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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. *S/1st ASHWORTH, GEORGE. 31170831*
2. Decorations. *NONE.*
3. Unit or Squadron. *544th BOMB. SQD*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *384th BOMB. GROUP.*
5. Date of Birth. *AUGUST 13th 1904*
6. Length of Service. *11 MONTHS.*
7. Private Address. *135 CENTER ST. MANCHESTER, CONN.*
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?
*(BOMBING. LE MANS) 11 AM. GRAFTON. UNDERWOOD.
4th July. 43*
DOWN AT. ST CLAIR. NEAR MORTREE
9. If in AF, give names of other members of crew and what happened to them.
10. Give details and full story of your trip on attached sheets.
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *NO.*
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? *A. LITTLE*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? *YES.*
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 experience? Where and when? *Mr. CHARK, MADRID
" DORLING, GIBRALTAR*
15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?
16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *MADRID. GIBRALTAR*
17. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *By Air. From GIBRALTAR*
18. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *PLYMOUTH. UK. 8-16-43*

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E & E REPORT NO. 66
EVASION IN FRANCE

26 AUGUST 1943
(Date)

GEORGE (NM) ASHWORTH S/SGT 31170831
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

544 384
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 39 years
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 11 mos
HOME ADDRESS: 135 CENTER ST
MANCHESTER CONNECTICUT

MIA: 4 JULY 1943
Arrived in Spain: 13 AUGUST 1943
Arrived in Gibraltar: 1 AUGUST 1943
Arrived in UK: 16 AUGUST 1943

OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Official Narrators
Disposition Disposition

- PILOT
- CO-PILOT
- NAVIGATOR
- BOMBARDIER
- RADIO OPERATOR
- TOP TURRET GUNNER
- BALL TURRET GUNNER
- LEFT WAIST GUNNER
- RIGHT WAIST GUNNER
- TAIL GUNNER

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Ashwood

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GROUP 384 SQ 544 A/C No. 229960 Letter J Load 10-500 Date July 4th 43

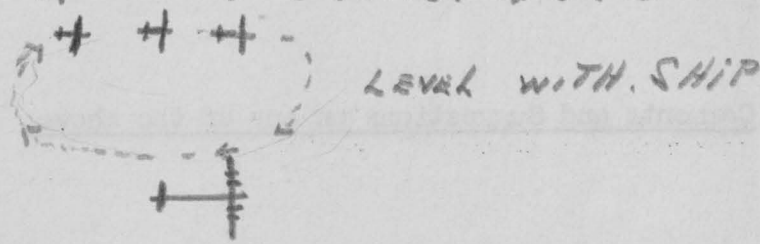


Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing

Column of Black & Brown Smokes. 4 or 5000 FT

Enemy fighter tactics:
markings:



Our Tactics *SLIGHT EVASIVE.*

Our fighter support. *NONE.*

Flak

Time,	Place,	Quality.
<i>APP. 1230</i>	<i>BEFORE TARGET. AND OVER TARGET</i>	<i>COLOR BLACK. HEAVY. FLAK. 24000 ft</i>

(over)

Technical Failures

Motors. N^o 4. HIT IN PROF. DOM. B. FLAK

Armor → RIGHT NOSE GUN. AND RT. WAIST GUN. OUT OF
COMMISSION. (BALL TURRET. OUT OF AMMO)
Armanent → THROUGH ENEMY FIRE.

Miscellaneous

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

Sgt. George Astworth.

