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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

Oreah, Clinton H. Sgt. 35276961

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

2 (No. of missions)

545 384
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: Berlin

Date mission in action: Mar 4-49

Date arrived in UK: 9-10-44

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

(This is the first time with this crew)

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT - Lt. Constantino

(This is the first time with this crew)

All but Ball Turret were captured.

CO-PILOT -

NAVIGATOR - (Heard the nav. was ~~was~~ killed.)

BOMBARDIER - 2113 Polito

RADIO OPERATOR Sgt. Vincent P. Ramirez

Ball Turret Gunner wounded.

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER Sgt. Clinton H. Oreah - evaded.

(Left. W. Gunner wounded in knee)

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

Decorations: - None

Date of Birth: Jan 24, 1919

Private Address: 312 East Charles St. Bucyrus Ohio

Length of Service: 2 yrs 7 mon.

Job as Civilian: Mechanic

From what field did you take off? Take off time. - Grafton - Underwood 8:00 o'clock.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes.

Were you wounded? Give details. Yes. 4 small bits of flak in my left leg 2 in right leg + 1 in my right thumb.

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? no

Do you speak FRENCH? Yes. SPANISH? no GERMAN? no ITALIAN? no OTHER LANGUAGE? no

Did you have identity papers? Yes.

(over)

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?
Yes, C.I.C. AT CHARLEVOIX

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?
Yes AT 63 BROOKS ST.

Date of arrival in Spain: —

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: —

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air.
9-10-44 BY AIR

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

1/SGT INCIEN P. ROBERTO

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

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1. Because disclosures of information regarding evasion from capture, escape, details of imprisonment, release from internment, and repatriation have been made, the lives and services of fellow soldiers and those who help them have been lost or endangered. All information which you possess on these subjects, including the experiences of others as well as your own, briefings and equipment for evasion and escape, and preparations and other activities in connection therewith, constitutes MILITARY INFORMATION which is classified SECRET by the War Department.

2. You will therefore disclose no information whatever, beyond the fact of your return to duty from "missing in action" or "prisoner of war" or "internment", to anyone except the following military officials:

- a. The first Military Attache to whom you report;
- b. An officer designated by the Commanding General of an overseas Theatre of Operations;
- c. The Prisoner of War Branch, MIS, Washington, D.C., the interrogating agency designated by the A/C of S, G-2, War Department General Staff;
- d. Certain other officers holding written authority from the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, to interrogate you.

3. You will particularly guard against disclosure of SECRET information to relatives, friends, representatives of the press and radio, and military officials, except as noted in a, b, c and d above.

4. In order to protect yourself against disciplinary action, any question involving publicity must be referred BY YOU PERSONALLY to the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, Washington, D.C.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have read and fully understand all of the foregoing and the Directive of the Secretary of War, 6 Aug 43 (on the reverse side), and will at ALL TIMES hereafter comply fully therewith.

I understand that all information concerning escape, evasion from capture, activities and equipment in connection therewith, and details of imprisonment or release from internment, is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone except the military officials specifically designated. I further understand that disclosure to any other person will make me liable to disciplinary action for failure to safeguard MILITARY INFORMATION.

I realize that publicity concerning my experiences, by word of mouth or otherwise, will endanger the lives of many persons and therefore it is my duty to take all possible precautions to prevent it.

I further certify that I have received a copy of the foregoing.

Name (Print) OREAN, CLINTON H. Signed Clinton H. Orian

Rank Sgt. A.S.N. 35276961 Dated 9-11-44 Place London

Unit J.87.D.8P. 445 SR Witness

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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 Forces;
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.

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(See Reverse Side)

Sgt. Clinton H. Oream.

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Sgt. Oream came down on 4 March 44 on the outskirts of FLERUS, Belgium. A Belgian who was in the crowd which was waiting for him took Oream to a house in FLERUS, kept him there until the next afternoon, and then led him to the house of ^{M. and Mme.} JOSEPH MELCHIOR in TAMINES. Here Lt. Robert Davis (401 Bomb Gp., 613 Squadron) was staying. The two Americans remained with MELCHIOR until 29 March. Then Mme. MELCHIOR took them to the home of M. AIME DELABREUX in CHATELINEAU. DELABREUX was in Belgian Intelligence and was the main contact man of the organization. He took the Americans to the house of GUSTAVE PHOLIEN where they stayed for three days. During this time PHOLIEN was arrested for White Army activities and taken to Germany. DELABREUX then took Oream and Davis to DELBOS, the vicar of LOBELINSART, with whom they lived for fifteen days. They then returned to CHATELINEAU where until 4 September they lived alternately with GUSTAVE PHOLIEN and FRANCOIS BODEAUX. During this time there were living in the vicinity F/Sgt. George Burgess Hall (466 Sq. RAAF), F/O Roy Sigmont (466 Sq. RAAF), and Sgt. Duncan Macaulay (432 Sq. RCAF). On 4 September American tanks came into town. Oream went to CIC in Charleroi who checked his identity and sent him to a P/W enclosure. Oream and seven other evaders were sent as guards of German P/wo to an enclosure S of Paris. They then went to an airfield, were checked by security control, and taken by air to the U.K. on 10 September.

