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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

WICKLINE ALBERT J. S/sgt 15322854
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
Four (No. of missions)
344 (Squadron) 384 (Group)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: 11/14/43

Date arrived in UK: 12/4/44

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT	^{2d} LT WILLIAMS, Walter G. 0795863 — P/W	} Hearsay
CO-PILOT	^{2d} Lt CANDLER, Belford B. - 0198966 — P/W	
NAVIGATOR	^{2d} Lt ABEL, Carl W. 0735151 — P/W	
BOMBARDIER	^{2d} Lt BREEN, Thomas C. - 0676345 — P/W	
RADIO OPERATOR	T/sgt. HANRAHAN, Thomas P. - 32383136 — P/W	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	T/sgt Bush, Clyde "T" - 37128669, — P/W	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	Sgt William R. Gerette, "16014308 — P/W	
WAIST GUNNER	S/sgt DEESE, James W. - 14139217 — P/W	
WAIST GUNNER	S/sgt HENNEBERRY, Michael R. 32405532 — P/W	
TAIL GUNNER	S/sgt WICKLINE (SELF) Narrator	

Decorations: NONE

Date of Birth: SEPT 24 1924

Private Address: RD #3 Didgeon Rd.

Length of Service: 26 mo.

Job as Civilian: NONE

From what field did you take off? Take off time. no 102 - 11:00

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

Were you wounded? Give details. YES. ON LEFT HAND, SLIGHT

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

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

Did you have identity papers? no

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

YES. CAPT. 6th ARMORED DIV. RPO1 216 Gen Hosp.

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

YES Both above.

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 70th Repl. Dep. Dec. 23 1944

Date of arrival in Spain: DIDNT.

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: DIDNT

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

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70TH REPLACEMENT DEPT (AAF)
APO 652

AAF STA 594.
25 Dec 1944.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NO. 368)

EXTRACT

SECTION I

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25. Sgt Albert J. Wickling 15322854 (S11) AC, Casual Pool, this Hq, is
reld fr aboast 129th Replacement Co, 129th Replacement Bn (AAF), this sta, and
trfd in gr Hq European T of Opus, USA for cy at 68 Brocke St, London. WPT a/b
GHT o/a 24 Dec 1944, rpt on arrival to GO thereat. Coked rat in kind will be
provided while traveling. PGS. TONE, TNL, FSA 60-136 P 431-02 A 212/50425.
ATTN: W009, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe.

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By order of Colonel RAUER:

DWIGHT T. ROBINSON
Capt, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

OFFICIAL:

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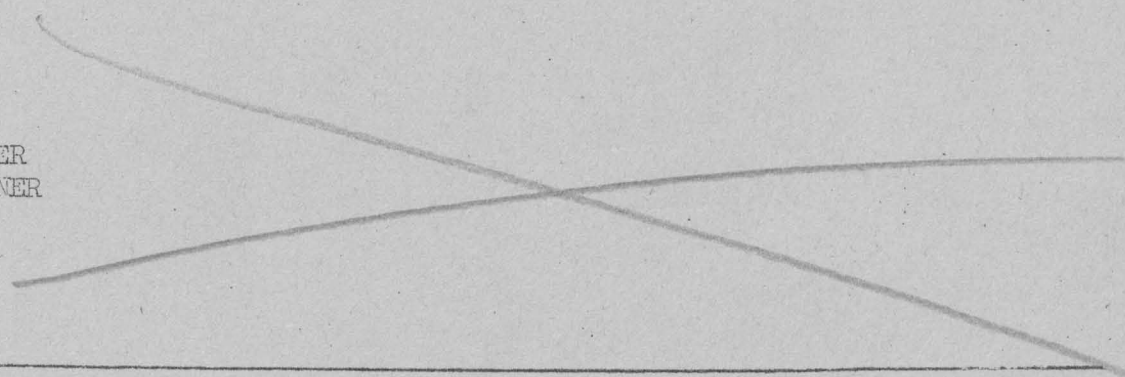
REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WICKLINE ALBERT L S/SGT 15922854 DEC 29 1944
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)
389 Bomb Sq 544 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.