Left Grafton Underwood 1100 July 4th 1943. to Bomb. Le Mans. Motor Works in France. saw few bursts of Flak just after we passed over French coast. short time later we saw some fighters in the distance they seemed to be swinging in to our rear and below. and attacking the lower group. and once or twice they made a pass at our ship. then as we reached our target. we encountered heavy flak bursts (black). and one burst got our No 4 motor and put it out of operation. the oil from this ^{motor} engine running down the wing. and spraying all over the tail assembly. we started to fall back from the formation. then the fighters started to come in on my side of the ship. (left waist Gun) they would fly level with our ship at 9 o'clock at app 1500 yds then the leader would swing into the attack. at about 11 o'clock and rake the ship ^{down} the whole side of the fuselage. they continued this sort of attack. and the ship was getting pretty well shot up. my interphone system and oxygen was shot away above my head. Had one 20m cannon ^{shell} hit the armour plate right in front of my gun position and knocked the gun out of my hands. but the A Plate saved me. it did not come through. it I noticed it made quite a large dent in it. shortly after this the other waist gunner motioned to me to bail out. (he heard the command because his interphone system was still in working order) he helped me put my chute on. then we started for the waist door. he tried to open it but it seemed to be jammed. then I fell down on the cat walk. thru the lack of oxygen. then the ball turret man came by. and got the waist door open, and ~~we~~ got on my feet again and followed him. when I jumped at app. 20000ft I passed out for a few seconds. but remembered

to pull my rip cord before doing so. when I
 regained consciousness. I ~~was~~^{saw} a German Fighter (FW 190)
 circling me. which he did three times. then he
 left. I then started to look around for the
 rest of the boys. I counted 7 ^{chutes} at first, then only
 five. when ~~we~~ I got to the ground. there was
 4 men 2 boys and 3 women around me. they gave
 me a drink and took all my flying clothes
 off and put a suit of civilian clothes on. and
 walked me about 15 minutes. thru fields etc. when
 we met ~~of~~ our pilot. then our guides took ^{us} thru
 some more fields where we met two more of our
 crew. then the guides led us all under the trees

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 66.

No., Rank, Name :- 31170831. S/Sgt. PASHWORTH, GEORGE.
 Unit :- 544th Bomb. Sqd 384 Bomb Group.

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? **YES**
- (b) If not, had you one on you?
- (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.
- (i) Horlicks tablets. -
- (ii) Chocolate. -
- (iii) Milk (tube). **No**
- (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). **No**
- (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier). **No**
- (vi) Matches. **YES.**
- (vii) Adhesive tape. **No**
- (viii) Chewing gum. **YES.**
- (ix) Water bottle. **No.**
- (x) Compass. **NO**
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? **No**
 If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box.
- (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?
 If so, state COLOR. **BROWN.**
 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? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
- (i) ~~FRANCE~~ Maps. Which ones? - **To DETERMINE our LOCATION.**
- (ii) Compass. -

- (iii) File (hacksaw). *BROKE.*
- (iv) Foreign Currency. State countries and amounts. *2000 FRs*
How did you spend the money.
- (d) How did you dispose of:- *EXCHANGE FOR SPANISH MONEY*
Maps. *GIVE TO FRANCHMEN.*
Compass. "
File (hacksaw). "
Surplus currency. *NONE.*

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.
 - (i) Round compass. ✓
 - (ii) Stud compass.
 - (iii) Swinger compass.
 - (iv) Fly-button compass.
 - (v) Pencil clip compass. ✓
 - (vi) Tunic button compass.
 - (vii) Pipe compass.
 - (viii) Pouch.
 - (ix) Special flying boots (and knife). ✓
- (b) Were they satisfactory? *YES*
- (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? *YES.*
If so, how many? *3*
- (b) Did you use them?
State how. *GIVE TO FRANCHMEN.*

5. LECTURES

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape?
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.
GRAFTON UNDERWOOD. CPT. DODAN.
- (b) Did you find the lectures of value? *VERY GOOD.*

*ESCAPE KITS. SHOULD BE MADE IN BELT FORM AND WORN UNDERWEATH FLYING CLOTHES.
ALSO. SHOULD CONTAIN SMALL ENGLISH-FRENCH DICTIONARY*

19 October 1942

SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information. (6)

TO : Personnel concerned.

1. It is the duty of all Americans to safeguard information which might, either directly or indirectly, be useful to the enemy.
2. It is an offense, carrying heavy penalties, to publish or to communicate to any unauthorized person any information which might be useful to the enemy.
3. 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.
4. 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:
 - (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. 4a.
- e. No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of the War or Navy Department.

