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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL,  
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Heyward C. Spinks 2nd Lt O-817122 AC TARGET:  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Date missing in action: 20 June

(Ftr pilot - 50 hrs) (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: 15 Aug.

364 Sq 357 Gp 8th AF  
(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (Please list names next to positions)

Indicate what  
happened to each man  
and how you know.

PILOT

Ftr pilot

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

Decorations:

Date of Birth: 10 July 1920

Private Address: 406 S. Lewis St. LaGrange, Ga.

Length of Service: 18 Mos.

Job as Civilian: Auto Parts Salesman

From what field did you take off? Take off time, Near Ipswich - can't

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Remember no. - 357th Sq  
About 0500, 20 June.  
1700

Were you wounded? Give details.

Yes.  
Slight head wound.

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? No.

Do you speak FRENCH? No SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE?

Did you have identity papers? No

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

*Sprinks, Heyward C, 2nd Lt, 0817122*

*18 Aug 44*

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

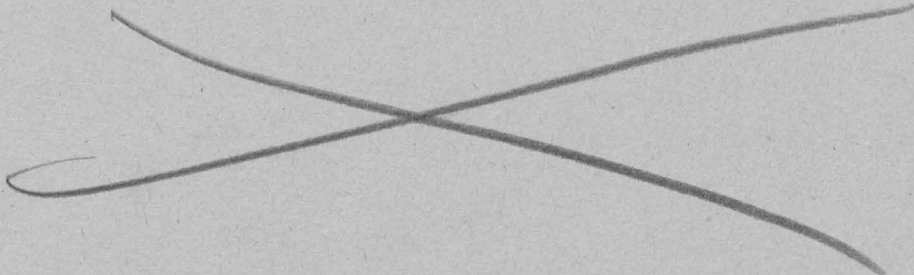
(Date)

*364 Sq 357 Gp 8th AF*  
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT  
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT  
CO-PILOT  
NAVIGATOR  
BOMBARDIER  
RADIO OPERATOR  
TOP TURRET GUNNER  
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WAIST GUNNER  
WAIST GUNNER  
TAIL GUNNER



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

*Village of Eve, about 14 km south of Senlis, Oise. 1900 20 June*

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

*Engine failed. Crash landed*

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

*did not bail out.*

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

*No*

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

*All plane -*

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

*No*

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

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.

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

*See story - E + E. - Plane completely destroyed*

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by 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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My engine failed while I was on a strafing mission in NW France. I crash landed near EVE, a small town near Senlis in Oise. About 10 Frenchmen gathered immediately and took me to a farmhouse at EVE where I was given farmer's clothing. I was taken from here to another farm, further from town, owned by a Polish family consisting of the farmer, his wife, 2 sons and daughters. They had lived in France since the last war. The farmer's first name was Alouso. They were very poor, but took very good care of me. A man from town met me here. He said he had contact with the "underground" in Paris. He was about 35 yrs old, well built, 5'10", clean shaven, dark hair, weight 190#.

M. Foussier, the chief of Police in Senlis, accompanied by a young boy named René, took ~~me~~ <sup>me</sup>, after six days, to Mlle. Cornier's house in Senlis, where ~~he~~ I stayed 5 weeks.

Mlle. Cornier was the manager of the French national society which gave aid to bombed people. Her home was an office and warehouse. She gave me good clothing. Three days after arriving, I was joined by Lt Ruark, a fighter pilot. From here, Foussier and René took us to Chantilly where we stayed with a hairdresser named Louis whom I believe has radio contact with England. He told us that he notifies allies of bombing targets, etc.

From here, two women guides, whom

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we did not see again, took us to Paris, where we alighted at the Gare Nord. We were taken to a nurse's apartment. I do not know the nurse's name, but she is connected with Brit intelligence. Enroute we had been joined by 3 other fliers (Sgt. David Lane, U.S., and RAF Gunners Morris and Patrick Finn). Lane stayed at the nurse's home as he had no picture for an identity card. The rest of us were taken from here to a rather poor home in the Place d'Italie section, where many other Americans had stayed. The home had once been an animal hospital. Here we spent two days, and then were taken across town to the apartment of Mme. Dixemer. Sgt. Lane



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rejoined us here. The next morning Ruark, Morris, and Finn left. Three days later (31 July) Lane and I were taken by numerous guides who ~~we~~ were changed at every stop, to the camp of "Lucian and Sean" near Chateaudun, by way of Etampes, Angierville, and Vanves. When I got to Lucian's camp, about 125 other airmen were there. American troops arrived in the vicinity on Saturday, 12 August. I was evacuated on Monday by a bus guarded by British paratroopers which took us to Le Mans. From here ~~convoy~~ ~~took us to~~ we joined a convoy to a prisoner of war camp. The truck I was in turned over. I went to several hospital units from here, though I was not badly hurt. I

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and the others who were in this  
truck were flown back ~~by~~ to  
the U.K. by hospital plane.

My engine failed while I was on a strafing mission in NW France. I did not have time to bail out. I made a crash landing. Frenchmen came and helped me <sup>fire</sup> ~~light~~ the gas tanks and destroy my plane. From this point on, my journey was arranged.



