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

> E & E REPORT NO 730 LVASION IN

Ernest V LINDELL, 2d Lt, 0-753009 (Date) . (Tyame) . TARGET: SKI SITES, Northern France (Rank) (ASN) (No of Missions) Date Missing in Action: 14 Jan 44 547 Bomb Squadron, 384 Bomb Group (Squadron) (Group) Date Arrived in UK: 8 June 44 MEMBERS OF CHEW: (This information checked with PWIB) Indicate what happened to PILOT and how you know 0-804606 Neill L BRITT 2d Lt CU\_PILOT Raymond J HALEY 0-751963 2d Lt NAVIGATOR 0-753009 2d Lt Ernest V LINDELL NARRATOR BOMBARDIER\* 0-746610 2d Lt Oscar G RICHARD, III RADIO OFERATOR 12057490 T/Sgt Morton G HARRIS P/W TOP TURRET GUINER 32444729 S/Sgt Donald P TUCKER BALL TURRET GUNNER William D ARGENBRIGHT 35497409 Sgt P/W WAIST GUNNER 14140282 Morton C MASON, JR Sgt P/W WALST GUNNER 14108388 S/Sgt Conway B NICHOLS TAIL GUNNER 39277903 Sgt Clarence L WOLFE

We were briefed for a ski site about 20 miles inland. Soon after the we crossed the coast we met flak at our altitude, and four or five bursts exploded close to us. Number four engine, which could not be fleathered was shaking the wing, and number three, with which we had already had trouble, went out. I was hit in the arm by a piece of flak. We turned 180° out of formation, dropped on bombs, and prepared to bail out. I was the next to last one to go because I was trying to find my escape kit. I went out at about 12,000 feet.

BAILE

I landed between two haystacks, ran to the nearest one to hide my parachute, and left quickly without hiding my chute or mae west. I heard shooting, and thought that it was at me, I saw a German flak position in an old building shooting at our place, which was headed right for it. Our plane crashed into the gun position and exploded.

It GLPGO

About half a mile away I met a farmer who had seen us coming down and was out to look for us. He shook my hand, asked me something about my parachute, and hid me in the bushes near a farm. That night he took me to a farm, fed me, and bandaged my arm. I said that I wanted to go to Spain. I was told that there was no help to be found and that it was a long walk, They gave me civilian clothes allowed to and let me sleeps in the barn. The next morning the farmer showed me a back road and I left just about daylight.

MALKED

A little boy on a bicycle seemed suspicious of me stopped and asked me questions. As soon as he found out that I was an American everything was all right. I asked him the way to Paris, the only town that I could think of, and he showed me the way. I walked all day long, most of the time along main highways, going through quite a large towal city.

HELPED

That evening outside the city I approached a woman working in a field to ask her for help. She took me in and fed me. A doctor came and looked at my arm.

JOURNEY ARRANGED

The next day I was taken to a place from which my journey was arranged.

Compiled by

Approved by

D E EMERSON

1st Lt, AUS

W STULL HOLT
Lt Col, AC
Commanding

#### Appendix B

- 1. The following information has been obtained from an officer who evaded capture in enemy occupied territory.
- 2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but in that case it is important not to divluge any details about the source.

Statement of information covering the period from 14 January to 7 May general

THE POT'S VO

- a. Informant was told that somewhere in the vicinity of AMIENS the Germans have a large building with some sort of magnet device for stopping A/C engines. Farmers near this installation had been told to take down their wire fences and to get all metal away.
- b. Informant was also told that in this neighborhood the Germans have positions for rocket guns firing shells about a yard long. These shells are said to come from a slot about 60 yards long.
- c. A German camp is located just about a kilometer outside the settled area of AMILANS, to the SE informant believes.
- d. Informant's French helpers thought that it would take the Allies about three days to get to Amiens from the French coast who once the landing had been effected.

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- e. Informant was told that a German division which had been defeated in Russia was around Fan PAU in late April.
- f. Going from AMIENS to PARIS by train on middle April informant saw the results of excellent bombing at LONGEAU and CREIL.
- g. Informants helpers in Paris were disgusted about some bombardment of Paris in April, wondering why the target had been so badly missed.
- h. A rumor had been spread in Paris that the Americans were sending Fortresses on raids with the whole crew drunk. The French suspected the Germans of following immediately as RAF bombing missions and damaging non-military targets so that it would look as if the blame were the RAF's.