Oct 14 1944 5:00 PM Bushy ROSSAINE

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

2 motors smoking

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 7,000 FT.

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

NO

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

ALL OF THEM

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? NOT KNOWN

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

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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.

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?

OTHER PRISON OF WAR. UNDER GROUND

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *S/sgt ALBERT J WICKLINE*

Unit:- *384 Bomb Sq. 594 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.

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". *W*
Horlicks tablets. JUST BEFORE SLEEPING 1 NIGHT IN WOODS
Chocolate or Peanut Bar.
Milk (tube).
Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).
Halazone tablets (water purifier).
Matches.
Adhesive tape. FOR WOUND ON HAND.
Chewing gum.
Water bottle.
Compass. JUST AS SOON AS I LANDED.
Sewing kit.
- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *NO*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *YES*
- 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.
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? **BOTH**

Compass. **YES**

File (hacksaw). **NO**

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money? **YES FRANCE. 30000 FOR NECESSITY**

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. **Burnt**

Compass. **Bury it**

File (hacksaw). **Bury**

Surplus currency. **CHANGE IT TO ENGLISH**

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? **3 Photos.**

b. Did you use them? **1 1/2" x 1 1/2" TYPED.**

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

YES 384 BOMBAY

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?

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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-989 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) AIBERT J WICKLINE
Rank S/Sgt A. S. N. 15322854
Unit 384 Bomb Gr 544 Sq

Signed Aibert J Wickline
Dated Dec 28 1944
Witness R. Field
1st Lt Inf

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S/Sgt. A. J. Wickline - 'C'

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→ and his son were arrested by the Gestapo on the suspicion of helping me.

I was crew member in a B-17 ~~shot~~ down on 14 October 1943 near BUCHY, LORRAINE. I received help from LOUIS THOMAS, of MOULIN de GOIN, POSTE VERNY MOSELLE, who took me to his home. I stayed at this house for thirteen months, during which time the Gestapo made several searches of the area, having heard that I was there. Thomas and his family were suspected of hiding me, though we were always warned in sufficient time so that I could hide elsewhere during searches. During my stay, Thomas ~~was arrested and held for some months in prison, being suspected of hiding me. He was questioned and tortured by the Gestapo, later escaping.~~ During the early part of November, 1944, during the advance of American troops in this area, Thomas and his son Marcel became separated from his wife, Marie and daughter, Denise. It is not known whether the father and son are now held by the Germans or not.

During my stay there, a woman from Metz, known as Elaine (well-to-do, a divorcee, organization member, about 50 yrs, heavy red face, black hair) was very helpful. She knew of other American evaders, and she told me that the rest of my crew had

been captured.

I was picked up by the U.S. 6th Arm'd Div in their advance through this area on 14 November 44.

I wish to urgently recommend a special award of some sort for the Thomas family. They withstood many dangers ~~and~~ in my behalf, and M. Thomas resisted Gestapo torture for the purpose of obtaining information of my whereabouts.

Wickline

For helping sources
for Torture.

B-17 crew member shot down 14
Oct 43 near BUCHY Lorraine. Hid
out. Helped by Louis Thomas, mountain
going, Post Verry, Moselle! Took him to
his house. Rest of crew captured (hearsay).
Stayed at this house 13 months. Thomas
→ sent to prison by Gestapo during his stay,
later escaped. During advance by US
troops, Thomas became separated from his
family. His whereabouts is not now known
to source. Wife + family very helpful
to evade. Wife named Marie. Son
marcel, Daughter Denise. House repeatedly
searched by Gestapo.

A woman in Metz, name unknown,
also very helpful. Known to Thomas's.
Known as Elaine. About 50 yrs old,
Had been divorced. Well-to-do. Heavy
black hair. Red face. Knew of other evaders.
Picked up by 16th Arm'd Div on 13
Nov 44.

Special reward
urgently recommended.

#6 Haymarket St.

Whitehall
4411

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.,.....)