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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

WIESECKEL s/sgt 16156743
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: 4-13-44

3 (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: 9-29-44

545th 384th
(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (Please list names next to positions) Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

obtained information from Red Cross in Switzerland

PILOT H. Swomson 2nd Lt unknown

CO-PILOT D. Smith 2nd Lt. Switzerland

NAVIGATOR D. White 2nd Lt. Captured

BOMBARDIER Dunning 2nd Lt. unknown

RADIO OPERATOR C. Wiesekel s/sgt. Switzerland

TOP TURRET GUNNER J. Young s/sgt. Killed

BALL TURRET GUNNER G. McIntosh sgt. captured

WAIST GUNNER R. Sack sgt. captured

WAIST GUNNER D. Brown sgt. captured

TAIL GUNNER E. Zimbenki sgt. captured

Decorations:

Date of Birth: September 9, 1923

Private Address: Route 1, Menasha Wisconsin

Length of Service: 21 months

Job as Civilian: Machinist

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

Graft Underwood near Kettering take off 9:30 A.M.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

Were you wounded? Give details.

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much?

no, they didn't want no pay.
Do you speak FRENCH? no SPANISH? no GERMAN? no ITALIAN? no OTHER LANGUAGE? no

Did you have identity papers?

I got a Belgian Passport

(over)

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

Yes, Switzerland, Swiss officer

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

Yes, Anney + Rance, Captain Spivack

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, Bern

Date of arrival in Spain: *Switzerland, May 31*

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air.

Anney + Rance Sept 29 airplane

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.

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MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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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.,.....)

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WIESECKEL s/sgt. 16156743
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Sept 30 1944
(Date)

384th B. G.R. 545th B. 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.

APRIL 13, 1944 bailed out a little north of Soperburg Belgium

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

*plane flew for about 50 miles
Electrical systems out, also believe there was more*

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

13,000 feet

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

*The top turret man was killed (Jim Young)
over the target by fighters*

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

*at the time I bailed out 7 bailed out all cutes
opened. Co-pilot bailed out latter, dont no about Pilot*

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

The White Army in Belgium said it did

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.

no

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?

*My opinion of crew members is that I think
they did as good as could be expected*

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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) WIESECKEL, C. M. Signed Clarence Wieseckel
 Rank S/SGT A.S.N. 16156743 Dated 9-30-44 Place London
 Unit 384th A. G. 545th B. G. Witness Paul M. [Signature]
[Signature] Lt. A US

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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)

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 16156743 S/Sgt. Clarence Thiesschel

Unit:- 384th B GR. 545th B Sq.

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.

The water bottle could be improved.

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".

While I hid and traveled for 6 1/2 days on these
Horlicks tablets.

Didn't use
Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

I lived on these for 6 1/2 days besides 2 raw potatoes
Milk (tube).

yes
Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

no
Halazone tablets (water purifier).

yes
Matches.

yes
Adhesive tape.

yes
Chewing gum.

no
Water bottle.

yes
Compass.

no
Sewing kit.

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?

Water bottle
e. How did you finally dispose of the box?

Had in woods
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?

no I think its pretty good.

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *yes*

State color of stripes and letters. *Don't Remember*

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?

Maps. Which ones?

yes - of Belgium, France, Luxembourg

Compass,

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money?

yes, Belgium on personal things which I needed

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

still have them

Compass.

sent to Prenceman for souvenirs

File (hacksaw).

still have

Surplus currency.

sent to France

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 6

b. Did you use them?

yes

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

yes on Ball before I went down

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?

Only to find a good hiding place as soon as one can

S/Sgt. C. M. Wieseckel ^{brenee} 16156743 545/384 13 Apr - 30 Sept

We were hit by a fighter on the 13th April. I bailed out and landed in a field S of Bourg Reulanc (Belgium). In the course of the following 6 days I crossed into Luxembourg and back into Belgium, passing through Bastogne (Belgium). On the 19th April I declared myself to 2 men on cycles. They took me to a store in Witry (BELGIUM) and then took me to a combined Cafe and store in Holtang (BELGIUM) where I was given clothes and a passport. This establishment was owned by the parents of one of the men. That same day I was taken to a White Army camp just W of Morhet (BELGIUM). Lt. Toye, Lt. Korth and S/Sgt. Kerpan arrived 3 days later and from this point my story is the same as Lt. Toye's.

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WIESECKEL, C. M. s/sgt. 16156743 38th BR. 45th SQ.
Name Rank & Serial No. Organization & Air Force.

Shot down: ~~APRIL 13~~ APRIL 13. IN BELGIUM NORTH OF LUXEMBOURG
Date & Approximate location.

Experiences after being shot down: STAYED IN BELGIUM TILL MAY 13
WITH WHITE ARMY. THEM STARTED FOR SPAIN
BUT CHANGED OUR PLANS AND COME
TO SWITZERLAND. WALKED ALL THE WAY
AND GOT LOT OF HELP ALONG THE WAY

Status: Escapee - Evader - Internee.

Date of Escape: MAY 31

Date of Arrival at MAAF: ANNECY SEPT 13

Physical Condition: O.K.

REMARKS: FAIRLY TREATED BY SWISS

Home Address: ROUTE 1 MENASHA WISCONSIN

Departed MAAF Hq.: