

SECRET

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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 (WIA) PERSONNEL

Sept-7-1944
(Date)

Miller GERAIDK T/SGT 37657645
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

MUNICH, GERMANY 16
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: JULY 12, 1944

Returned to UK: SEPT 7 - 1944

458th BOMB GROUP 755th BOMB SQDN
(Unit)

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

PILOT 1ST LT ^{James} C.W. QUIRK - ^{0-812653 - MIA} SAW CHUTE OPEN - WITH UNDERGROUND

CO-PILOT 2ND LT ^{George} G.A. CAMPBELL - SAW CHUTE OPEN - ^{0-761801 - P/W}

NAVIGATOR 2ND LT ^{Arthur} H.T. FREUDENBERGER - ^{0699067 - 2d Lt - R+D (1898)} UNINJURED WHEN LEFT PLANE - WITH UNDERGROUND

BOMBARDIER - NONE

RADIO OPERATOR - NARRATOR - EVADGD

TOP TURRET GUNNER T/SGT ^{Thomas} T.J. McQUINN - ¹⁴¹⁷⁸¹⁵¹ SAW CHUTE OPEN - WITH UNDERGROUND

BALL TURRET GUNNER S/SGT ^{Donald} H. SWANSON - ³⁷⁵⁵²²⁵⁶ UNINJURED WHEN LEFT PLANE - " 1861

W/ST GUNNER S/SGT ^{Charles} C.G. HILLIS - 39043686 " " " 1862

W/ST GUNNER S/SGT ^{Arvid} A. GOEWEY - 36449603 " " " 1902

TAIL GUNNER S/SGT ^{Donald} D.W. PIERCE - 31326085 - P/W

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. 7-12-44 - 1645 -

HARVENG - BELGIUM

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

NOT ON FIRE - ALL ENGINES OUT

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? - 11,000 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 MEMBERS

BAILED OUT - ALL CHUTES OPEN

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? No - ONLY SMALL FIRE -

GERMANS PUT OUT - AND DISMANTLED PLANE

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

No

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. Received info they

UNDERGROUND ALL CREW SAFE AND WITH ORGANIZATION -
(over) DID NOT SEE ANYONE OR COMMUNICATE WITH THEM.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition? **NO - LANDED WITHIN 100 YDS OF AIRCRAFT - AND THERE WAS ONLY SMALL FIRE ON NO 4 ENGINE**

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.

NO

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

ALL SAFE - INFO THRU UNDERGROUND

Were you wounded? **NO**

Were you in German hands? **NO**

Did you kill any Germans in escaping? **NO - (SHUCKS)**

Have you previously given the names of your helpers? **YES**

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

NONE

What security briefing were you given? **YES - USU40**

What souvenirs do you still possess? **NONE**

Home address. **6406 S.W. 13th ST., DES MOINES, IOWA**

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

NONE

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

- 1ST LT - C. W. QUIRK**
- 2ND LT - G. A. CAMPBELL**
- 2ND LT - AT. FREUNDENBERGER**
- T/SGT T. J. McQUEEN**
- S/SGT - D. H. SWANSON**
- S/SGT - G. C. HILLIS**
- S/SGT - P. M. GOEWBY**
- S/SGT - A. W. PIERCE**

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1. Because disclosures of information regarding evasion from capture, escape, details of imprisonment, release from internment, and repatriation have been made, the lives and services of fellow soldiers and those who help them have been lost or endangered. All information which you possess on these subjects, including the experiences of others as well as your own, briefings and equipment for evasion and escape, and preparations and other activities in connection therewith, constitutes MILITARY INFORMATION which is classified SECRET by the War Department.

2. You will therefore disclose no information whatever, beyond the fact of your return to duty from "missing in action" or "prisoner of war" or "internment", to anyone except the following military officials:

- a. The first Military Attache to whom you report;
- b. An officer designated by the Commanding General of an overseas Theatre of Operations;
- c. The Prisoner of War Branch, MIS, Washington, D.C., the interrogating agency designated by the A/C of S, G-2, War Department General Staff;
- d. Certain other officers holding written authority from the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, to interrogate you.

3. You will particularly guard against disclosure of SECRET information to relatives, friends, representatives of the press and radio, and military officials, except as noted in a, b, c and d above.

