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MIA: 14 July 1943

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25 August 1943 Arrived in Gibraltar:

13 September 1943

16 September 1943

E & E REPORT NOS. 96 & 97 EVASION IN FRANCE

Joseph S. WOODSTOCK, S/Sgt, 32431805 544 Bomb Squadron, 384 Bomb Group

AGE:

23 years

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 year HOME ADDRESS: c/o Mrs

c/o Mrs. V.W. MIRABITO

1503 Metropolitan Avenue

BRONX, New York

George F. BLACKWELL, Sgt, 33212942 544 Bomb Squadron, 384 Bomb Group

AGE:

21 years

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 year

HOME ADDRESS:

Route 4, Fishborn Park

ROANOKE, Virginia

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT 0-665707 1st Lt James S. MUNDAY E & E REPORT NO. 104 CO-PILOT 0-736542 2d Lt Frederick T. WARSTON 0-670142 2d Lt Billy J. LANSFORD MIA BOMBARDIER 0-733068 2d Lt Robert L. OLSON RADIO OPERATOR 11038128 T/Sgt Edward C. RUBY · MIA TOP TURRET GUNNER 18080847 T/Sgt James E. MILES BALL TURRET GUNNER 37203355 S/Sgt Lloyd E. JOHNSON 37225023 S/Sgt Francis M. GREW WAIST GUNNER E & E REPORT NO. 105 WAIST GUNNER 32431805 S/Sgt Joseph S. WOODSTOCK NARRATOR 33212942 Sgt George F. HLACKWEIL TAIL GUNNER

14 July 1943

DAMAGED BY FIGHTERS AND

PLANE EXPLODES We left our Base at 0615 hours 14 July 1943 to bomb VIIIACOUBLAY. We encountered light flak up to the target. Just after we dropped our bombs - before the bomb-bay doors were closed - flak knocked out our number one engine. Then someone called over the inter-phone, "Here they come," and the left waist gunner started firing. The fighters attacked in elements of three making direct tail attacks. Our number three and four engines were hit and number three caught fire. The order was given to put on parachutes. The tail-gunner came out of his position and pulled the emergency release on the waist door just as the plane went into a steep dive. As soon as the plane was under control again the tail-gunner baled out and I followed him. I had seen no one else jump but I counted six chutes, two were just touching the ground. While I watched the plane circling at a lower altitude a sheet of flame, as if from an explosion, spread out over

the fuselage and it disappeared. I landed in a village of twelve houses and was pulling in my chute to hide it when I noticed a large crowd of people watching me. As I started to run a woman came after me and asked if I were British. I said, "American," and indicated that I wanted to hide. She pointed to a wood to which I went alone. Instead of stopping there I ran on for about three miles before getting rid of my heated suit. After hiding it I continued running across the fields. About five miles from the village I ran into a Frenchman walking on the edge of a wood. He asked if I were American and then led me into a wood where I met Sgt BLACKWELL.

JOINS CREW MEMBER

SGT BLACKWALL'S STORY BEFORE SGT WOODSTOCK JOINED HIM:

After baling out I opened my chute immediately. I was above our plane and saw four chutes come out of it. I watched the plane crash and burn.

IMMEDIATE HELP

I landed about 200 yards from a farmhouse and a man standing in the yard motioned me to come to him. After I had taken off my flying clothes and had hidden them with my chute, the man took me into the house. A Frenchman who spoke fluent English came to see me and later in the morning I was taken into a wood. Very soon after that Sgt WOODSTOCK was brought to my hiding place.

SCT WOODSTOCK CONTINUES:

We were taken further into the woods to hide and that night clothes were brought to us. The English-speaking Frenchman asked us what we planned to do. We answered that we didn't know but hoped to find organized help. We were questioned very carefully as to whether we knew of any such help and stated that we did not. After a further discussion he said he would see what he could do but did not assure us of any help. The next day he returned and told us to stay in our hiding place and in a few days we would hear someone going through the woods calling, "Bobby," as if searching for a lost dog. We were to go up to them, say "Georgette," and then follow their instructions. This happened as we were told and our journey was arranged.

