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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

BRUCE G. SUNDAUN 1^{LT} 0-796910 12 SEPT 1944
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)
545 Sqd. 384 GRP
(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. 1 DEC. 1944 AT 1330 NEAR JABOCKE, BELGIUM.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc? LEFT HORIZ. STAB. GONE, MOST OF RUDDER GONE, 2, 3, 4 ENGINES OUT

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 1100

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? TAIL GUNNER, BALL TURRET GUNNER, RW GUNNER, BOMBARDIER WERE KILLED, NAVIGATOR, RADIO OPERATOR, PILOT WOUNDED.

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

CO-PILOT, NAVIGATOR, ENGINEER, RADIO OPERATOR, LW GUNNER, PILOT. ALL SHUTES OPENED

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? No.

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. BELGIAN DOCTOR WAS CALLED TO GIVE AID TO 5 CAPTURED, ALSO TO SIGN CERTIFICATE ON 4 DEAD BODIES RECOVERED FROM WRECK.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition? CRASHED NOSE FIRST, TOTAL WRECK, CAUGHT FIRE.

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?

4 DEAD (SEE ABOVE).
5 POWS, CONFIRMED BY RED CROSS AT GENEVA.

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

BRUCE G. SUNDLUN 1st Lt. 0-796910
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
13
(No. of missions)
545 384
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: SOLINGEN
Date mission in action: 1 DEC 43
Date arrived in UK: 11 SEPT 44

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT	<u>BRUCE G. SUNDLUN</u> (navigator)	
CO-PILOT	<u>ANDREW D. BELES</u> , 1st Lt., 0797681	POW, ^{confirmed} RED CROSS, GENEVA
NAVIGATOR	<u>W REINO JYLKKI</u> , 2d Lt., 0735874	POW, RED CROSS, GENEVA
BOMBARDIER	<u>GEORGE C. HAYES</u> , 2d Sgt., 24302617	KILLED, SAW BODY IN PLANE
RADIO OPERATOR	<u>CHARLES L. SNYDER</u> , T/Sgt., 15106881	POW, RED CROSS, GENEVA
TOP TURRET GUNNER	<u>WILLIAM RAMSEY</u> , T/Sgt., 38188005	POW, RED CROSS, GENEVA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	<u>HARRY F. COLOGNE</u> , S/Sgt., 35586469	KILLED, TOLD SO BY ENGINEER
WAIST GUNNER	<u>CHESTER P. SNYDER</u> , S/Sgt., 32302617	POW, RED CROSS, GENEVA
WAIST GUNNER	<u>MIG. CAPPELLETTI</u> , S/Sgt., 39190019	KILLED, TOLD SO BY ENGINEER
TAIL GUNNER	<u>FRANK LOKAN</u> , S/Sgt., 12162727	KILLED, TAIL SECTION COMPLETELY SHOT AWAY

FOUR BODIES TAKEN FROM PLANE BY GERMANS

Decorations: AIR MEDAL, 1 CLUSTER

Date of Birth: 19 JAN 1944

Private Address: BILTMORE HOTEL, PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Length of Service: 2 YRS, 9 MONTHS.

Job as Civilian: STUDENT

From what field did you take off? Take off time. GRAFTON-UNDERWOOD

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? PRESUMABLY, PLANE BURNED.

Were you wounded? Give details. FRAGMENTS IN RIGHT SHOULDER, ELBOW, 4th FINGER RT. HAND, FACE LACERATIONS FROM GLASS.

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

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

Did you have identity papers? YES

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

No

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. Casablanca 11 Sep 44

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

S/Sgt Howard Keenan 305th Gp.
2nd Lt Frank Mitchell 303rd Gp.
S/Sgt Ernest C. King 381st Gp.
RAF F/Sgt Richard Halden
RCAF F/Sgt Wm. Gorman

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

S/Sgt L.G. Wilson 305th
Sgt Wm. Kinikolas
RAF Pilot John Carlton
" S/ldr Logan
2nd Lt K. Lorch
2nd Lt John Bartemus 385th Gp.
S/Sgt Robert Williams, Garfield, Ga.
S/Sgt Steve Grezinsky (?)
and others I cannot remember.

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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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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) BRUCE G. SUNDLUN Signed Bruce G. Sundlun
 Rank 1st LT AC A.S.N. 0-796910 Dated 12 Sept 44 Place London
 Unit 545 Bomb Sqd Witness W. Hill
384 Bomb Gp.

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

Unit:-

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. *NOT USED*

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *GAVE TO CHILDREN IN RETURN FOR DIRECTIONS.*

Milk (tube). *NOT USED*

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *NOT USED*

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *NOT USED*

Matches. *FOR CIGARETTES*

Adhesive tape. *NOT USED*

Chewing gum. *USED WHILE WALKING*

Water bottle. *NOT USED*

Compass. *USED WHILE WALKING*

Sewing kit. *NOT USED*

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *NO*

e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *GAVE IT TO BELGIAN*

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? *CAN'T REMEMBER*
State color of stripes and letters.
If NOT, State why not.

b. Did you use the purse? *YES*

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

Maps. Which ones? FRANCE BELGIUM TO LOCATE MYSELF
AND FIND WAY AROUND FOR 6 MOS.

Compass. USED CONTINUALLY

File (hacksaw). NOT USED

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. FRENCH 1000 F

How did you spend the money? FOOD, TRAVEL. BELGIAN 300 F

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. LEFT IN SWITZERLAND.

