

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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

Feb 11, 1944 at appr. 1430 near the borders of France & Belgium, south of Mons, Belgium

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

Was it on fire, etc?

Nos. 1 & 4 engines out, No. 2 Engine on Fire.  
Fire in Bomb Bays & Behind Pilots seat.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

Crash Landing

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

3 were injured, 1 Dead From Lack of Oxygen

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

None

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?

YES

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.

only one, The Navigator, Lt. George Schmalzried accompanied me, until appr. 3 weeks ago

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

plane was burning when we left.

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 reasons for his opinion?

Lt. Schmalzried evading. A waist gunner, Sgt. Sue, part of the others Evading or captured. No crash landing of the above was noted by me before I left.

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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.

### 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) Joseph W. Wise

Signed Joseph W. Wise

Rank 2nd Lt A. S. N. O. 683624

Dated Sept 1, 1944

Unit 384 Sp. 546 Sg.

Witness William J. Henry, Capt, 2nd

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 0-683624 --- 229'LT --- Wise, Joseph W.

Unit:- 384 Sp. 546 Sgt.

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.

none

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 walking for 3 nights
  - Chocolate or Peanut Bar. none
  - Milk (tube). no
  - Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). no
  - Halazone tablets (water purifier). yes
  - Matches. yes
  - Adhesive tape. no
  - Chewing gum. no
  - Water bottle. yes
  - Compass. yes
  - Sewing kit. yes
- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?  
no
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box?  
left it with Resistance man
- 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?  
no

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)

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

Maps. Which ones? *Map of France*

Compass. *✓*

File (hacksaw). *NO*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *France - 1500 Francs*

How did you spend the money? *For Cigarettes*

*(1475) Belgian*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency. *1 Had none*

*} given to members of Resistance*

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion?

*NO*

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? *yes*

If so, how many?

*6.*

b. Did you use them?

5. LECTURES *yes*

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

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

*Several times in the states, & also at our base*

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

*yes*

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

*NO.*

(Picking) on way to target - fighters  
Mr. Compiègne - small village. Out - came to <sup>(Feb.)</sup> Ter & Nier

recently of Bombing) In civilian clothes maps - headed for St. Quentin  
contacted Jean Dupont abt 50 days. Questioned. Had 1  
155 Rue de Cateau dog tags.  
St. Quentin

2 resis. to go to coast + take boat at Commerchon.

most of <sup>at</sup> Commerchon  
lady at large dairy  
used as day. <sup>off</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>work</sup> <sup>for</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>RAF</sup>  
(8 together) evaders.  
m. Octive BRIAUC - a wh. moved to Comy le Chateau  
Commerchon PAR CHAUNY  
Aisne. joined St. Gise, St. Kypscick,  
St. Geo Schmalzried, St. o  
Howard, RAF Starnz, Foudie, Keller, Marteman.

Wise - flak at Mons, Belgian on way back fr target.  
3 ftrs (ME109, FW190) 2 eng out, 1 on fire, crash-landed  
s. of Mons, nr border. 9 out (both masks frozen) 3 wounded.

nav. + 2 took off <sup>joined by left</sup> 3 (scattered)  
Schmalzried walked a hr. headed south - hid in cover till  
dark - walked all nt. Sgt. Lee - approached house for help.  
Left - went thru village, abandoned farmhouse all day. Lived on  
escape kit. Per - nr Bohain - field, hid all day - walked all  
nt - hid in shed - asked lady for help using phrase list. She

grinned off mentioned <sup>put over pants + shirt</sup>  
civilian clothes Polish farmer - fat shirt 50  
Mr. Hom <sup>(east of St. Quentin)</sup> <sup>Homblières</sup>

F.H. lady 65, girl 26  
2 boys 19 20

10 days - fr. <sup>scd</sup> plane at Chauny. Thru St. Quentin junk dealer  
next day to Chauny - to wholesale grocer's. Overnt. To a doctor  
also helped <sup>Mr. Bouy</sup> in Chauny. d. named Jacqueline English  
Picking <sup>(wife)</sup> <sup>(officer's home)</sup> 16 - Brunette. Had  
camera. Red I card

leaving m. who - out by coast, not Spain Dampcourt  
at family - fortune-teller + husband. Visited by Bourys  
there - 7 wks - small courtyard. Then <sup>in April</sup> Bourys in car to his home -  
invasion coming - no airman till May. To another home  
& taken to. Cussy le Chateau. Picked

on, Gautier - owned garage in Cussy.

