

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

LAWRENCE I. SMITH ^{Sgt} 33888174
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
3 (No. of missions)
755 458
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: Sept. 9-44
Date arrived in UK: Oct-1
Date " A.C. Sept 11

MEMBERS OF CREW: (Please list names next to positions)

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT LT. PAUL STONBURNER ✓

CO-PILOT LT. CHARLES LEWIS 2125

NAVIGATOR ^{LT} PAUL BRIKUS ✓

BOMBARDIER ^{PO} WEINER 2126

RADIO OPERATOR ^{Sgt} J. JACOBS 2094

TOP TURRET GUNNER ^{Sgt} TR. SMITH

BALL TURRET GUNNER _____

WAIST GUNNER ^{Sgt} BASIL ONKEY

WAIST GUNNER ^{Sgt} JOAN FERRANDO ✓

TAIL GUNNER ^{Sgt} JOSEPH ACALA

Returned to U.K.
received letter
"
"
"
"
"

See 2100

- don't know.
Returned to U.K.
- don't know

Decorations: none

Date of Birth: Feb 23, 1925

Private Address: Walter Avenue, Syosset, L.I. NY.

Length of Service: 1 year 9 months

Job as Civilian: garage mech. + aircraft riveter

From what field did you take off? Take off time.

458th B.G. Hoesler St. Smith P.P. 0700

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

yes

Were you wounded? Give details.

Brake foot when I hit ground.

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? —

no

Do you speak FRENCH? no SPANISH? no GERMAN? no ITALIAN? no OTHER LANGUAGE? no

Did you have identity papers?

dog tags.

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?

no.

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?

no

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?

no.

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When?

yes. London. Jan 12.

Date of arrival in Spain: _____

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: _____

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air.

Lepika Karon, latter part of July.

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

*Basil O'neil
Joseph Agallo {*

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

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Lawrence J. Smith S/SGT 32889174
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

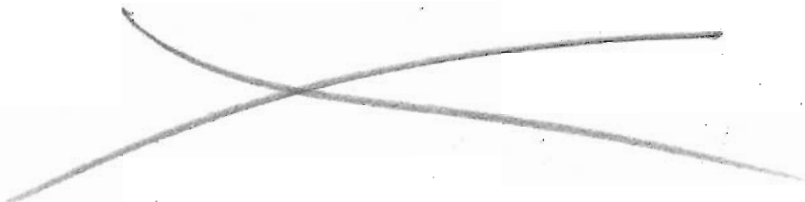
Jan 12/45
(Date)

458th Bomb Gp. 755th beak
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT
CO-PILOT
NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER
RADIO OPERATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER
BALL TURRET GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER



Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

JAN 9-11:00 near village Luepemburg

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

No. 2 engine had run away prop and was coming off.
main field pressure on 3 steady hunt fuse, was not on fire
At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

about 9 thousand
Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?
no.

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

Pilot, Bombardier, radio op, eng., nav., waist gunner, not sure about

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

I don't know.

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

I saw my co pilot and nav. three days later.

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 members were identified by name or otherwise.

no.

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.

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

I feel sorry for them

S E C R E T

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

O., Rank, Name:- *S/SGT Lawrence Smith*

Unit:- *455TH BG 755 B.S.*

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

- in envelope card with important phrases on it*
in German & French lang.
- Did you use your aids box? *yes.*
 - If not, why?
 - 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 bottle.

Compass.

Sewing kit.

- purify drinking water*
smoke
- Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?

- no.*
- How did you finally dispose of the box?

- kept it*
- 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

- yes.*
- Did you carry a purse?
State color of stripes and letters. *red*
If NOT, State why not.

- yes.*
- Did you use the purse?

(over)

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

Maps. Which ones? *Germany, Luxemburg, France.*

Compass, *no*

File (hack saw). *no.*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *France. 40.00*

How did you spend the money?

Bought food in France,

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

left it with family that helped me

Compass.

"

File (hack saw).

threw in woods.

Surplus currency.

sent some home for souvenirs, medicine stole rest.

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

no,

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

If so, how many?

no

b. Did you use them?

no

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

yes, Ireland, by former escapee

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

no.

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

carry a gun until you are about to be caught.

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give
most possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior
defenses, AA batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of allied
bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale,
etc., etc.,.....)

Civilian morale is very high when
the Americans are coming. Allied
bombing on rail yards in Belgium & France
was very good.

We left the 958th Bomb Grp. on
Sept 9, 1944 at approximately 0700 on a raid
on a rail way center in Germany. Every
thing went ok till we were about 35 or
40 minutes from our target. I noticed
a little oil on top of no. 2 engine and
pilot said it was losing power and he
tried to feather it. The prop slowed down
some and then started to start up again. After
that it was uncontrollable even with switches,
& gas shut off. We had to leave the formation
then because it got hard to handle. No. 2
eng. had a blown fuse in electronic control box. The
Bombs were jettisoned and salvaged and we were
ordered to bail out.

3 days I landed in a lot and broke
my foot. There were two workers in the
field that came over and told me about
the Germans being close. They hid my shoes
and boots & my equipment and he gave me a
straw hat and coat and I waited in the
woods near by till there weren't any
Germans passing and he led me to his
home where they hid me and gave me
civilian clothes and I stayed there till
the yankee came though.

Farmer PIERRE ~~H~~ HEINEN (or HEINER) + Family
Huldange, Trois Vierges, Luxembourg. 2 daughters
& 2 sons

R E S T R I C T E D

up

7.

HEADQUARTERS
70TH REPLACEMENT DEPOT (AAF)
APO 652

AAF Sta 594.

11 Jan 1945.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NO. 11)

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SECTION I

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7. S Sgt Lawrence I. Smith 32888174 (748) AC, Casual Pool, this Hq. is held fr atchmt 153d Replacement Co, 129th Replacement Bn (AAF), this sta, and trfd in gr US Army Special Reception Center, but will rpt 63 Brook St, London for dy. WFR a/o GMT o/s 12 Jan 1945, rpt on arrival to CO thereat. Cooked rat in kind will be provided while traveling. PCS. TCNT. TDM. FSA 60-136 P 431-02 A 212/50425.

AUTH: VOCC, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe.

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By order of Colonel RADER:

OFFICIAL: *

DWIGHT T. ROBINSON
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 48) 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 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 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
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) LAWRENCE J. SMITH
Rank S/SGT A. S. N. 3258174
Unit 458TH BC 155TH A.S.

Signed Lawrence J. Smith
Dated 12 Jan. 1945
Witness E. J. Ketch
Lt. AC.

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