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19 October 1942

#263

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TO : Personnel concerned.

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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) WILLARD E. FREEMAN Signed Willard E. Freeman
 Rank S/SGT A.S.N. 32454255 Date 12/10/43 (10 Dec 43)
 Unit 384th BOMB GROUP - 545 Bomb Sq Witness W. H. M.
Col. G.S.C.

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SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
PW and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. *WILLARD EDWARD FREEMAN S/SGT
32454253*
2. Decorations. *—*
3. Unit or Squadron. *546th Bomb SQDN*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *384th Bomb Group*
5. Date of Birth. *Sept 22-1913*
6. Length of Service. *1 5/12*
7. Private Address. *67 Fairlane ave Jersey City - NJ*
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?
*July 4th - 1943 - Take off at 9:30 in the morning - South of
Paris ~~about~~ near a town called Mortue in France
Plane was burning in the air as we parachuted out of
it.*
9. What was your position in aircraft? - *A.R. operator*
10. Were you wounded? - *Yes - Split knee in ankle while landing
with chute*
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? - *NO.*
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? - *NO*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? - *From Les Mans to Lyon - no - From
Lyon to Perpignan yes (Fr.) (Dog tags)*
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 experiences. Where and when?
*Barcelona - British Woman
MADRID - MAJ. Clark - British MAJOR Grinnell
Col. Forester - British Auxiliary*
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?
17. Date of arrival in Spain. *Barcelona - Dec 2nd - 1943
NOV-18th 1943
Madrid - Dec - 8th - 1943*
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *Gibraltar - Dec - 10th 1943
Dec - 10th - 1943*
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. - *air - Dec - 11th 1943*
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
Bristol Dec - 12th - 1943

GREENWAY

GRAFTON-UNDERWOOD - TO c 0930-1000. A/C Pactor La Manna

Don't know
McRATHEE
24/000

Joined at a position just over 20 Coast - why I don't know -
encountered little flak on light flak when hit 7. Dropped
bombs - not see results - headed back. Attacked by flak - 109's
few 190's - some of 186 yellow nose by (186). Hit No 1 set on fire -
knocked us completely out of formation - lost altitude - came
in from all sides - hit 2 more motors - 1 gave order land
at whole place as fire. Stayed in place till last moment -

Deception
start of

no orders till 3 motors out. Took on MG 109 ^{blew up} down -

think M - but maybe WG. Went out behind waist compartment hatch -
struck - fell out dog by pushing. WGs came after - think c 18,000'

to the
at the

Delayed jump - ^{went out with bailout bottles} low man when wound up. Saw five chutes + mine.

Hit ground - ^{grilled himself} knocked out. To - young 20 days beside me - led me to

In both
can't
Mills

farmhouse - ^{saw} other crew members there - Aslworth - changing clothes

Electric
Crawley
not
AT 19

in lawn. Took both fus - only to hodge out for from woods - brought

there, A can shell - brot P, then E - lay low to hunting with plane.

+ motorcycle. 5. Brendan's found us - 2 then 3, gave us wine & cigarettes.

Stayed there that afternoon & nt.

G
still
searching
could help

The afternoon woman who could speak a little English - not city &

followed. 5. Stayed there that night, next day. In fact us next

5 1/2 km to another hodge, little better cover.

6 " Towards evening moved deeper into woods - covered me - I couldn't

walk any more - Out on a stretcher - seemed 10-15 km on before

out M

M.
in the
woods

Blanes coming in from tail - felt bullet going through leg - in place

out - went back see what happened up in plane - saw still looking

for flak - so back to gun - flak came in - fired - think got on Me 109

Look see what doing - Wenzler trying to open waist down - told
him come out tail with me - no O₂ - lolly breath - saw Wenzler
tail - not delayed jump by pulling away thing. Saw only light - W
Landed field c 200 yds from jamboree. Walked. Lined to
jamboree - woman told me 'Ally' - not give me any water - crawled
across road - wouldn't walk - stopped - not get away - man
stopped, look - led to English dictionary - pointed out 'but see'
pointed to himself - led me c 35 yds into big field. - stayed
till but Des & few friends. Had to patrolling woods - talk to
CIAA Dr. ^{Just to both, read, left}

Low
c 1200

Moved c 200 yds, slept that night. Fed. At next day.
Crossed at 5th - 5 trunks - carried me c 5 km - met F in
field & walk up.