# Appendix D

- 1. I jumped without my aid box, and purse.
- 2. I carried six passport size photographs which I used on identity papers.
- 4. I had been lectured in December and January by PW officer at 384 Bomb group. The lectures are valuable.

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
OFFICE OF THE A. C. OF S., G-2

DATE: 9 June 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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I, JOHN PRIGGINS, Capt., AC, 0-566463

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

ERNEST V. LINDELL, 2nd Lt., AC, 0-753009

prior to his being reported missing in action over enemy territory.

The person whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon is the individual referred to above.

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:

The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as ERNEST V. LINDEIL.

2nd Lt., AC, 0-753009 (547 Bomb Squadron - 384 Bomb Group)

previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

W. F. MARANDA SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

- : Personnel concerned.
- 1. It is the duty of all Americans to safeguard information which might, either directly or indirectly, be useful to the enemy.
- 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.
- Information about your escape or your evasion from capture would be useful the enemy and a danger to your friends. It is therefore SECRET.
- 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.

You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.

You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.

You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in Tetters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4a.

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 EISETHOVER:

(signed) RALPH PULSIFER, Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

#### CERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

T understand that any information concerning my escape or evasion from capture is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the American Wilitary Attache to whom I first report, or an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations. I understand that disosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action. Signed Date Witness HORACE W. FORSTER,

Colonel, G.S.C., U. S. Mil. Lia. Off.

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HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAL THEATER OF OPERATIONS F/W and X Detachment Military Intelligence Service

> E & E REPORT NO 730 EVASION IN FRANCE

Dw 2 (No of Missions)

JUNE 8 1944 Date Missing in Action: Jal. 14,44 Date Arrived in UK: Jane 8, 1944

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Were you wounded?

TAIL CUNNER

Yes - a small Flak wound in left arm

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# E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Date, time and approximate location of plane grash or landing. France
Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.  Was it on fire, etc?  We had a run away prop.
At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 10,500
Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?  Ves (Novigalor Expest hindel) had a flah wound in his left arm.
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No., Rank, Name: 0-753009

2nd Lt AUS Ernest V. Lindell

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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?. W

If not, why? I jumped without my hit 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.

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum.

Water boutle.

Compass.

Sewing kit.

- Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
- c. How did you finally dispose of the box?
- 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? State color of stripes and letters. If NOT, State why not.

Did you use the purse?

No because I jumped with out

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

Maps. Which ones?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

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

Yes

### 4. PASSPORT SZE PHOTOGRAPHS

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

b. Did you use then? Yes

#### 5. LECTURES

state WHERE, WHEN and by WHOLL by P W off

. b. Did you find the lectures of value?

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evadors and escapers?

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# 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 encarpments, coastal and interior defenses, AM batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of allied bembing, location of enemy factories and amunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.,...)

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# WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

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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 sescape 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
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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 SEGRET.
- 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.
  - You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.
  - 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.

    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.

GERTIFIGATE

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 SEGRET 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.

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Rank 2Nd bt AC A.S.N. 0-753009
Unit 384 &p 547 Sq

Dated Signed & Mill & M

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PESONNEL

Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. Ernest Vivian Lindell 2nd LtAC 0-753009 Decorations. None Bun 1 26, 547th Sq 2. Unit or Squadron, 3. Division (Army) or Group. 384 Bamb Sp 40 Hay 8, 1921 Date of Birth. 5. Rte I Grandview, Washington Length of Service. Private Address. 7. Student From what field did you take off? Field at 384th Bamb Sp. Jan 14, 1944 Rocket installations a few miles north of abbyville, France Take off time. 10. Date and target. 11. Where did you land? 12. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? 13. What was your position in aircraft? Navigator 14. Were you wounded? 15. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? No 16. Do you speak French? Spanish? 17. yes 1600 TAGS 1 fr mode 1/10 Did you have Identity Papers? 18. 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? 19. yes at Subrattan by British Intelligen Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? No 20. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? 21. May 7 1944 Date of arrival in Spain. 22. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. Sune 5,1944 24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. Gibralter June 7,44
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. June 8, 1944.