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SECRET - AMERICAN
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.,.....)

Territory now in our hands.

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.No., Rank, Name:- *Sgt. Orezh, Clinton H. 35276921*Unit:- *384 B. GP. 545 Ap.*

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? *NO.*
- b. If not, why? *I was contacted by organizations.*
- 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.

- 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. BUT I do not remember The colors*
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? *NO*

Compass, *NO*

File (hacksaw) *NO*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *Yes, 450 Francs - Belgium*
How did you spend the money? *FOR Food.*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *Burned*

Compass. *destroyed*

File (hacksaw). *Broken*

Surplus currency. *Burned.*

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

Yes.

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

If so, how many? *Yes three*

b. Did you use them? *Yes - one.*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

Yes AT Grafton-Underwood by intell. officer

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?

Yes, Be Carefull of what Organisation you get in with.

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Sgt
OREAN, Clinton H. 35276961 9-11-44
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)
384B. 9P. 545 Sq.
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

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

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. MAY. 7-44 AT. 1:00 PM.
NEAR FLUCRUS BELGIUM

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE. OUT OF CONTROL. NO FIRE

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?
11000 FT.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?
YES, ONE IN THE NOSE.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?
ALL BUT NAVIGATOR (I HEARD). YES, CHUTES OPENED.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? YES.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?
ONE. DO NOT KNOW WHO

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.

A MAN TOLD ME 8 WERE PRISONER THAT IS ALL

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.

ON LAND.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

I THINK THEY ARE CAPTURED, BECAUSE, I WAS TOLD THAT.

Ocean

Flew over Berlin. out of formation into clouds
Reached FLEPRUS, Belgium (near Charleroi)
Plane out of control. Communications in plane
all out. Pilot gave us hand signal to go out.
Both waist gunners out. I followed them out.
As I descended I saw the plane crash + burn.

landed in field on edge of Fleprus. Belgians
ran out to meet me. They helped me into the town.
Germans hunting us all the while.
One of the men helped me dodge through alleys +
took me to a house. Here a doctor came to
look at my wounds. Stayed in this house until
next afternoon. The same man took me by
train to a tiny village + walked to TAMINES
to a house of Joseph Melchior. There was
Lt. Robert Davis (navigator ΔS group). Stayed
here until 29 March. Then Lt Davis + I left
with Mme Melchior + went to CHATELAINEAU
(part of Grande Charleroi) where M. AIME
DELABREUX who found us another house to
stay at, the house of GUSTAVE PHOLIEN
where we stayed for 3 days. During these 3
days Melchior was arrested for White Army
activities + later taken to Germany. Hence
M. Delabreux took us to vicar of LODLINSART,
DEL BOS. We stayed with him 15 days + then
returned to PHOLIEN's. ~~to~~ FRANCOIS BODEAUX
+ Pholien in Chateauineau kept us alternately
until 4 September.

In Belgian Intelligence Service, he
was in contact with organization

American in vicinity [Lt P
F/Sgt George Burgess 21114 Hall 466 Sq. RAAF; F/O Roy Sigmant 466 Sq. RAAF 410820
Couslan
Sgt Duncan
Macaulay
432 Sq RCAF

from 1-4 Sept. I helped Resistance, get a few
Germans + protest village. The Germans were throwing
grenades in houses + machine-gunning people
in the houses. On 4 Sept. American tanks
got into town. I went to CIC in Charleroi
who checked my identity + sent me to
P/W enclosure. I went as ^{guard} ^{of the evaders} of German
prisoners to S of Paris. Thence to A.F. HQ
in Paris. They sent us to an air field where we
met security control + were flown from there
to London 10 Sept. where we were sent to 63
Brook St.

No. FT-28-B in Counter
Espionage. (Prison number was given
to Sgt Omean in U.S. and had never
been in contact with CIC in U.K.
because he was only at base two
weeks.

Arrived U.K. 19 Jan. 44.