F&M: Carry us c 3 km - to major of mountains - c 0200 - led food.
C 0400 M & F to field with good cover - rest of them at Major's bar
not see afterwards.

6 2300 NT 67H picked up in car, 10-15 km to forest - carry us 3. Then
on stretch to middle of woods - little grass but - raining. Then 47 days.
Broke food - very tenuous net. Couldn't move any way except natural fractures
In cam - but not out of leg - c 1 wk - good attention in M. but released.
2d day down in 2nd row of ledges - picked by first eye - 3 men who
fed us. [Not know names].

8 to camp
as a hand
but part

Left 21 Aug - walked / jumped out - my J. met us up in car
took down in morning. At. met R.A.P. ^{Sanborn} & me 7 girl guides from
Parisian outfit - Jacqueline ready in bus with her.
Old days drove us to Le Mans - met another girl guide - reached her way to
to take ~~plane~~ train - even down recently by checking idents by papers -
or more - not - Picked up Nell - ^{2nd} Parisian named to B.S. breakfast -
Stayed in woods that night - whole eye - chills no sleep. To next station
by rail Le Mans toward Bourges. Tours, left station. In room equipped -
went to Tours - changed train to Bourges. Walked around - took car
from station to station of day from Parisian reg - slept there, leaf
first morning, unusual demarcation line.

Arrived up train - to Lyons, changed over to another carriage. B. Duffin
passed - 'Panda' & go into Jean. 2300
to Lyons after conference - train late - not meet contact - sleep in it at Lyons - right
up

Next morning still trying to meet contact. Call to Catholic church - check
back with cab to house - 2 hrs - then to Jules (orig) took us to place
where stayed to last with Regent - c 3 wks.

M & I over to farm - not buy all of us - getting more men.

M Sigot, Fleury, Rhone 3 wks then with Ison.

Got Ison's
papers at
Lyons

Jules after is that we to Spain with stuff of - but may take
one - two yrs.

Went to Jules apt - c 3 wks. Back to farm c 1 wk

worked
occasionally

Stayed M Roger Pamp - Petrol in Lyons - very rich - very good
85 Ave de Saxe, Lyons.

c Nov 10-11
Mouret left Lyons. Turned to Vic's org - took us to Spain.

In Lyons picked up André - he had been in business Spain.

Dinner at home - met there - also Sr Jacques - surgeon in
Paris, Vic

[The fruits of the little words are well
arrived.] words in Paris

B

To station - walking along - B shot - friend in train -
1 minute later we picked up in order - we had MG & explosives
In some whole thing began - led us train leaving.

To Perpignan next morning - on day of train - day with 1 week
waiting - told us worst case - never asked for it with by paper.

Andre escaped from overtopped beds - captured with radio transmitter - had him 50 days. Got taking him from room in chateau where kept - did not avoid guard - moved over gradually over wall & hid in garden - out from Dr - kept on to know.

Delayed when in Perpignan - separated - best zoo picked up me & guide on inside.

J & M each stayed 2 diff places - not locate. Jacques & M Viciani down from Andre's l - see what to tell was

C/6 Nov

Tuesday evening 1900 walked all out - met 2 guides outside town stopped 0800 next morning on edge out - rested to 1100 - picked up 2 new guides - from 1100 - 1700 walking - had jackets, wait darkness - guide late - to 2200 no moon - ^{new guide} walked 7 hrs to junction on top side - saw 2 patrols there - that at other.

Next evening c 1900 out - met car - payed for already - to town figures - 10 days there. Viciani came along with another woman - Danoff(?), Communist car picked up M & Andre.

