T SGT. 13153161 AUG-10, 44
 (Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)

96 BOMB GRP 339 SQD.
 (Unit)

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.
12-NOON-JAN. 5, 1943 NEAR ROYAN FRANCE

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.
 Was it on fire, etc?

TWO ENGINES WINDMILLING ONE OTHER SMOKING AND OUR RIGHT HORIZONTAL STABILIZER GONE.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 4000 FEET

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

BALL TURRET GUNNER WAS WOUNDED

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

T.G., R.W.G., L.W.G., B.T.G., R.G. CO.P. NAVIG. BOMB. AND

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? LONG OTHER CHUTE TALL OPENED

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? YES - ALIVE - COPILOT ^{SCOTT} WAST GUNNER NORTON, AND BRADLEY BOMBARDIER

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. WE WERE TOLD THE CAPT. WAS KILLED IN THE CRASH AND THAT OUR BALL GUNNER THORNE WAS IN A HOSPITAL AND WELL AT THE TIME

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, wrechago, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat. NO

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? NO OPINION

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OFFICE OF THE A. C. OF S., G-2

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DATE: 11 August 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, THOMAS H. SCOTT, 2nd Lt., AC, 0-657639

HEREBY CERTIFY that I have known and have been associated with

JOSEPH GROSS, T/Sgt., AC, 13153161

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.

Joseph Gross

Thomas H. Scott

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as _____

JOSEPH GROSS, T/Sgt., AC, 13153161, 96 Bomb Group, 339 Sq.
previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

F. S. Verity

SPECIAL AGENT, J.I.C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

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

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6 August 1943

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

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

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

By order of the Secretary of War:

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

1. Information about your escape or your evasion from capture *would be useful to the enemy* and a danger to your friends. It is therefore **SECRET**.
2. a You must therefore not disclose, except to the first Military Attache to whom you report, or to an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations, or by A. C. of S., G-2, W. D.
 - (1) The names of those who helped you.
 - (2) The method by which you escaped or evaded.
 - (3) The route you followed.
 - (4) Any other facts concerning your experience.
- b You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.
- c You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.
- d You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4.
- e No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of A. C. of S., G-2, W. D., or corresponding organization in the theater.

GERTIFIGATE

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

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

Name (Print) JOSEPH GROSS
Rank T/SGT. A. S. N. 13153161
Unit 96 GROUP 339 SQD

Signed Joseph Gross
Dated 14 Aug 1943
Witness (Cross in Capt W)

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