June 8 killed by Gestapo. + son, wife wounded. 2 oth sons not hurt.  
Geo. + he stayed m. le Lue - grocery - Compteur Francois

next door - Pickering + - with m. + mde De Vron - radio shop  
Cussy le Chateau

Questioned by  
Pr IO + Fr gen + some  
left 10,000 for help

2 months - 8 together with org. - moved tents also  
4 in vicinity  
moved Geo. S + three bed Le Lue refused exam to work in Ger.  
to farmhouse nr. ~~Selens~~ 115 kilos ~~W~~ <sup>CHANNY</sup> 2 wks till today

June 6 - m. Gautier got 8 in truck + oth to farm nr  
Commencion - abt 40 flyers. all day - scattered S. + Wisc  
& Kupsig to farm in Vigny. Pickering - back to m. Briquet  
(2 wks in cave in woods)

Chief ken as Stephen - wooden <sup>right</sup> leg -  
(Lt Kupsig taken away last of June).  
1st wk of m. Bonafest - farmer, wife, d. not live at home  
Commencion. son or son-in-law in Ger 5 yrs  
m. MARTI (escaped fr Ger.) placed airman

Contacted m fr Moyons - then sister in Communion

Told of plane - could take 3 - F/O Brisko & W + P.  
By car to MORSAIN

(5 or 3 days) m + mde PRIENX - (chief <sup>in</sup> boss there) son - <sup>1945/12</sup> grandson  
Catherine; MORSAIN [had taken 20  
aimen to Paris]

Started to soucons in cart with Madame P., ~~on way~~ got sick on  
truck

met: (Fr mother - Eng father) released by Germans aft 4 yrs  
bro, father dead, mother dead.

Sent 1000 francs to each of them. DAISY CHISLEY  
(20 yr old) 16 Rue de Morsainviers  
Paris, 16  
(mother formerly interned)

Resistance  
paying 50 fr. a day  
in Communion.

Mlle. Jeanne Dalhalt } she helped 3 -  
3 Villa Chaney } tobacco, etc. should  
Paris } ward off wd-be commatation

4 or 5 days Mitch-kiked - mde Vicot (mother of mde Prienx)  
Rue de Verger  
Paris suburb. (mint -)

Planning to go thru Spain (helper taken by Gestapo. Separated  
Oso + Pick to 1, wise to home of Roy family.

Pickering + Selim - met ~~at~~. Intell - agent claimed back & forth  
to England. 10<sup>13</sup> Shute jumps. Spoken of as Br agent. names + ASN  
same money to helpers. (French) <sup>advised to visit</sup>  
<sup>along arrow</sup> Paris

3 to Edouard PILLARD  
entrepreneur de Peinture.  
andilly (S + O) 6 Place de la Mairie <sup>resistance. nice home</sup>  
<sup>body given st. spoke Eng.</sup>  
<sup>contracted lecon on</sup>

Helping by Germans. American scouting parties  
~~lost lines~~ contacted <sup>(Aug 29<sup>th</sup>)</sup> Jeep - not asked for  
identification. Co. C, Calvary <sup>(track)</sup> tank to Hqs on back  
to airfield in Dreux ~~to Messem~~. Col. Tompe - transported back by air.  
arrived 31 Aug 44.

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SECRET

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Wise, Joseph W. 2nd Lt. 0-688624  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
8  
(No. of missions)  
546  
(Squadron) 384  
(Group)

TARGET: Frankfurt, Ger.  
Date mission in action: 11-2-44  
Date arrived in UK: 31-8-44

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

we crashlanded  
PILOT Lt. Moore - safe on ground  
CO-PILOT Lt. Wise, Joseph W. - safe  
NAVIGATOR 1571 Lt. Schmatzried, G. - was with me until App. 3 wks ago  
He is O.K.  
BOMBARDIER Lt. Kenney - wounded; BUT ABLE to walk  
RADIO OPERATOR wounded; BUT ABLE to walk  
TOP TURRET GUNNER OK. on landing  
BALL TURRET GUNNER Sgt. Brown - wounded in Right Arm.  
WAIST GUNNER Sgt. Lee - Dead from lack of oxygen  
WAIST GUNNER OK. on landing  
TAIL GUNNER OK " "

Decorations: None

Date of Birth: 23-12-17

Private Address: Frankfort, Ky - Route 1

Length of Service: 2 yrs. 4 mos.