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) ASHWORTH, GEORGE Signed George Ashworth
 Rank S/Sgt A.S.N. 51170851 Date 8-14-43
 Unit 544 Bomb. Sq. 384 Crpt. Witness Grady Lewis
 GRADY LEWIS,
Major, A.C.



9 April 1943

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By command of Lieutenant General ANDREWS:

Ralph Pulsifer
 RALPH PULSIFER,
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Name (Print)	<u>BSWORTH George</u>	Signed	<u><i>George Bsworth</i></u>
Rank	<u>S/Sgt</u> ASN <u>31170831</u>	Date	<u>8-17-43</u>
Unit	<u>544. Bomb. Sq</u> <u>384 " " Group</u>	Witness	<u><i>John F. White Jr.</i></u> <u>Pvt. AC</u>

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A.C. of S. G-2.

Initials... W.S.H.

Date... 26/8/43

26 August 1943

E & E REPORTS NOS 65, 66, 67 & 68

Gordon B. ERICKSON, F/O, T-60135
544 Bomb Squadron, 384 Bomb Group

AGE: 24 years
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 4 3/12 years
HOME ADDRESS: 111 So. Staffon Street
CUDINGTON, Michigan

George (NMI) ASHWORTH, S/Sgt, 31170831
544 Bomb Squadron, 384 Bomb Group

AGE: 39 years
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 11 months
HOME ADDRESS: 135 Center Street
MANCHESTER, Connecticut

MIA: 4 July 1943
Arrived in Spain:
1 August 1943
Arrived in Gibraltar:
13 August 1943
Arrived in UK:
16 August 1943

Robert H. PENLY, T/Sgt, 32281820
544 Bomb Squadron, 384 Bomb Group

AGE: 30 years
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 6/12 years
HOME ADDRESS: GOSPORT, New York

Frank J. WINGERTER, S/Sgt, 15090270
544 Bomb Squadron, 384 Bomb Group

AGE:
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 7/12 years
HOME ADDRESS: 118 West 22nd Street
ERIE, Pennsylvania

OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT	T-60135	F/O	Gordon B. ERICKSON	NARRATOR
CO-PILOT	0-796529	2d Lt	Francis M. HACKLEY	MIA
NAVIGATOR	0-797007	2d Lt	Clifford C. DARTT	MIA
BOMBARDIER	0-734698	2d Lt	Donald W. IRVINE	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	33350091	S/Sgt	Paul G. WELCH	MIA
TOP TURRET GUNNER	32281820	T/Sgt	Robert H. PENLY	NARRATOR
BALL TURRET GUNNER	32454255	S/Sgt	Willard B. FREEMAN	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	15090270	S/Sgt	Frank J. WINGERTER	NARRATOR
WAIST GUNNER	31170831	S/Sgt	George (NMI) ASHWORTH	NARRATOR
TAIL GUNNER	32459221	S/Sgt	Charles (NMI) MANKOWITZ	MIA

GRAFTON We left GRAFTON UNDERWOOD at 1100 hours 4 July 1943 to bomb LE MANS.
UNDERWOOD There was neither flak nor fighter opposition until we started our run
4 July 1943 on the target. Heavy flak came up as we opened our bomb-bay doors.

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Enemy fighters were still off in the distance. After releasing our bombs we turned north. Then the number four propellor hub was hit by flak and the 'prop' would not feather. Number four ran away. We were falling behind formation when the fighters came in. There were no direct frontal attacks but a steady raking of the left side of the ship, starting at the nose. Our oxygen tanks were punctured and set on fire.

I gave the signal to bale out. The engineer could not open the bomb-bay door. He went down to the nose escape-hatch and tried to release the pins. When the pins jammed he sat on the door and slid out. The navigator and bombardier followed him. The co-pilot went back through the bomb-bay to the waist. I followed soon after him but did not see him again. My coveralls were on fire but I managed to beat out the flames with my hands. I baled out the left waist window. There were five chutes in the air below me.

