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EYE # 1398

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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
and QUESTIONNAIRE FOR I.S. 9 (WEA) PERSONNEL

Sept 3, 1944  
(Date)

Humble TOR T Sgt. 18194624  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Frankfort 13  
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: Feb. 11, 1944

Returned to UK: Sept 3, 1944

387th Bombardment Sq. 546th Sq. 546th Sq.  
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (List names by positions and indicate what happened to each one)

- PILOT <sup>2nd Lt</sup> Clifford O. Moore - Alive
- CO-PILOT New Man
- NAVIGATOR New Man
- BOMBARDIER <sup>2nd Lt</sup> Paul E. Kenney - Alive
- RADIO OPERATOR <sup>Sgt</sup> Noah L. Packett - Prisoner
- TOP TURRET GUNNER <sup>Sgt</sup> James P. Traynor
- BELL TURRET GUNNER <sup>Sgt</sup> Jack M. Brown - Prisoner
- WAIST GUNNER <sup>Sgt</sup> Donald R. Lee - Dead
- WAIST GUNNER <sup>Sgt</sup> Richard L. Wells - London
- TAIL GUNNER <sup>Sgt</sup> TOR T. Humble - London

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. Feb. 11, 1944 10' Clock

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

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? The plane exploded immediately after we left if  
did not bail out

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

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

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. all were alive except one, and two were badly wounded

(over)

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition? *No*

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? *one dead, and two prisoners the others alive because I saw them leave the plane*

Were you wounded? *No*

Were you in German hands? *No*

Did you kill any Germans in escaping? *No*

Have you previously given the names of your helpers? *Yes*

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given.

What security briefing were you given? *To give nothing, but name, rank, and number*

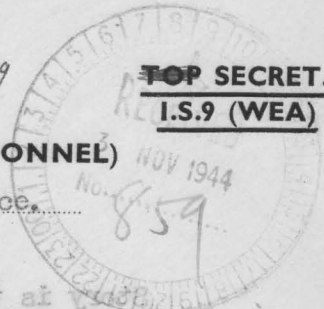
What souvenirs do you still possess? *None*

Home address. *Cromwell, Oklahoma*

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

*Sgt. Neal J. Puckett  
Sgt. Jack M. Brown*

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



(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) France.

For All Personnel.

1. No. 18194624 Rank Sgt. Name Joe T. HUMBLE  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Air Medal - 13 Missions.
3. Were you wounded? Give details No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 546 Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 384 Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.)
7. Date of Birth 2 Nov 23 8. Length of Service 19 months.
9. Peace time occupation Student. 10. Private address Cromwell, Oklahoma.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Photo and dog tags.
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No.

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

13. No. and location of O.T.U.
14. No. and location of Conversion Unit

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS  
WHO BALE OUT

15. Post in Crew Tail Gunner.
16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.  
N.B.—Airborne and Parachute Troops: list below names and units of other occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.
  - PILOT 2d Lt. Clifford O. Moore 0197580 - Alive
  - CO-PILOT 2d Lt. Joseph W. Wise 0683624 - Alive
  - NAVIGATOR Name unknown - Alive
  - BOMBARDIER Lt. Paul E. Kenney - Alive
  - RADIO OPERATOR S/Sgt. Noah L. Puckett - Prisoner
  - TOP TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt. James P. Traynor - Alive
  - BALL TURRET GUNNER Sgt. Jack M. Brown - Prisoner
  - WAIST GUNNER (R.) Sgt. Donald R. Lee - Dead
  - WAIST GUNNER (L.) Sgt. Richard L. Wells 1399
  - TAIL GUNNER Sgt. Joe T. Humble.
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B.17 384 Bomb Gp. around 10 o'clock.

18. Where and when did you come down? Near Salermes, France, Feb 11.  
Date
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Left them with the plane.  
Attached: "B"  
"C"  
"D"
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes.

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EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) France

For All Personnel.

Story is the same as Sgt. R.L. Wells, No. 37296069 E & E Report No.

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- 1. No. 1819621 Rank Sgt.
- (U.K.: Acting Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Air Medal - 13 Missions
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details No
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 546 Sqn.
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 384 Gp.
- 6. Job (Pl. Comb., Rtn., etc.)
- 7. Date of Birth 2 Nov 23
- 8. Length of Service 19 months
- 9. Peace time occupation Student
- 10. Private address (Orlando, Fla.)
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Photo and dog tags.
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No.

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

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Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date

18. Where and when did you come down? Near Salennes, France, Feb 44.

Attached: Best them with the plane? Did you dispose of parachute, harness and map west?

Appendix "B" "C" "D"

20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes.

Disposal: Major

APPENDIX "D" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA) 6/5.06/1799No. 18194624 Rank Sgt. Name HUMBLE Joe T.Unit 384 Bomb Gr. 546 Bomb Sqn.

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 or escape capture.

1. AIDS BOXES.

- (a) Did you use your aids box ? No
- (b) If not, why not ? I lost it leaving the plane.
- (c) If you used it, state briefly when and where
- (d) What did you use ?
- (e) Did any of the items prove unsatisfactory ?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box ?
- (g) 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 it cannot be larger ?

2. PURSE.

- (a) Did you carry a purse ? Yes If not, why not ?  
State colour of purse Brown
- (b) Did you use it ? Yes
- (c) If so which of the items in it were used ? Maps ? Yes  
Compass ? Yes File ?  
Foreign currency Yes State countries and amounts used ? France. All used.  
What was it spent for ? Food and Toilet articles.
- (d) How did you dispose of : Maps Burned File  
Compass Surplus currency

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion ? Yes4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS.

Did you carry any passport size photographs ? If so, how many ? Yes. Three  
Did you use them ? Yes

5. LECTURES.

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape ? State where, when, and by whom if possible ? Yes
- (b) Did you find the lectures of value Yes
- (c) Do you have any suggestions based on your experience which will help other evaders and escapers ?  
No.

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Missing Feb. 11 1944  
8th Air Force

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 181941624 Rank Sgt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) HUMBLE, J. T.

Unit 384th Group, 546 Sq.

has been fully/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on Apr 1st 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.  
He should/should not/be re-interrogated.

*Charly. Brown*  
Major. *H/1*

IMPORTANT.

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Major. *94*

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## WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 883.6 (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 883.6 (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) JOR THOMAS HUMBLE

Signed Joe T. Humble

Rank Sgt. A. S. N. 18194624

Dated Sept 3, 1944

Unit 384th Group 546th Sgd. N.

Witness Walter G. Smith

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