4. In order to protect yourself against disciplinary action, any question involving publicity must be referred BY YOU PERSONALLY to the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, Washington, D.C.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have read and fully understand all of the foregoing and the Directive of the Secretary of War, 6 Aug 43 (on the reverse side), and will at ALL TIMES hereafter comply fully therewith.

I understand that all information concerning escape, evasion from capture, activities and equipment in connection therewith, and details of imprisonment or release from internment, is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone except the military officials specifically designated. I further understand that disclosure to any other person will make me liable to disciplinary action for failure to safeguard MILITARY INFORMATION.

I realize that publicity concerning my experiences, by word of mouth or otherwise, will endanger the lives of many persons and therefore it is my duty to take all possible precautions to prevent it.

I further certify that I have received a copy of the foregoing.

Name (Print) GERALD K. MILLER Signed Gerald K. Miller
 Rank TECH SGT A.S.N. 37657645 Dated 9-7-44 Place.....
 Unit 458 Bomb Grp 755th B. Sq. W Witness James A. Boston 2nd Lt

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

EVASION CAPTURED/~~RECAPTURED~~ FROM (Name of Country) Belgium.....

For all Personnel.

1. No. 37657645..... Rank.. Tech Sgt..... Name Gerald K. Miller.....
(U.K: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions)..... 16 Missions.....
3. Were you wounded? Give details.... No.....
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 755 B Sqn.....
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 458 B Grp... 6 Job. (Pl.Cmd., Rfn., etc.) Radio Op...
7. Date of Birth 4 March 1920..... 8. Length of Service 1 yr 7 mos.....
9. Peace time occupation Statician..... 10. Private address 6406 S.W. 13th St
..... Des Moines, Iowa
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dog Tags, E & E photos
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Fair French

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

13. No. and location of O.T.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.... Radio Operator.....
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... 1st Lt Charles W. Quirk--saw chute open, picked up by underground
CO-PILOT 2d Lt Charles A. Campbell-- " " " " "
NAVIGATOR 2d Lt Arthur T Freudenberger--left plane unhurt, Underground
BOMBARDIER None.....
RADIO OPERATOR Narrator.....
TOP TURRET GUNNER T/Sgt Thomas J. McQueen--Picked up by Underground
BALL TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt Donald H. Swanson--Picked up by Underground
WAIST GUNNER (R.) S/Sgt Charles C. Hillis--Picked up by Underground
WAIST GUNNER (L.) S/Sgt Percival M. Goewey--Picked up by Underground
TAIL GUNNER S/Sgt Donald W. Pierce--Picked up by Underground
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24, Horsham, St. Faith, ...
12 July 44, 0600
18. Where and when did you come down? Harvang, Belgium, 12 July 44.....
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Left in tree....
Mae West buried
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? IFF destroyed--SOI torn in bits
.. Germans got plane wrecked.....

Interview by I.S.9.(WEA)

Date 6 September 44.....
I grade this evasion No. 5.

- Attached:
- Appendix "X"
 - Appendix "C"
 - Appendix "X"

Robert Bacon
ROBERT BACON
2d Lt, AC

Disposal:.. Returned to unit....

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- Hq, IS9(WEA)-----2
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 - G-2, TUSA-----1 "
 - 9th AF-----1 "

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. IS9(WEA) 6/36/663

If further circulation of this information is made, it is important that its source should not be divulged.

No. 37657645 Rank T/Sgt. Name Gerald K. Miller

Date of Interview 6 September 1944

Countess in Castle
Madame J. Biron

Madame Misling

Madame Quenon

Monsieur Gudod

Near Harveng, Belgium
Blargenis, Belgium (hid in her house for 8 weeks - located 1/2 way b/n Blargenis & Aulnoye.
Blargenis, Belgium - sister of Madam Biron - lived in same house.
Frameries, Belgium - supplied our provisions thru underground - never saw this woman
Intelligence officer of White Army in Southern Belgium - Mons, Belgium.

A+E 1695

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 37657645 Rank T/Sgt
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Gerald K. Miller
Unit 755th Bomb Sq, 458th Bomb Group

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA) on 6 Sept 1944 and has signed a Security Certificate.

He ~~should~~/should not be re-interrogated.

Robert Bacon
2/Lt. Ac.

IMPORTANT:

THIS CERTIFICATE ~~SHOULD~~ 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.