I landed, uninjured, in a pear tree with my feet just off the ground. Eight or nine Frenchmen gathered around and helped me get out of the chute. After taking my chute and flying equipment they hid me in a hedgerow and went away. After several hours two of the Frenchmen returned with Sgt ASHWORTH. They led us to another hedgerow where we joined Sgt WINGERTER. Later other Frenchmen brought blankets and food, leaving us to spend the night there. After dark the French brought Sgt PENLY to join us. We remained hidden along this hedgerow for three days. During this time the French visited us, bringing food and a doctor to treat our burns. On the evening of the third day we were moved a short distance to an old shed. We stayed here eight days. During this time we were visited by many Frenchmen who brought food and stayed many evenings to talk to us. The rest of our journey was arranged for us.

SGT ASHWORTH'S STORY:

I landed, uninjured, and a group of Frenchmen surrounded me immediately. They took all my flying clothes and gave me a suit of civilian clothes to put on. After a fifteen-minute walk through the fields I joined F/O ERICKSON.

SGT PENLY'S STORY:

After hearing the order to bale out I went into the bomb-bay and pulled the emergency release which failed to work. I went to the emergency exit in the nose but the pins in the door jammed. I sat on the door and wedged myself through the opening. Lt Hackley was just behind me, waiting. My clothes were on fire but the slip-stream put out the flames. I pulled the ripcord at 20000 feet and landed about two miles from other members of the crew.

Immediately after landing I took off my chute and hid it under a hedge. Several Frenchmen came up to greet me. We moved to a tall hedgerow where I started to give them my flying equipment to take away when they were suddenly frightened. They motioned me to hide and left, but were back in an hour with food and an ointment to put on my burns. I was given civilian clothes. Because my back was sprained in landing a young boy helped me to a hay-loft where I rested until after dark. Then three Frenchmen guided me through the fields to join F/O ERICKSON, S/Sgt WINGERTER and S/Sgt ASHWORTH.

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SGT WINGERTER'S STORY:

After the order to bale out, I helped Sgt ASHWORTH with his chute and then tried to open the waist door. The pins jammed. When Sgt FREEMAN joined us at the door I told them I was going out the tail escape hatch. Before I got there I saw the tail gunner sitting in the hatch with his feet hanging out. I motioned him to jump and looking back saw Sgt FREEMAN and Sgt ASHWORTH force their way out the waist door. I jumped then from the tail and pulled my ripcord at once. On the way down I saw great clouds of smoke off in the distance and counted five chutes in the air.

I landed in a farmhouse yard with four or five Frenchmen there to meet me. They took my chute and then guided me to a barn. I gave them all my clothes except ~~my~~ pants and a green woolen sweater. After I had my escape kit and money in my pocket, they guided me to a hedgerow where I remained hidden until F/O ERICKSON and Sgt ASHWORTH joined me.

Compiled By:

Approved By:

J. White

R.R. NELSON
Major, AC

W.S. Holt
W.S. HOLT
Lt Col, AC
Commanding

JFW:jed

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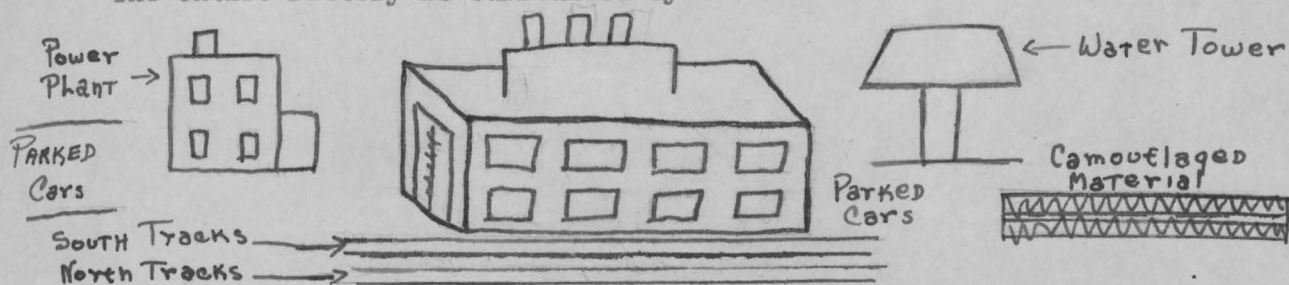
APPENDIX "B" TO E & E REPORTS NOS 65, 66, 67 & 68

1. The following information has been obtained from an interview with an Officer and three Sergeants who evaded capture by the enemy, after being in enemy-occupied territory.

