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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Butler, S.A. 1<sup>LT</sup> 0-663844

Sept 30, 1944

(Name)

(Rank)

(ASN)

(Date)

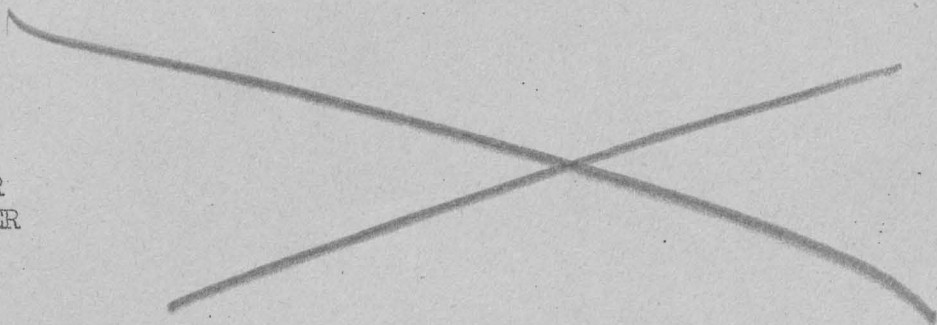
384 B.Gp - 547 Bomb Sqdn -

(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.

Sept. 16, 1943  
1530 - approx. 10 miles East of Rennes, France

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

Left inboard gas tank on fire - plane exploded before hitting ground

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? - 17,000'

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

Yes

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? - co-P - Navi -  
Nose gunner - Eng. - R.Op - Tail G and Pilot - All chutes opened.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? - Before striking ground

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.

French informed bodies of 3 found in parts of wreckage - One crew member with broken leg, believed by me to be Sgt Turlington

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?

5 - POW - Red Cross -

1 - believed alive - from info. from French

3 - believed dead - ✓ - ✓ - ✓ - ✓

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.,.....)

All info - previously reported to /  
Military Attache - Bern, Switz - Oct. 43



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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

TARGET:

Date mission in action: Sept. 16, 1943

Date arrived in UK: Sept. 29, 1944

Butler, Johnny A. / 1<sup>st</sup> 0-663844  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

14 (No. of missions)

547<sup>th</sup> (H) 384<sup>th</sup>  
(Squadron) (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT - Butler, J. A., 1<sup>st</sup>  
CO-PILOT - Wollenweber, H., 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. - POW - Red Cross  
NAVIGATOR - Knowling, E. L., 1<sup>st</sup> - POW - Red Cross  
BOMBARDIER - Martin, Burnia, s/sgt. - POW - Red Cross  
RADIO OPERATOR - Davis, P. A., T/sgt. - POW - Red Cross  
TOP TURRET GUNNER - Turlington, H. L., T/sgt. (No information) - Believed alive 814  
BALL TURRET GUNNER - May, H. E., s/sgt. (Believed dead from French  
WAIST GUNNER - Rogers, M. C., s/sgt. (Believed dead from French  
WAIST GUNNER - Sword, Sgt. (Believed dead from French  
TAIL GUNNER - Barnes, s/sgt. POW - Red Cross

Decorations: DFC, AM - 3 clusters

Date of Birth: 9:9:17

Private Address: Alamo, Texas

Length of Service: 2 yrs. 8 1/2 mos.

Job as Civilian: Salesman

From what field did you take off? Take off time.

Grafton Underwood

Approx. 1130 - Sept. 16, 1943

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

Were you wounded? Give details. No

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

Do you speak FRENCH? No SPANISH? No GERMAN? No ITALIAN? No OTHER LANGUAGE? No

Did you have identity papers? No

(over)

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

Yes - Bern, Switzerland - Military Attache - Switzerland

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?

Yes - Brig Gen. Legge - Berne, Switz, Oct. 23, 1943 - Col. H.B. Hull, Annecy, France - Sept 15, 44

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?

Yes - Bern, Switz. - Military Attache

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. Sept. 29, 1944 - Annecy France - Air

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

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

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 0-663844 1st Lt J. A. Butler

Unit:- 384 Bomb Gp - 547 Bomb Sqdn -

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. - *Waist of space*
  - Chocolate or Peanut Bar. - *while walking*
  - Milk (tube). - *Missing*
  - Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *when crossing Swiss frontier*
  - Halazone tablets (water purifier). *Excellent*
  - Matches. *Good*
  - Adhesive tape. - *Not needed.*
  - Chewing gum. - *Used*
  - Water bottle. - *Used but it was impractical*
  - Compass. - *Used all time*
  - Sewing kit. - *Used*
- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *Yes*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? - *As souvenirs.*
- 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*  
State color of stripes and letters. ~~No - did not have one~~  
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? - ~~No~~ - *Yes*



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

Maps. Which ones? - Detail map of France

Compass, ✓

File (hacksaw). No

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. - French francs  
How did you spend the money? Some for tram fare

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. - Souvenirs to French at Frontier

Compass. - Souvenirs

File (hacksaw). -

Surplus currency. - Gave to French family I had lived with

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

No

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?  
If so, how many?

Yes - 3 -

b. Did you use them?

Yes

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?  
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

Yes - POW Officer and  
men who had returned - June 43

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

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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;  
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.

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) Johnny A. Butler  
Rank 1st Lt  
Unit 384 Bomb. Gp. 577 Bomb Sqdn.

