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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
and QUESTIONNAIRE FOR I.S. 9 (WEL.) PERSONNEL

12/9/44
(Date)

ARMOUR CB 2ND LT 0-691465
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

EISLEBEN GER 14
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: 29/6/44

Returned to UK: 12/9/44

754th Sq 458th B GR
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (List names by positions and indicate what happened to each one)

PILOT	ARMOUR CB	BAILED OUT
CO-PILOT	BLODGETT DE	"
NAVIGATOR	FULLERTON J.O.	"
BOMBARDIER	ERDMANN ?	"
RADIO OPERATOR	BRILL J.	PRISONER
TOP TURRET GUNNER	RAWLS, C.G.	" (BROKEN LEG)
MID TURRET GUNNER	PIECHOTO, F.	BAILED OUT
WING GUNNER	DAVIS, B.J.	"
WING GUNNER	OWENS, W.F.	"
TAIL GUNNER	ALLEN, E.S.	"

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. 29/6/44 - 1200 - HULST
NETHERLANDS

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

#1 ENG OUT - FUEL SYSTEM SHOT UP - INTERPHONE, OXYGEN, RADIO OUT

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

10,000 FT
Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

BJ DAVIS - SLIGHT HEAD WOUND

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

ALL BAILED 4 OPENED DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO REST

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

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

YES - BLODGETT, DE.

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.

PEOPLE GAVE ABOVE INFORMATION
(over) REGARDING RAWLS + BRILL

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

NO - IT HIT FARM HOUSE & BURNED

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.

NONE

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

BELIEVE ALL EVADING EXCEPT THE 2 PRISONERS.

Were you wounded?

NO

Were you in German hands?

NO

Did you kill any Germans in escaping?

NO

Have you previously given the names of your helpers?

YES

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given.



What security briefing were you given?

AT PARIS

What souvenirs do you still possess?

NONE

Home address.

44 WAUSHAKUM ST FRAMINGHAM MASS

List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans.

BRILL J

RAWLS C.G.

List names of American or British personnel believed to be evading.

ROGER BERGMAN 1ST LT

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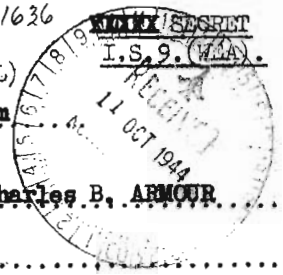
E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)/6/315/1636

SECRET I.S.9.(WEA)

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVASION CAPTURED ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (Name of Country) ... Belgium

For all Personnel.



- 1. No. 0-691465 Rank 2nd Lt. Name Charles B. ARMOUR
(U.K: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) None
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details. Sprained ankle in landing.
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 458 Bomb. Grp., 754 Sqdn.
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 8th Air Force 6. Job. (Pl. Cmd., Rfn., etc.) Pilot
- 7. Date of Birth 5 Mar 1917 8. Length of Service 2 yrs. 6 mos.
- 9. Peace time occupation Box machine oper. 10. Private address 44 Waushakun Farmingham, Mass.
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? 8 photos; dog tags
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

- 13. No. and location of O.F.U.
- 14. No. and location of Conversion Unit.

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL, AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS WHO BALE OUT.

- 15. Post in Crew Pilot
- 16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.
N.B. - Airborne and Parachute Troops: list below names and units of other occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.

- PILOT
- CO-PILOT
- NAVIGATOR
- BOMBARDIER
- RADIO OPERATOR See E&E Report I.S.9 (WEA)/6/314
- TOP TURRET GUNNER
- BALL TURRET GUNNER
- WAIST GUNNER (R.)
- WAIST GUNNER (L.)
- TAIL GUNNER

- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24, Horsham St. Faith, Eng.
29 June 44, 0600 hrs.
- 18. Where and when did you come down? Near Hulst, Belgium
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Threw in ditch
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Plane burst into flames when it crashed.

Interview by I.S.9. (WEA)
Date 11 Sep 1944

- Attached:
- Appendix "B"
- Appendix "C"
- Appendix "D"

I grade this evasion No. 5.

Irvin H. Luiten
IRVIN H. LUITEN
Major, Inf. Major

Disposal: Returned to UK.

DISTRIBUTION:
Hq. I.S.9 (WEA)....2
12th Army Group....2 (less C)
9 AF1 "

2025 ← I hit the ground in the vicinity of Hulst, as did Lt. Bledgett (E & E Report, [redacted], [redacted]). About 50 people were waiting for me in the field where I landed. I motioned to them to disperse and started to run. I ran along behind some houses taking cover behind a hedge. One man motioned for me to hide in a wheat field near by and I took his advice.

After hiding in the wheat for about an hour, I heard someone shouting "Helle". I was afraid it might be a German trick and did not answer. At about 1900 hrs a man came to the exact spot where I was hiding and oriented me with a map he had with him. I asked him to get in touch with someone who spoke English. He indicated that I should remain in Hiding.

At about 2330 hrs four policemen from Hulst came to get me and guided me to a farmhouse where the remainder of my journey was arranged. My story from this point on is almost identical with that of Lt. Bledgett's.

I do not recall the color of the escape purse that I carried. Most of the money from it I spent in Brussels, as my helpers did not want to be paid. I was briefed on escape and evasion in England and at Topeka, Kansas

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CERTIFIED THAT:


No. 0-691465 Rank 2nd Lt.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) CHARLES B. ARMOUR

Unit 458 Bomb Grp, 754 Sqdn, 8th Air Force

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA) on 11 Sep 19 44 and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should/should not be re-interrogated.


Major, USA

IMPORTANT:

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH) AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X DET.-M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

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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 supercedes 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) CHAS B ARMOUR Signed Charles B. Armour
 Rank 2nd Lt A. S. N. 0-691465 Dated 12/19/44
 Unit 754th B.S. 458th B.G.R. Witness _____

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