Job as Civilian: Farmer

From what field did you take off? Take off time.  
Grafton - Underwood - Appr. 0800

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

The plane was burned

Were you wounded? Give details.

No

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much?

No

Do you speak FRENCH? SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE?

Very little

Did you have identity papers?

yes

20 Lt Joseph W. WISE  
O-683624  
546 Sq, 384 B Gp

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1 Sept 44

We crash-landed on 11 February near the Belgian-French border south of MONS. Lt SCHMALZRIED (E&E 1571) and I started walking south. ~~We were captured by the Germans~~ After walking an hour, we took cover until after dark, then walked all night.

shed

We went through a village and spent the following day in a deserted farmhouse. We approached some people that night and learned that we were near BOHAIN. We ate, then hid all day. We walked that night, then hid in a ~~room~~. We used our phrase list to ask the lady for help. She smiled and motioned for us to follow her.

We put on civilian clothes over our pants and shirts. We spent 10 days with a Polish farmer near HOMBLIERES (just east of ST QUENTIN). He was short and fat, about 50 years old. His wife was a French woman of about 65, They had a daughter of 26 and 2 sons about 20.

We were told that there would be a plane at CHAUNY to evacuate us, so we went through ST QUENTIN with a junk dealer. The following day we went to a wholesale grocer's ~~overnight~~ in CHAUNY. We stayed there overnight, then went to ~~the~~ the home of Dr. BOURY in CHAUNY. His wife and daughter were there. The latter, JACQUELINE, about 16, was brunette. She spoke English and took ~~my~~ pictures for ~~an~~ identity cards with her camera. Dr BOURY had his office in his home. He said that he had also helped Sgt PICKERING and had dressed Lt KUPSICK's wounds.

(E&E 1280)

(EYE 147)

They told us that we would be going out by the western coast in 2 weeks. We went to DAMPCOURT (5 mis SW of CHAUNY) and stayed in a small courtyard with a fortune-teller and her husband. Dr BOURY visited us there. In April he came for us in his car and took us back to his home as they had had word that the invasion was coming. No more airmen were to be taken through the underground until May.

We were taken to another house, then to the home of M GAUTIER in COUCY-LE-CHATEAU. M GAUTIER owned a garage. Then we stayed with M. LE LIU, a grocer in COMPTERS.(?) a very small town nearby in the vicinity.

I think their names

There were 9 evaders being hidden in this area. ~~They~~ were Lt KUPSICK, ~~( )~~ HOWARD, HARMS, FONDIE, KELLER, MARTENIAN, ~~and~~ Sgt PICKERING and ~~←~~ Lt SCHMALZRIED. We all remained at different places for 2 months.

(1570)

SELENS

CHAUNY

SCHMALZRIED and I were moved to a farmhouse near ~~CELLES SUR AISNE~~ (15 kms SO of COUCY-LE-CHATEAU) because M. LE LIU refused to take an examination for working in Germany. We stayed here 2 weeks and on 6 June, M GAUTIER picked us up in a truck and took us to a farm near COMMENCHON. There were about 40 airmen here. We spent that day writing for developments, then scattered again. SCHMALZRIED, KUPSICK, and I went with a farmer who lived in UGNY-LE-GAY. We stayed in a cave in the woods for 2 weeks. Lt KUPSICK was taken away the last of June.

Sgt Pickering's

~~From this point~~ In August, I went with F/O DRISKO, and S/Sgt PICKERING (E&E # 1280) to MORSAIN. From that point on, my story is the same as ~~his~~. When we were separated in PARIS, I was taken to the home of a ~~ROY~~ family named ROY. We were together again at the home of EDOUARD PILARD and were not separated again until we flew back to the UK on 31 August.

(were)

HIGLENN

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

*we were questioned by the reconnaissance unit which picked us up. We received no verification of that.*  
Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?

*Yes. To members of the French Resistance movements on 2 occasions. Roughly in March & later in July.*  
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?

*Yes. 63*

Date of arrival in Spain: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: \_\_\_\_\_

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air.

*Airfield near Dieux, France - 31-8-44 - By Air*

List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans.

*I know none.*

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

*Wiel D. Howard - R.A.F.*

*Lt. John S. Harms - AC*

*Lt. Alden L. Fawcett -*

*Lt. George W. Schmalzried*

*Lt. John Kupsick*

*& others. I know not their names*