2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so, no information as to the source may be divulged.

Statement of information covering period from 4 July 1943
to 1 August 1943

1. Thirty minutes before reaching BORDEAUX on the train from the Austerlitz Station, a large factory was observed on the west side of the south-bound track. The factory is 300 to 400 yards long and is very heavily camouflaged. There is a large power house and water tower. Long rows of tanks or autos hidden under camouflage nets were observed in the yards. The entire factory is surrounded by a barbed wire fence.



2. There is a German Flying School for ME 109's at BIARRITZ. There ^{is} an average of two fatalities a day - the pilots are over-controlling, the throttles especially. (hearsay)
3. A locomotive was observed under repair in PARIS. There were numerous bullet holes in the boiler.
4. An anti-aircraft unit, directly behind the locomotive, was observed on freight trains. The car appeared to have been specially built. The three barreled gun had a fairly heavy mount and appears to be a 20 mm.



5. There are two switchyards near MORTREE. Trains from the north and south were observed coming in at 24:45 hours and leaving again at 24:50 hours.

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 68.

No., Rank, Name :- **Frank J. WINGERTER, S/Sgt, 15090270**

Unit :- **544 Bomb Squadron, 384 Bomb Group**

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? **Yes**
- (b) If not, had you one on you?
- (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.
 - (i) Horlicks tablets. **Gave to French.**
 - (ii) Chocolate. **Gave to French.**
 - (iii) Milk (tube). **Gave to French.**
 - (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). **Gave to French.**
 - (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier). **Gave to French.**
 - (vi) Matches. **For cigarettes and building fires.**
 - (vii) Adhesive tape. **Gave to French.**
 - (viii) Chewing gum. **Quench thirst.**
 - (ix) Water bottle. **Gave to French.**
 - (x) Compass. **Gave to French.**
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box. **Gave all to French people who helped us.**
- (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? **No**

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? **Yes**
If so, state COLOR. **Brown**
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? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
 - (i) Maps. Which ones? **Gave to French.**
 - (ii) Compass. **Gave to French.**

- (iii) File (hacksaw). Gave to French.
 - (iv) Foreign Currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money. 2000 Francs, photos and exchange to Spanish money.
 - (d) How did you dispose of:-
 - Maps. Gave to French.
 - Compass. Gave to French.
 - File (hacksaw). Gave to French.
 - Surplus currency. French exchanged it for Spanish Money.
3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS*)
(* Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)
- (a) Did you carry or wear any of the following? **No**
If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE.
 - (i) Round compass.
 - (ii) Stud compass.
 - (iii) Swinger compass.
 - (iv) Fly-button compass.
 - (v) Pencil clip compass.
 - (vi) Tunic button compass.
 - (vii) Pipe compass.
 - (viii) Pouch.
 - (ix) 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? **Yes**
If so, how many? **Three**
- (b) Did you use them? **No**
State how. **Given to helpers, re-photographed later, because not right type of picture.**

5. LECTURES

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? **Yes**
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.
Intelligence Officers at our base - Major Dolan.
- (b) Did you find the lectures of value? **Yes**

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 67.

No., Rank, Name :- Robert H. PENLY, T/Sgt, 32281820

Unit :- 544 Bomb Squadron, 384 Bomb Group

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1. AIDS BOX

- (a) Did you use your aids box? **No**
- (b) If not, had you one on you? **Yes**
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box? **Lost in baling out. Kept it in knee pocket of coveralls.**
- (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.
- (i) Horlicks tablets.
 - (ii) Chocolate.
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 - (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).
 - (vi) Matches.
 - (vii) Adhesive tape.
 - (viii) Chewing gum.
 - (ix) Water bottle.
 - (x) Compass.
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box.
- (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**
If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? **Lost from knee pocket of coveralls when baling out.**
- (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.
- (i) Maps. Which ones?
 - (ii) Compass.

