

19 October 1942

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By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

(signed) RALPH PULSIFER,
Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

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 American Military Attache to whom I first report, or an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name(Print) Vern P. LovaSigned Vern P. LovaRank T/SGT A.S.N. 39174786Date 28 October 1942Unit 384 Bomb GroupWitness Grady LewisGRADY LEWIS,
Major, A.C.

AG 383.6

Hq ETOUSA

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Rank T/SGT ASN 39174786 Date Oct 30 1943

Unit 546 Bomb Sqd 374 Bomb Grp Witness Walter G. Smith of 404

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS(X)

HQ, ETOUSA

OFFICE OF AC OF S, G-2

MIS DETACHMENT

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. *VERN P. LONG. T/SGT 39174786*
2. Decorations. *AIR Medal*
3. Unit or Squadron. *544 Bomb Sqd. 384 Bomb Group*
4. Division (Army) or Group.
5. Date of Birth. *July 9, 1909*
6. Length of Service. *1 1/2 yrs.*
7. Private Address. *537 N.E. Cedar St. Camas Wash.*
8. If in A.F., on what operation were you engaged? State place, date, and time of departure. Where and when did you come down?
Were Aircraft and all instruments and papers destroyed?
*GRAFTON - UNDERWOOD - Aug 17, 1943. 1130 A.M. Schweinfurt
N.E. of Sedan 1630 hours.
INSTRUMENTS AND PAPERS DESTROYED.
AIRCRAFT NOT DESTROYED.*
9. If in AF, give names of other members of crew and what happened to them.
10. Give details and full story of your trip on attached sheets. *X*
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *No*
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? *No*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? *Yes.*
14. 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 experience? Where and when? *GIBRALTER, by British Intelligence Officer.
No written report MADE.*
15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? *No*
16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *Yes. Gibraltar.*
17. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *GIBRALTER, by air Oct 29*
18. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *Oct 29 - Port BEATH.*

HQ, ETOUSA
Office of AC of S, G-2
MIS Detachment

E & E REPORT NO.
EVASION IN FRANCE

302 October 1943
(Date)

Vern P. LONG T/Sgt 39174786
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

544 384 Bomb
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 34

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 1/2 yrs

HOME ADDRESS: 537 N Cedar St
Camas Wash

MIA: 17 August 1943

Arrived in Spain:

Sept 25, 1943

Arrived in Gibraltar:

Oct 28, 1943

Arrived in UK:

Oct 29, 1943

OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB) all in 9a 2 oct

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-515816	1st Lt	Clayton R. WILSON	MIA	Wounded in L. Arm.
CO-PILOT	0-673704	2d Lt	Dewey C. BROWN, JR.	NARRATOR	
NAVIGATOR	0-797250	2d Lt.	Fred E. BLOESCH	MIA	
BOMBARDIER	0-735213	2d Lt	Herman D. STEVENS	MIA	
RADIO OPERATOR	33248462	T/Sgt	John M. DESROCHERS	MIA	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	39174786	T/Sgt	Vern P. LONG	NARRATOR	
<i>L.W</i> BALL TURRET GUNNER	17024507	S/Sgt	Eugene W. PENICK	MIA	
<i>TAIL</i> LEFT WAIST GUNNER	35336384	S/Sgt	Jack M. HOOK	MIA	
RIGHT WAIST GUNNER	11041241	S/Sgt	Ellis H. KLEIN	MIA	
<i>Ball</i> TAIL GUNNER	6121691	S/Sgt	George J. KENDALL	MIA	

6 captured same evening

Were you wounded yes - by flack in left leg.

SECRET
EQUALS BRITISH

MOST SECRET

APPENDIX "B"
MIS(X)...166...

The following information has been obtained from our interview with
Vern P. Long, T/Sgt (39174286) who escaped
after ~~capture~~ by the enemy/evaded capture by the enemy after being
in ~~enemy~~/enemy occupied territory.

Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so
it is important not to divulge any particulars of source.

Statement of information covering period from Aug. 17, 1943
to Sept. 25, 1943

P. OBS. Airdrome at Rheims. Numerous F.W. 190, also 5 large
ME 109. Amphibian craft. Aug. 19. ^{Hersey that these are flying boats}

P. OBS. Airdrome near Lourdes. Evidently an advanced training
base as I observed considerable landing and take-off practice of
ME 109 E+F. About Aug. 22 or 23. ^{was} Ossum?