Compiled By:

John F. WHITE, JR

1st Lt. AC

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W.S. HOLT Lt Col. AC

Lt Col, AC Commanding

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26 September 1943

APPENDIX "B" TO E AND E REPORTS NOS. 96 and 97

- 1. The following information has been obtained after an interview with two 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 14 July 1943 to 25 August 1943

- 1. Saw JE 88's and ME 110's, painted black, flying at low altitudes in vicinity of RAMBOUTLET. 15-16 July 1943
- 2. Saw very heavy train freightage in PARIS. During a thirty minute period in a station fifteen miles southwest of PARIS, a freight train passed through every five minutes. 17 July 1943
- 3. Two railroad cars of wounded German soldiers arrived in PARIS. 17 July 1943
- 4. A number of damaged locomotives and railway cars seen in PARIS yards on 17 August 1943
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Report lo 96 APPENDIX "E"

BLACKWELL, George F. Sgt, 33212942

NAME WOODSTOCK, Joseph S. RANK S/Sgt ASN 32431805 REPORT NO. 96 - 97

SQ 544 GROUP 384 A/C NO. Letter Load Date 14 July 1943

13 Flight

X

X (X)-

Dash indicates

position of aircraft

Position in formation. Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing:

No results observed.

Enemy Fighter Tactics:

Markings:

Tail attacks.

Our Tactics:

Our Fighter Support:

Flak

Time

Place

Quality

Over

Target

Light flak.

Technical Failures

Motors:

Armor:

Armament: Ball turret guns - tight head space to left gun wouldn't charge. One top-turret gun ran away when test fired over channel:

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:



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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 97

No., Rank, Name: BLACKWEIL, Geroge F. Sgt, 33213942

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) Gave to companions who needed them.
 - (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier) .- Not enough of them.
 - (vi) Matches. (-)
 - (vii) Adhesive tape. No
 - (viii) Chewing gum. (-)
 - (ix) Water bottle. No, impractical. Used to carry contents of aids box.
 - (x) Compass (-)
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?

 If so, in what respect? Water bottle difficult to carry water in.
 - (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? Hid in woods.
 - (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. Tan
 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? Not needed.
 - (ii) Compass. (-)

- (iii) File (hacksaw). Not needed.
- (iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. 2000 francs. How did you spend the money. Cigarettes and chocolate.
- (d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps. Gave to helpers.

Compass. Lost

File (hacksaw). Left with helpers.

Surplus currency. None

- 3. AIDS TO ESCAPE (GADGETS+) Not issued. (*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? Four
- (b) Did you use them? No, too small. State how.

5. LECTURES

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? Yes
 State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.
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Position in formation. Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing:

NO RESULTS OBSERVED

Enemy Fighter Tactics: Markings:

TAIL ATTACKS

Our Tactics:

Our Fighter Support:

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Sept. 12 19 43 (Date)

[Rank] (ASN)

544 Bomb 384 Bomb (Squadron) (Group)

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 SEAR
HOME ADDRESS: Route 9 FISHBORN PART
ROAMORE VIRGINIA

MTA: 14 July 43
Arrived in Spain:

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MIS DETACHMENT 9)

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Full Name, Rank and Serial No. ETEORGE FRANKlin Blackwell, Sgt. 33212942

2. Decorations.

Norte Unit or Squadron. 384 BOMB GROUP, 544 BOMB SQUADRIN

Division (Army) or Group.

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Date of Birth.

Dec. 18, 1921

Length of Service.

7. Private Address. FISHBURNE PART, ROANOKE, VA. Route 4,

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? RAID ON VILLACOUBLAY July 14, 1943 06:12

Field ABOUT & miles From Kettering.

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PAST 08:00. Yes, SW of Paris - lidylog and 9 Paris - [t]

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?

12. Do you speak French? Spanish?

13. Did you have Identity Papers? yes

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 experyes, GIBRALTER, BY MAJOR Lewis iencer: Where and when?

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?

17. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. ETIBRAILTER AND BARCELONE

Eti BRATTER, SCPT 15, 1943, BY AIR 18. Place and date of arrival in U.K.

Sept. 16 AT Presturet, Scot IANd

not wounded

19 October 1942

SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

: Personnel concerned.

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By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

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

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

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Name (Print) Blackwell Heorge F Signed Date A.S.N. 332/2 BomB Sad Witness Unlit 384 BomB GRA 594

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