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*Spinks*

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- **Heyward C. Spinks, 0817122**

Unit:- **364 Sq. 357 Gp. 8<sup>th</sup> AF**

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.

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass.

Sewing kit.

*Razor— yes*

- 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.

*Yellow*  
~~not sure~~ *Had French & Dutch money*

- 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? No

Compass. Yes - to satisfy curiosity

File (hacksaw). No

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.  
How did you spend the money?

Spent some in cafe's.  
Used (about 100 fr.)

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. Burned by trenchman

Compass. Lost when truck turned over -

File (hacksaw). "

Surplus currency. Still have it.

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.

About 12

b. Did you use them?

Used one for carte d'identite

5. LECTURES

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

Yes. At Repl. Depot in England.  
Local S-2. Apr '44.

At "Group" - 1 talk by evader -  
1 June

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

Yes - very valuable

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

Phrase book instead of card would be more useful.



Spinks

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MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "D" 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.,.....)

Airfield just north of Senlis at edge of town.

July - observation

German infantry training in Senlis

July - obs.

Flying bomb depot bombed by RAF about

7 km W. of Senlis - about 1 July first time - missed depot & hit nearby town.

2<sup>nd</sup> time 2 days later - destroyed depot.

Hearsay - July

WAC pinpoint oil depot ~~between~~ near Senlis when he arrives in London. No map available in hosp.

~~Saw more Germans in Chantilly than anywhere else - every type of unit, including <sup>(200)</sup> German "WACS" (said to be brought there for the men)~~

~~July - obs.~~

Paris beginning to starve.

~~July - obs & hearsay~~

C O N F I D E N T I A L

HEADQUARTERS

185th (US) General Hospital

/lha

APO 511, US Army

17 August 1944

SO: 132

1. PAC par 6a, Sec II, Cir 69, Hq ETOUSA, cs, as amended, following named EM, Det of Pnts, 4106 US A Hosp Plant are trfd in gr to 10th Repl Control Depot and WP Tamworth o/a 17 Aug 44, rptg upon arr to CO thereof, for dy:

Name	ASN	Gr	A or S	Type Casualty	Status	Asgmt
MOSELEY, JAMES H.	20404664	Sgt	Inf	BC	RTD	L
TRIPLETT, FRANK L.	34175672	Pfc	FA	NB	RTD	G
COSMAN, SAMUEL P.	42012026	Pvt	Inf	BC	RTD	G
TOWNSEND, LESLIE F.	35761672	Pvt	Inf	BC	RTD	G

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2. PAC par 6c, Sec II, Cir 69, Hq ETOUSA, cs, as amended, Pfc JAMES L. CARTER, 3352' 7561, 197th Co, 50th Repl En (CA), is reld fr atchd Det of Pnts, 4106 US A Hosp Plant and WP Braunton o/a 18 Aug 44, rptg upon arr to CO, his orgn, for dy.

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3. PAC par 1b, Adm Memo 80, OCS, ETOUSA, cs, Pvt HENRY R. BURROWS, 14705871 (Br Army) is reld fr atchd Det of Pnts, 4106 US A Hosp Plant and WP 35th Coy Pioneer Corps, Taunton o/a 18 Aug 44, rptg upon arr to CO thereof, for dy. Govt mtr T utilized.
4. VOCCG, ETOUSA, 17 Aug 44, following named Off are reld fr atchd unasgd to Det of Pnts, 4106 US A Hosp Plant and WP Hq, ETOUSA, London o/a 18 Aug 44, rptg upon arr to CG thereof, for dy:

1ST LT CENO (NMI) DIBETTA

O-741890 AC

2D LT HEYWARD C. SPINKS

O-817122 AC

2D LT DONALD M. LEWIS

O-748699 AC

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By order of Lt Col WOODS:

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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) Heyward C. Spinks

Signed Heyward C Spinks

Rank 2nd Lt. A. S. N. 0-817122

Dated 18 Aug 44

Unit 36459 357 Gp. 8th A.F.

Witness RS Field 1st Lt 2nd

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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, WILSON B. WILLIAMS, Capt., AC, O-885603

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

EDWARD C. MILLER, 2nd Lt., AC, O-806491

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.

Edward C. Miller Wilson B. Williams

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 EDWARD C. MILLER,  
2nd Lt., AC, O-806491 (328 Bomb Squadron - 93 Bomb Group)

previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

W. F. MARANDA

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

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Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?

*Only to identify self at Field hospital in France.*

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?

*No*

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?

*No*

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When?

*No*

Date of arrival in Spain:           

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:           

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. *15 Aug - Evac. by air ambulance*

List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans.  
*(Don't know place)*

*Not Known*

List names of American or British personnel believed to be evading.

*Not Known — (120 others on way out, who were in same camp — see E+ERpt)*

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Heyward C SPINKS, 2d Lt, O-817122

364 Fighter Sq, 357 Ftr Group

(50 hours)

MIA 20 June 1944

UK- 15 August 1944

NO CREW

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