P. OBS. ~~at~~ Near Toulouse on Aug. 22. Factory of Hispano-Suiza
works had considerable raw materials in yards.

Hersey: AT Pau large Airdrome used for training. In Sept approx
600 cadets in training. Also 3 ~~heavy~~ heavy bombers and 2 transports
stationed there. Personally saw 1 HE. III K; 1 F.W. Currier, 3
M.E 109 E, and numerous French biplane trainers. Hersey is
that all A.A. guns being dismantled and removed from this area on
about Sept 20. Russian prisoners ~~being~~ disarmed there.

Rounding up French Army officers by Gestapo in Pau
area. about Sept 20. So as to ~~quash~~ ^{quash} any ~~for~~
resistance Hersey

MIS(X).

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 166.

No., Rank, Name:-

39174786 T/SGT VERN P. LOWE

Unit:-

384 Bomb Group 544 Bomb Sqd.

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must 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, had you one on you? ~~Yes~~
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.
- (i) Horlicks tablets. *Not used.*
- ~~(ii) Chocolate~~ *Used*
- (iii) Milk (tube). ~~no tube broke~~
- ~~(iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue)~~ *used in Pyrenees.*
- ~~(v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).~~ *Used*
- (vi) Matches. *Not used*
- (vii) Adhesive tape. *Not used*
- ~~(viii) Chewing gum.~~ *used*
- ~~(ix) Water bottle.~~ *Used.*
- ~~(x) Compass~~ ~~Used~~
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *Yes.*
If so, in what respect? *Water Bottle Very clumsy to carry. milk broke*
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? *To French peasants*
- (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 the size of it cannot be larger? *Sugar to replace Horlicks tablets*

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? *Yes*
If so, state COLOR. *O.D. M2*
If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? *Yes*
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
- (i) ~~Maps.~~ Which ones? *French while walking*
- (ii) ~~Compass.~~

(iii) File (hacksaw).

(iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *French 2000 Francs*
How did you spend the money. *GAVE TO HELPER*

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *To ~~organization~~ Helper*

Compass. *To Spanish Authorities*

File (hacksaw). *Threw away*

Surplus currency. *None*

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+)

(+Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

(a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?
If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE

(i) Round compass. *While walking S.I.*

(ii) Stud compass.

(iii) Swinger compass.

(iv) Fly-button compass.

(v) Pencil clip compass.

(vi) Tunic button compass.

(vii) Pipe compass.

(viii) Pouch

(ix) Special flying boots (and knife).

NOT CARRIED

(b) Were they satisfactory?

(c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions which would improve the above equipment?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? *Yes*
If so, how many? *3*

(b) Did you use them? *No*
State how. *Photos too small AND improper view.*

5. LECTURES

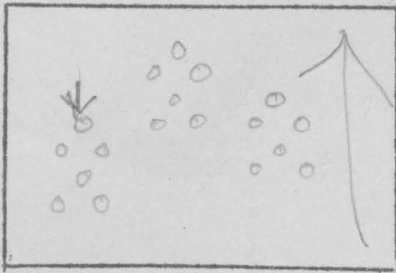
(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *Yes*
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.
Numerous times

(b) Did you find the lectures of value? *Yes*

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NAME LONG, Vern P RANK T/SGT ASN 39174786 REPORT NO. _____

SQ 544 GROUP 384 A/C NO. 430146 Letter ? Load 10-500# Date Aug 17, 1943



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing: None

Enemy Fighter Tactics: Beam-Frontal and 4 to 6 o'clock attacks
Markings: at horizon

Our Tactics:

Our Fighter Support: None

<u>Flak</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
		<u>Target</u>	<u>Medium. accurate</u>

Technical Failures

Motors:

Armor:

Armament:

Miscellaneous: Oxygen system, Fuel transfer system and Fuel tanks failed due to action of enemy aircraft and flak.

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

Oxygen ~~system~~ system shot out by direct flak hit in Bomb Bay making it necessary to leave formation immediately after finishing Bomb Run.

Crash landed.