Compass. STILL HAVE IT

File (hacksaw). LEFT

Surplus currency. NONE

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? 3

b. Did you use them? NO. THEY WERE NOT RIGHT TYPE

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? YES
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. CONTINUALLY IN STATES
AND GROUP.

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?

GO TO A CHURCH AND ASK
THE PRIEST FOR AID. THEY
AIDED ME FOUR TIMES.

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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.,.....)

Under allied hands now.

1st Lt. Bruce G. Sondlun — "C"

I was pilot of a B-17 shot down near JABOECHE, Belgium on 1 Dec 43. I was taken to BRUGES by GEORGE DE JANOCKHEERE, with whom I stayed 2 days. I was also helped by the brother-in-law of M. MERTZ, connected with the BELGIAN EMBASSY in LONDON. THEN I was taken to BRUSSELS. I stayed with ALPHONSE DENIL at 19 Rue de TIVOLI in LAEKEN, BRUSS., for 6 days. He made contact with ~~the~~ an organization. Then I went to the home of a blind woman "MME. JENNY", 10 Rue MERCELLES, BRUSS. Thence, on 21 Dec, to home of M. TROUIFF (Cafe) in MOUSCRON. From here I was taken to TOURCOING, France, to the home of FERDINAND VANAERDEN, 27 BOUL. GAMBETTA. On 30 Dec I went to Paris, where I stayed with HENRI, orgin chief later arrested by Gestapo, and with other orgin members known as "MME CLAUDE, MME. JEANETTE, MME FERNANDEZ. I was then sent to JUVISY, staying with M. RICHERFEAU for 3 weeks. He lives across the street from the RR station. Works for the SCNF Ry. Has 20 year-old daughter. I then went back to Paris and stayed with MME SIMONE PRUDHOMME, 3 Rue de JOURDAIN. I was there for 4 months. She is not an organization member. She was a wonderful helper, and deserves very great credit. I was well cared for also by René, a butcher of Rue du FAUBOURG du TEMPLE, just around the corner from BOUL de la VILLETTE, and another butcher, ROBERT, of MENIL MONTANT (has shop there). I made three trips from PARIS to the neighborhood of the Spanish border, but was unable to negotiate a crossing, being twice stopped by Gestapo (? - RSF), so I decided to go to Switzerland. MME COLLETTE and MME ANNIE (the former lived near Ste Augustine and the latter was supposed to have worked for Brit intelligence) took me to BEAUCOURT ~~but~~ on 6 May, but the guide whom we were supposed to meet had been arrested just previously, so we went back to Paris. I then took another trip to BEAUCOURT, this time with Sgt. ERNEST KING, whom I had met in Paris. This time we contacted a Priest who got guides who took us across the border. However Sgt. King was arrested by Germans on the way. + was

I was interned as an escapee in Switzerland, and early in September I managed to escape. I was helped by a Swiss named MAGNET,

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who lived at CHEVILLARDE, NO. 4, GENEVA. I crossed the border at Geneva, reporting to the US liaison officer at ANNE MASSE.

NOTES: In BRUSSELS, Dec 5-21, I met
S/sgt Howard KEENAN, 305th GP, believed to
have been later arrested by Germans,
S/sgt L.G. WILSON, 305th GP, (still evading(?))
S/sgt Steve Grezinski ————— "
RAF S/LDR LOGAN ————— "
" P/O JOHN CARLTON ————— "
S/sgt HOWARD KEENAN ————— Believe arrested later.

In TOURCOING, 22 to 30 Dec, I met
Sgt. Wm. Kinikolas ————— (still evading(?))
S/sgt. Ernest King 385th GP later arrested by Germans.
2nd Lt Frank MITCHELL 303rd GP / believe " " "
RAF F/sgt Richard HOLDEN " " "
RCAF F/sgt Wm. GORMAN " " "
2nd Lt. K. LORCH ————— (STILLEVADING(?))

~~S/sgt HOWARD KEENAN~~
In PARIS in April, I met
2nd Lt. John Bartemas ————— (evading ?)
S/sgt Robert Williams ————— "
Lt. Judson Doyle ————— (NOW in Switz)
Sgt. Ornatek ————— " "

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I was told in Paris that an American
civilian named William POLE (or POLES) was
working with the GESTAPO there.

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E & E REPORT NO.
EVASION IN

 (Date)

 (Name) (Rank) (ASN)

 (Number of Missions)

MIA: 1 December 1943
 Arrived in UK: _____

545 Bomb Sq, 384 Bomb Group
 (Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

			Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-797681	1st Lt Andrew J BELES	MIA	
CO-PILOT	0-796910	2d Lt Bruce G SUNDLUN	INTERNEED	E+E 2016
NAVIGATOR	0-735874	2d Lt Reino WINTT O. SYLKKKA	P/W	
BOMBARDIER	38188005	T/Sgt Ramsey WILLIAM	P/W	William RAMSEY
RADIO OPERATOR	34302617	S/Sgt George HAYES	MIA	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	32383172	S/Sgt Chester SNYDER	MIA	
REAR TURRET GUNNER	39490019	S/Sgt Morris GOTTELLETTI	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	35586469	S/Sgt Harry COLOGNE	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	12162757	S/Sgt Frank LOKON	LOKAN - MIA	
TAIL GUNNER	15106881	T/Sgt Charles SNYDER	MIA	

Were you wounded?

check dispositions