Signed Johnny A. Butler  
Dated Sept. 30, 1944  
Witness [Signature]

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B-17 pilot shot down near Rennes on 16 Sep 43. Fighters circled him. One tried to spill chute with his prop wash. Others stayed to mark his position to ground troops. Taken to farmhouse immediately. Hid for 3 days. Contacted orgn man ~~in~~ in

La ROUANDIERE, 18 Km NE of Chateaubriant,

*Booked in 3 Oct*  
who tried to make connections for Spain. (Chief of his orgn lived in SABLÉ) Spoke perfect English, 5'10", stocky 35 yrs old, dark hair, clean cut, well dressed. He was school teacher & worked for German authorities in town. Also another man, known to above, believed to be mayor of town. Was staying at French peasant's house about 1 Km W of La Rouandiere. 1 1/2 days. Orgn unable to help, so moved on on foot towards Spain. Then down trying to cross Loire. couldn't do so, so back to orgn man in La Ro - . His chief in Sablé had been killed by Gestapo, so he made contact with orgn at MAYENNE. Capt BROSHAR (pronunciation). ~~Thence~~ to Anduille. Doctor & Dr's son made contact with orgn. Son about 22 yrs 5'10", heavy curly hair spoke English. Dr rich, well known. Only Dr in district 60-65 yrs, had car. Goatee.



David <sup>had</sup> helped many others.

Thence to farm between Martigné.  
and SOSSE (about 3 km W of Martigné)  
Think name TIMOS. Two sons 20 + 23 yrs.  
One speaks some English. About 4 days.  
Also Capt Broshar's assistant young boy  
named Daniel, 18 or 19 yrs old. Thence  
on train thru Paris to Vitry, 6 km  
NE of Rheims. Stayed with LANIER in  
town. 3 or 4 days. Daniel with him.  
LANIER's bro-in-law (leg) made contact  
with org at Pontarlier. Spent night in  
DISON. Met on way George Coiffier, ~~at~~ of  
Pontarlier, then on to ~~Dijon~~. Coiffier  
~~Spent one~~ Pontarlier, where spent  
12 days in apartment in town. Coiff  
works in RR office in Pontarlier.  
Also baker LEVENFELDT helped in town.  
Stayed 2 weeks ~~at~~. Took him to village.  
From there taken in to Switz, taken by  
old man known to Levenfeldt.

While in Switzerland, was liaison officer  
between OSS & MA, Berne, ~~from 6~~,  
acted as CO, Spec, & Adjuvant of camps  
at Berne, Klosters, & Alion. Later, on  
6 Sep 44, made liaison O between  
MA Berne and OSS, Annemasse,  
CO St Mathieu.

When he went into Switz, he had written intelligence reports from Daniel & Brochar, and his own reports on such matters as radar, airfields, flak installations, troop concentrations and movements. Was never interrogated at Berne, but told to make out a written report, which was given to Lt Rexford, of MA Berne. One of his assts read report & suggested Butler see Brit air attache. (St Carsh). Gave reports to Brit, who were very interested & confirmed own reports.

From 6 to 13 Sep, acted as liaison Legge to OSS Annemasse, then left with Det of repatriates to go to Annecy, when duties were completed.

I was pilot of a B-17 shot down about 10 miles east of RENNES on 16 Sept 43. I hid for 3 days in a farm house, from where I contacted an organization man in LA ROUAUDIÈRE, 18 Km NE of CHATEAUBRIANT, who tried to make connections for me to get to Spain. He was a school teacher, and worked for the German authorities in town. He spoke perfect English, was about 5'10" tall, stocky, 35 years old, had dark hair and was clean-cut and well dressed in appearance. Another organization member there known to the above, is believed to be the mayor of the town. While dealing with these people I was staying at a peasant's house about 1 Km W of La Rouaudière. I was there 1 1/2 days, then went on foot towards Spain, as the organization did not seem very helpful. After 2 weeks walking I was unable to cross the Loire, so I returned to La Rouaudière. The organization chief at SABLÉ had been killed by Gestapo, so the ~~organization~~ man described above contacted another organization at MAYENNE. "Capt BROSHAR" (This spelling is according to pronunciation. French spelling may be "BROCHARD" or "BREAUCHARD")



was the man contacted. I then went to ANDVILLE with the Doctor of that town. He and his son kept in touch with the organization. He was a rich man, 60-65 years old, wore a goatee, drove his own car. His son was about 22 years old, heavy, had curly hair, spoke English. This was about 3 October 43.

From here I went to a farm between MARTIGNÉ and SOSSE (about 3 Km W of MARTIGNÉ). I believe the owner's name was TIMOS. He has two sons 20 and 23 years old. One speaks some English. Capt "BROSHAR'S" assistant was also there - a boy of about 18 or 19 named DANIEL. Daniel took me, after 4 days, on a train through Paris to WITRY, 6 Km NE of RHEIMS. I stayed with a man named LANIER in this town for 3 or 4 days. ~~His brother-in-law~~ His brother-in-law, a one-legged man, made

Contact with an organization at PONTARLIER. I then went to Pontarlier with Daniel, where I spent 12 days in an apartment with GEORGES COIFFIER, who works in the Railroad office in town. From here a baker of PONTARLIER named LEVENFELDT took me to a village near the border, where an old man known to him took me across into Switzerland.

When I reported to the Military Attache at Berne I had written reports from Daniel and Capt Broshar, as well as many of my own, on radar, airfields, flak installations, troop concentrations and movements. I was never interrogated by the intelligence officers, but was told to ~~make a written report~~ turn in my written reports to Lt. REXFORD, of the attache's office. One of his assistants read the reports and suggested I give them to the British Air Attache. I did so and he was very interested and interviewed me at length.

From 6 to 13 September, I acted as Liaison officer ~~to General~~ between Gen.

Legge, at Berne, and the OSS at  
Annemasse. I then went to  
Aunicy, when my duties were  
completed, with a detachment  
of repatriates.

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