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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

15 Sept 1944
(Date)

WEINER, SHELDON F/O T-125765
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

HAINZ GERM. 1
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: 9 Sept 1944

Returned to UK: 15 Sept 1944

458 Bomb GR. 255 Bomb SQN
(Unit)

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

PILOT 2nd LT. STONEBURNER PW — got out
CO-PILOT 2nd LT. LEWIS, B — I HEARD HE got out
NAVIGATOR 2nd LT. BRIXUS, J.L. — I HEARD HE got out
BOMBARDIER F/O WEINER, S — got out
RADIO OPERATOR S/SGT JACOBS, J. — got out
TOP TURRET GUNNER S/SGT SMITH, A.F. — UNKNOWN
BALL TURRET GUNNER
WAIIST GUNNER
WAIIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER SGT AQUILATA — UNKNOWN

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. 9/9/44 1100 HAINZ GERM

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

2 ENGINES OUT - PLANE UNCONTROLLABLE

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 12500

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 out DON'T KNOW

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?

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.

(over)

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

NO

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.

IN WOODS

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

DO NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MISSING MEMBERS

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?

NO

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

What security briefing were you given?

IN PARIS WE WERE INTERROGATED

What souvenirs do you still possess?

~~THE~~ NONE

Home address.

698 WEST END AVE N.Y.C., N.Y.

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

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

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

EVASION CAPTURE ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (State of Country), Germany-Luxembourg

For all Personnel

- 1. No. T.125705 Rank F/O Name Sheldon Weiner
(U.K. Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F. No. of missions) 4
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details No
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 755 Sqn
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 458 Gp Job (Pl. Cmd. Rfn., etc) Bombardier
- 7. Date of Birth 21 Aug 23 Length of Service 1 yr 7 mths
- 9. Peace time occupation Student Private Address 698, West End Ave, New York City, New York
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dog tags
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language?

FOR ALL AIR FORCE 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 Bombardier
- 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 2/Lt P.W. Stoneburner Evaded
CO-PILOT 2/Lt C.A. Lewis Evaded
NAVIGATOR 2/Lt J.L. Brixius Evaded
BOMBARDIER F/O Weiner, S. Evaded
RADIO OPERATOR S/Sgt Jacobs, J. Evaded
TOP TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt L.I. Smith Unknown
BALL TURRET GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER (R.) Sgt Ferrando, J. Unknown
WAIST GUNNER (L.) Sgt Onley, B. Unknown
TAIL GUNNER Sgt Agliata, J. Unknown

- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B.24, Norwich, 0700 hrs, 9 Sep 44
- 18. Where and when did you come down? 50 miles West Maintz, Germany, 1045 hrs, 9 Sep 44
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and Mae West? I pulled them into woods.
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Plane on fire.

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA) Date 13 Sep 44

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

I grade this evasion No. 5 Robert Bacon, 2/Lt, A.C. Major

Disposal: Returned to Unit

Distribution: I.S.9 (WEA) 2 12 A.Gp 2 (less C) 9 AF 1

Target marshalling yard at Mainz, Germany. Lost engines at target at 23000 ft. Turned back and was circled by P.51 (about 10) Landed in field and pulled chute into woods. Ran about 1 mile and put on G.I. shoes. Evaded for 3 days, travelling about 8 hrs a day at daybreak and evening. Morning of fourth day went to farm house to eat. Then waited on road for U.S. Army truck.

I crossed the German - Luxembourg border on morning of 12 Sep and went three fields and woods and saw nothing by 2 German staff cars and 6 motor cycles going by towards Germany.

Have given immediate tactical information to 4 Inf Div and an Artillery unit. I was told by Americans that I had crossed the Siegfried line, but I saw nothing.

I had been briefed on Evasion and Escape before every mission.

I used my aids box.

The colour of my purse was red and the contents were used for the purchasing of food during my evasion.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. T-125705 Rank 7/0
 Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Sheldon Weiner
 Unit 458 B Gp

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)
 on 13 Sept 1944 and has signed a Security Certificate.
 He ~~should~~/should not be re-interrogated.

Robert Bacon
~~Major~~ 2/d, Lt.

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.

RESTRICTED

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) SHELDON WEINER..... Signed SHELDON WEINER.....

Rank P/O..... A.S.N. T-125705..... Dated 9-15-44..... Place.....

Unit 458 ABMB CR..... Witness.....