- (iii) File (hacksaw).
- (iv) Foreign Currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money.
- (d) How did you dispose of:-
 - Maps.
 - Compass.
 - File (hacksaw).
 - Surplus currency.

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.
 - (i) Round compass.
 - (ii) Stud compass.
 - (iii) Swinger compass.
 - (iv) Fly-button compass.
 - (v) Pencil clip compass.
 - (vi) Tunic button compass.
 - (vii) Pipe compass.
 - (viii) Pouch.
 - (ix) 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? **Yes**
If so, how many? **Three**
- (b) Did you use them? **No**
State how. **Gave to French helpers; re-photographed because not right kind of picture.**

5. LECTURES

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? **Yes**
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.
Grafton Underwood - before each mission - Capt Dolan

- (b) Did you find the lectures of value? **Yes**

Suggestion: Be sure to have your dog-tags.

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S E C R E T

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 66 .

No., Rank, Name :- George ASHWORTH, S/Sgt, 31170831

Unit :- 544 Bomb Squadron 384 Bomb Group

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? **Yes**
- (b) If not, had you one on you?
- (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.
 - (i) Horlicks tablets. (-)
 - (ii) Chocolate. (-)
 - (iii) Milk (tube). **No**
 - (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). **No**
 - (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier). **No**
 - (vi) Matches. **Yes**
 - (vii) Adhesive tape. **No**
 - (viii) Chewing gum. **Yes**
 - (ix) Water bottle. **No**
 - (x) Compass. **No**
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? **No**
If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box.
- (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**
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?
Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
 - (i) Maps. Which ones? **France - to determine our location.**
 - (ii) Compass. (-)

- (iii) File (hacksaw). Broke
- (iv) Foreign Currency. State countries and amounts. 2000 francs.
How did you spend the money. Exchanged for Spanish money.
- (d) How did you dispose of:-
 - Maps. Gave to helper.
 - Compass. Gave to helper.
 - File (hacksaw). Gave to helper.
 - Surplus currency. None

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.
 - (i) Round compass. (-)
 - (ii) Stud compass.
 - (iii) Swinger compass.
 - (iv) Fly-button compass.
 - (v) Pencil clip compass. (-)
 - (vi) Tunic button compass.
 - (vii) Pipe compass.
 - (viii) Pouch.
 - (ix) Special flying boots (and knife). (-) Knife only.
- (b) Were they satisfactory? Yes
- (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? Yes
If so, how many? Three
- (b) Did you use them?
State how. Gave to helper.

5. LECTURES

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape?
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.
Grafton-Underwood - Capt Dolan
- (b) Did you find the lectures of value? Very good.

Escape kits should be made in belt form and worn underneath flying clothes.
Also should contain small English-French dictionary.

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 65.

No., Rank, Name :- F/O Gordon B. ERICKSON, T-60135

Unit :- 544 Bomb Squadron, 384 Bomb Group

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? **Left in plane due to quick departure when clothes caught fire.**
- (b) If not, had you one on you?
- (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.
 - (i) Horlicks tablets.
 - (ii) Chocolate.
 - (iii) Milk (tube).
 - (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).
 - (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).
 - (vi) Matches.
 - (vii) Adhesive tape.
 - (viii) Chewing gum.
 - (ix) Water bottle.
 - (x) Compass.
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box.
- (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? **Lost in plane due to quick departure when clothes caught fire.**
If so, state COLOR.
If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse?
- (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.
 - (i) Maps. Which ones?
 - (ii) Compass.

- (iii) File (hacksaw).
- (iv) Foreign Currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money.
- (d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

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.

- (i) Round compass.

- (ii) Stud compass.

- (iii) Swinger compass.

- (iv) Fly-button compass.

- (v) Pencil clip compass.

- (vi) Tunic button compass.