After 10 days - train - missed - 2 more days in town - train to Bar - along - freight car, chicken car. Out just before B - met by guide - to house - 2 diff - Jacques & the Dr - M & B - let them - to Br Consulate - security papers - see Br woman ^{asked} where my in dance & going through Lyons

Clothes - sent to another house - 4 days there. 27 us, Danoff, RST 'Bill', & another to Madinet - Br Embassy - my Clark & Griswold -

Griswold - not ask details of papers, Clark did.

Col Foster not ask who been who helped -

Br civilian guard with us - dark Sp, medium build, mountain

SGT M & around when questioning.

People in Lyons requested: see R & Bedwell, Cooksford Rd, Heddywood
Huts, Baden. Everything OK in Lyons

insp
18

11

LYONS AER. DRUM SE CITY

AIRPORT NEAR FLEURIEU - 30 87, MG 110

(MONTMAY)

Some ^{few} Afrika men in LYONS a month BEFORE LEFT LYONS -

Also few ITALIANS IN UNIFORM - NO ARMS - think

ALPINE TROOPS.

Luftwaffe & army here -

Germans around Lyon averaging use of Gasogene
also using hand & wzors.

Day arrived in Lyon whole to an hour German wounded -
coming in from south

The following information has been obtained from our interview with S/Sgt W.E. Freeman
..... (.....) 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
to.....

In Lyon I noticed that the occupational troops were young. Some no more than 16-17 yrs old. Others were old. The rest that were in between had served mostly on the Russian front. In Lyon also there is an airbase in the South East part of Lyon. They use it partly for training pilots. (This information I gathered from the French). I also noticed that there were a lot of Luftwaffe in the troops I saw in Lyon.

There are railroad marshalling yards in the South part of Lyon.

I also noticed they were using Stukas (Ju 87) for training purposes. Four were the most I saw in the sky at one time - From time to time. I saw a few F.W-190's in Lyon - some ME 110's and Ju 88's. Also saw German sea planes flying over Lyon - could not identify them.

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E & E REPORT NO. 263
EVASION IN FRANCE

12 December 1943

(Date)

WILLARD E. FREEMAN S/SGT 32454255
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

NOTE
~~544~~ 545 41 384
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 30
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 19 yrs
HOME ADDRESS: 67 Landdown Ave
Jersey City - N.J.

MIA: 4 July 1943
Arrived in Spain: 18th Nov. 1943
Arrived in Gibraltar: 10th Dec - 1943
Arrived in UK: 12 December 1943

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with FWIB)

| | | | | Official Disposition | Narrators Disposition |
|--------------------|----------|-------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| PILOT | T-60135 | F/O | Gordon B ERICKSON | E&E #65 | |
| CO-PILOT | 0-796529 | 2d Lt | Francis M HACKLEY | MIA | DEAD |
| NAVIGATOR | 0-797007 | 2d Lt | Clifford C DARTT | MIA | Prisoner of War (according to Is.) |
| BOMBARDIER | 0-734698 | 2d Lt | Donald W IRVINE | MIA | DEAD |
| RADIO OPERATOR | 33350091 | S/Sgt | Paul G WELCH | MIA | Dead in Plane |
| TOP TURRET GUNNER | 32281820 | T/Sgt | Robert H PENLY | E&E #66 | |
| BALL TURRET GUNNER | 32454255 | S/Sgt | Willard E FREEMAN | NARRATOR | |
| WALST GUNNER | 15090270 | S/Sgt | Frank J WINGERTER | E&E #67 | |
| WALST GUNNER | 31170831 | S/Sgt | George (NMI) ASHWORTH | E&E #68 | |
| TAIL GUNNER | 32459221 | S/Sgt | Charles (NMI) MANKOWITZ | NARRATOR | |

Were you wounded? *Yes* Split Bones in ankle landing by chute

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12 December 1943
(Date)

Charles Mankowitz Sgt 32459221
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

544 384
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 27
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 15 months
HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Sophie Costello
1128 Clay Ave Bronx N.Y.

MIA: 4 July 1943

Arrived in Spain:

11/18/43

Arrived in Gibraltar:

12/10/43

Arrived in UK:

12 December 1943

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

USE CREW AS FREEMAN 414017

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| BALL TURRET GUNNER | 32454255 | S/Sgt | Willard B FREEMAN | NARRATOR | |
| WAIST GUNNER | 15090270 | S/Sgt | Frank J WINGERTER | E&E #67 | |
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Were you wounded?

yes (Blah) Nighter 20 mm Cannon

Sgt FREEMAN:

Between 0930 and 1030 on 4 July 1943 we took off from GRAFTON UNDERWOOD to bomb the aircraft factory at Le MANS. For some reason we were forced out of position over the French coast. (See sketches, Appendix E.) We went in at 24,000 feet and met little flak until the target and only light flak there. We dropped our bombs, but I did not see what happened to them. When we were heading back for home, we were attacked by many Me 109's and a few FW 190's. Some of the FW 190's had the yellow nose of Herman Goering's boys. Number one engine was hit and set on fire. We were knocked completely out of formation, and we lost altitude. Our oxygen system was shot up. Fighters came in on us from all sides and hit two more motors. When the pilot gave the order to bail out, the whole plane was on fire. We shot ~~the Me 109~~ down one Me 109, for I saw it blow up in mid-air. I thought Sgt MANKOWITZ got it, but the waist gunner might have done the job. The pilot held the plane to the last minute.

GRAFTON
UNDERWOOD
4 JULY 1943
SEE E & E
65-68

PLANE
SHOT UP

I went out the waist compartment hatch. The emergency stuck and would not work, so I leaned against the door and fell out. Sgt ASHWORTH was ready to follow me out. I think I jumped at 18,000 feet. I went out with a bail-out bottle and made a delayed jump. I was the low man among the parachutes I saw in the air. I saw five other parachutes. On the way down German fighters circled me, and I feared they were going to fire on me, but they did not.

BAILED
OUT - EMERGENCY
STUCK

I landed in a field which had recently been mowed and was ~~knocked~~ knocked unconscious by the ~~fall~~ impact. When I recovered consciousness, a Frenchman was at my side. He led me to a farmhouse where I saw Sgt ASHWORTH already changing into civilian clothes in a barn. The French took care of my mae west, flying clothes, and parachute. Sgt ASHWORTH and I were taken to a hedgerow and hid. Soon our pilot and engineer were brought to the same place. The Germans were hunting for us with planes overhead and motorcyclists on the ground. Five gendarmes found us, but they gave us wine and some cigarettes. We stayed where we were all that afternoon and night.

LANDED -
KNOCKED UN-
CONSCIOUS

HID BY
FRENCH
GERMANS SEARCHED

While we ~~stayed~~ were there, a woman who could speak a little English came and

told us we were to stay where we were and to do exactly as we were ordered. The next day the Germans were still searching for us. We stayed where we were. The next night we moved to another hedgerow where the cover was even better. From there I was carried on a stretcher to a place where I met Sgt MANKOWITZ, and our journey was arranged for us.

JOURNEY ARRANGED

Sgt MANKOWITZ:

When German planes came in ~~at~~ on our tail, I was hit in the leg by a bullet. The interphone was out, ^{after we cleared the fighters,} so I went back in the plane to see what was happening forward. ^{When} I saw that they were still ~~watching~~ for fighters up in front, ~~so~~ I went back to my gun. ~~Fighter~~ German fighters came in on us again, and I fired. I thought I hit an Me 109. After we cleared this group, I looked back to see what was going on and saw Sgt WINGETER trying to open the waist door. I motioned to him to come back to the tail to go out. Our oxygen system had been shot out, and I was having some trouble breathing. I saw Sgt WINGETER coming back to the tail, so I bailed out. I saw only one parachute in the air, and I thought it was his. I made a delayed jump for a short time by failing to pull the proper cord.

BAILED OUT

I landed in a field about 200 yards from a farmhouse. I limped to the farmhouse and asked for water. The woman at the farmhouse did not seem glad to see me. She kept saying "Allez! Allez!" and motioned for me to get away. ~~By~~ ~~then I could not walk~~ I walked a bit, but my leg gave out on me. While I was crawling across a road, I saw a man coming. ~~and~~ ~~but~~ I could not ^{move} quickly enough to hide. The man came up, looked at me, took out a French-English dictionary, pointed to the word for Intelligence and then for Service, and then pointed to himself. He hid me in a hayfield and brought me some doctors and some food. I heard Germans patrolling the roads, but they did not search where I was. I was moved to another outdoor hiding place that night. The next night I was carried on a stretcher to a place where I met Sgt FREEMAN, and from there our journeys were arranged.

HELPED

Compiled by:

Arranged by:

JOURNEY ARRANGED

APPENDICES A-E

D E EMERSON
1st Lt, AUS

W STULL HOLT
Lt Col, AG, Commanding

WSH

Appendix B.

1. The following information has been obtained in an interview with two sergeants who evaded capture by the enemy after being in enemy occupied territory.

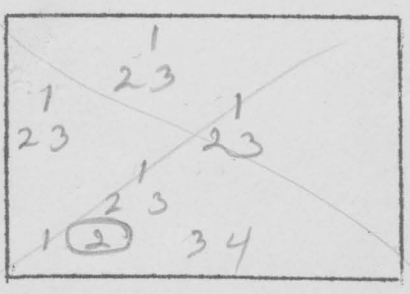
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~~136/~~ Statement of information covering the period 4 July 1943 to 18 November 1943

- GERMAN
- a. The occupational ~~forces~~ troops in LYONS in September and October were ~~young~~ either quite young or quite old. Some were ~~16/17/18/19/20/21/22/23/24/25/26/27/28/29/30/31/32/33/34/35/36/37/38/39/40/41/42/43/44/45/46/47/48/49/50/51/52/53/54/55/56/57/58/59/60/61/62/63/64/65/66/67/68/69/70/71/72/73/74/75/76/77/78/79/80/81/82/83/84/85/86/87/88/89/90/91/92/93/94/95/96/97/98/99/100~~ only 16 or 17 years old. There were many men who had served on the Russian front.
- b. Frenchmen told me that there is an airdrome in the south east part of the city. They said it was used at least in part for training pilots.
- c. We saw a lot of Luftwaffe men around LYONS in ~~Sept~~ September and October.
- d. I saw some ~~German~~ Ju 87's used for training purposes around LYONS, but I never saw more than four together. I also saw some German seaplanes flying over LYONS.
- e. There is an airfield north north east of LYONS in the vicinity of FLEURIEU and MONTANAT. I saw Ju 87's and Me 110's going and coming to it.
- f. In early November we saw German troops in LYONS whom the French said belonged to the ~~Afrikkakorps~~ Afrikakorps.
- g. Around 23 August we saw a trainload of wounded Germans come into LYONS from the south.

NAME Willard E. Freeman RANK S/Sgt ASN 32454255 REPORT NO. _____

SQ 545 GROUP 384 A/C NO. 229960 Letter - Load 600 lbs Date July 4th - 1943



Out - see MARK ROWITZ

Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing:

NO

Enemy Fighter Tactics:

Markings:

came in out of the sun on first attack
After ~~was~~ knocked out of formation, they attack from all sides.

Our Tactics:

Impossible to take evasive action as three motors were put out of action almost immediately and plane was on fire. Pilot held on to ship till last moment and then gave order to bail out.
Had support part of way to target -

Our Fighter Support:

Flak

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Quality</u> |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 12:10 (approx) | Sea Mann | Light |

Technical Failures

Motors:

Armor:

Armament:

- Ball guns were out of action after approximately 150 rounds

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

Put different type of Solenoids on guns - Also, ^{caused by} the gun failure on this mission was due to the way the ammunition is fed into the guns - If possible there should be a different type of system devised to feed ammunition into guns.

YES - bail out
NO - bail out

S E C R E T

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 32459221 Sgt. Charles Manbowitz
Unit:- 384 B. Sq 544 B. Sq

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? ~~No~~ Yes
(b) If not, had you one on you? ~~No~~ 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.

Horlicks tablets.

- Chocolate. - Just Hungry for chocolate

- Milk (tube). - I like it, so I used it

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

- Matches. - Cig.

- Adhesive tape. - For Bandage

- Chewing gum. - Very helpful

Water bottle.

Compass.

- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect? None proved unsatisfactory. The ones I did not check, I had no use for, etc.
(f) How did you finally dispose of the box? What was left was disposed of by French Farmers
(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? Not enough of adhesive tape

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? Yes
If so, state COLOR. Brown
In 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.

Maps. Which ones?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

- Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money? *to Lyons*

TRAV

Have from La Mance

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

French disposed of them

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+) *NONE*
(+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.

Round compass.

Stud compass.

Swinger compass.

Fly-button compass.

Pencil clip compass.

Tunic button compass.

Pipe compass.

Pouch

Special flying boots (and knife).

none

Had hunting knife but French took it away

(b) Were they satisfactory? *the knife was*

(c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions, which would improve the above equipment? *no*

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? *yes*
If so, how many? *four (4)*

best to carry with you chances are you may get picked up going to get photographed if you had none

(b) Did you use them?
State how.

ON THE IDENTIFICATION PAPERS

5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *yes U.S. + England*
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

(b) Did you find the lectures of value? *yes (well when I knew*

that I was in the hands of the intelligence I felt pretty well assured of my escape, as I was handicapped by being wounded.

S E C R E T

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 32454235 S/Sgt Willard E. Freeman

Unit:- 384th Bomb Group - 345 Bomb Squadron

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? *No - immediate help*

(b) If not, had you one on you? *- Yes*

(c) If not, why had you no aids box? *-*

omit (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.

Horlicks tablets.

Chocolate.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass.

(e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect? *NO.*

(f) How did you finally dispose of the box? *- Gave it to a member of the Fr. organization to destroy or down he saw fit with it.*

(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? *-*

2. PURSE

(a) Did you carry a purse? *Yes*
If so, state COLOR. *Brown*
In 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. *Fr. Money is all I need out of it*

Maps. Which ones?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money? *French money for Railway ^{fare} passage.*

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps. - *Came to Fr. organization*

Compass. - *Came to Fr. organization*

File (hacksaw). - *Buried in woods*

Surplus currency. *No surplus - Not sufficient*

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.

Round compass.

Stud compass.

Swinger compass. ✓ *BUT DID NOT NEED IT*

Fly-button compass.

Pencil clip compass.

Tunic button compass.

Pipe compass.

Pouch

Special flying boots (and knife).

(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?

If so, how many?

(NO) Was issued photographs but did not have them with me. LATER WISHED I HAD THEM.

(b) Did you use them?

State how.

5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

Was lectured by men that had escaped - by intelligence also in the M.S. - I was lectured in England by intelligence

(b) Did you find the lectures of value?

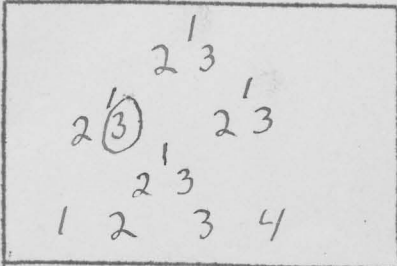
Yes

Lectured in Eng land & US by intelligence officers & by men who had escaped

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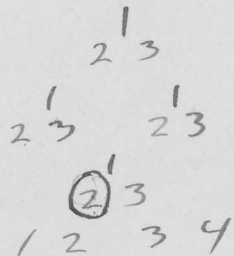
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POSITION OF TAKE OFF



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

POSITION WHEN WE WERE SHOT DOWN



Observed results of Bombing: No

Enemy Fighter Tactics: attack from all sides
Markings:

Our Tactics: Coming in straight from the rear, one would peel off, another would come in (that is when we were out of formation, only.)

Our Fighter Support: did not see fighter support

Flak
Time Place Quality

Technical Failures

Motors: No
Armor: No
Armament: No
Miscellaneous: No

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

Can't remember any flak at any time