- (vii) Pipe compass.

- (viii) Pouch.

- (ix) Special flying boots (and knife). Hunting knife used to cut
parachute out of tree.

- (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? **Yes**
If so, how many? **Four**

- (b) Did you use them? Were given to helpers; we were re-photographed later
State how. because wrong sort of picture.

5. LECTURES

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? **Yes**
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

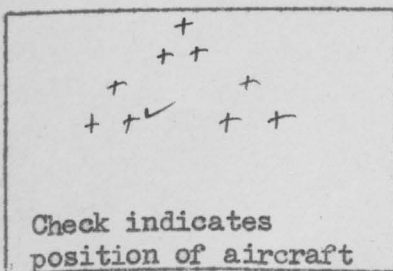
At base, by Major Dolan before each mission.

- (b) Did you find the lectures of value?
Yes a great deal.

Suggest a small English-French dictionary.

NAME Frank J. WINGERTER RANK S/Sgt ASN 15090270 REPORT NO. 68

SQ 544 GROUP 384 A/C NO. 42-29960 Letter SUJ Load 10-500 Date 4 July 1943



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing:

Not until after I parachuted out of plane and then saw large columns of smoke.

Enemy Fighter Tactics:

Markings: FW 190's but didn't notice any markings.

Most of the fighters approached from the front left side and swept our ship from nose to tail.

Our Tactics:

Slight evasive action.

Our Fighter Support: None

Flak

Time 12:30 Place LE MANS Quality Heavy

Technical Failures

Motors: Number four hit by flak.

Armor: None

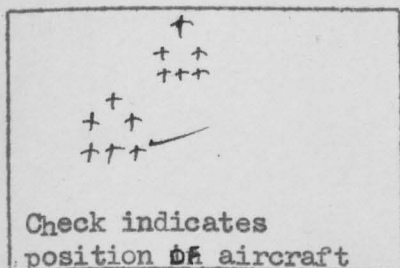
Armament: Right nose gun - Right waist gun. (out)

Miscellaneous: Ball Turret out of ammunition.

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above: No

NAME Robert H. PENLY RANK T/Sgt ASN 32281820 REPORT NO. 67

SQ 544 GROUP 384 A/C NO. 229960 Letter SUJ Load 10-500 Date 4 July 1943



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing:

Large fire that night.

Enemy Fighter Tactics: Below and to the side. They came in such a position that
Markings: the waist gunners did most of the firing.

Our Tactics: Evasive Action.

Our Fighter Support: None

Flak

Time Place Quality

12:30 - Before the target and over the target, very heavy, and black

Technical Failures

Motors: Number four motor out (flak).

Armor:

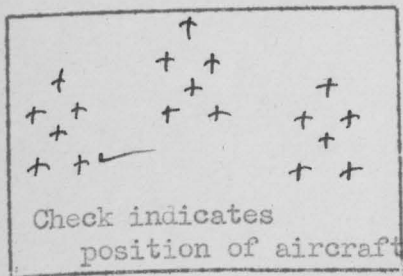
Armament: Bombardier's gun out. Waist gun out, ball turret out of ammunition.

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

NAME George ASHWORTH RANK S/Sgt ASN 31170831 REPORT NO. 66

SQ 544 GROUP 384 A/C NO. 229960 Letter J Load 10-500 Date 4 July 1943

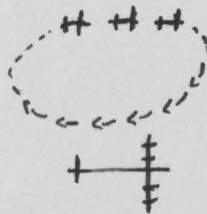


Observed results of Bombing:

Column of black and brown smoke, 4000 to 5000 feet.

Enemy Fighter Tactics: Level with ship.

Markings:



Our Tactics: Slight evasive action.

Our Fighter Support: None

Flak

Time Place Quality

Approximately 12:30 - Before target and over target - Color black - Heavy flak, 24,000 feet.

Technical Failures

Motors: Number four hit in prop dome by flak.

Armor:

Armament: Right nose gun and right waist gun out of commission through enemy fire. Ball turret out of ammunition.

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above: