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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
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E & E REPORT NO. 428-429-430
EVASION IN FRANCE

28 February 1944
(Date)

Harold O GILLEY, Sgt, 36610483
Robert A SCHWARTZBURG, Sgt, 36278383
Robert C SOUTHERS, Sgt, 35374137

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

410 Bomb Sq, 94th Bomb Group
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MIA: 5 January 1944

Arrived in UK:

27 February 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-802102	2d Lt	Raymond John BORN	MIA	
CO-PILOT	T-000170	F/O	Harold J ERICKSON	MIA	
NAVIGATOR	0-685645	2d Lt	Norman R KING	MIA	
BOMBARDIER	0-748006	2d Lt	Ernest H HUGONNET, JR	E&E No. 425	
RADIO OPERATOR	36610483	Sgt	Harold O GILLEY	E&E No. 428	NARRATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER	38158451	S/Sgt	Donald D McLEOD	E&E No. 426	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	13135631	Sgt	Marion A HALL	E&E No. 427	
WAIST GUNNER	35374137	Sgt	Robert C SOUTHERS		NARRATOR
WAIST GUNNER	36278383	Sgt	Robert A SCHWARTZBURG		NARRATOR
TAIL GUNNER	33254507	Sgt	Arlie L THOMPSON	MIA	

Were you wounded?

Sgt GILLEY:

interphone

SEE E&E 425-427

~~I had missed the interphone conversation.~~ When I came back on, I

heard the pilot order us to bail out. I walked over as if nothing had ~~like a fool,~~ on my English make chest type happened, slipped my parachute, and jumped in the bomb bay. I stood on ~~one leg,~~ ^{my left} for the ~~other~~ ^{right} as painful from four hits, and reached for the salvo handle.

BAILED OUT

~~When I pulled it,~~ The doors fell out from under me. I pulled

my rip cord. About a second after I left the ship I had been briefed to

jerk my head to one side to get out of the way of my parachute, but I for-

got, and my parachute snapped ~~me in the left~~ the left side of my face. I

floated about five minutes. I think that I went out about 10,000 feet.

An Me 109 circled me with out firing or trying to spill me. I saw the

tail of another ship float down.

I hit the ground on my ^{back} left foot, ~~I felt tremendous pain,~~ went to

my knees, and crashed into the ground. I saw some Frenchmen and women.

I was scared, and I could not run. By the time I had hit the release and

was out of my parachute, they came up and asked me whether I was Boche,

American, or Anglais. When I told them that I was American, they carried

me to a house about 100 yards away ^{and} gave me some food. They stripped

me, ~~and~~ bandaged my leg, and called a doctor. They told me that they

could get me help to take me back to England shortly. They took one of

my pictures. The doctor came, took ~~it~~ ^{it} out of my leg, gave me some

medicine, and bandaged me. He refused the money which I offered him.

After ^{After} a number of people came to see me, I was buried in a haystack. That

evening I was taken to a house and kept up until midnight conversing by

means of a French-English dictionary. I stayed the rest of the night in

a neighboring house. In the morning I was taken back to the haystack.

During the day a number of people passed the haystack, but did not dis-

turb me. I had dinner at the first house at which I had been and went

back to the haystack after dinner. About 1300 Sgt SCHWARZBURG was brought

HELPED IMMEDIATELY

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SGT SCHWARZBURG
DOWLED

to me. We spent the rest of the afternoon together in the haystack. That evening we went back to the house for dinner and had a long conversation with the dictionary. ^{the Frenchmen talked a long time} ~~At~~ ^{the help of} midnight we went back to the haystack. We came out for breakfast and stayed in the haystack the rest of the morning.

About noon we were told that too many ~~French~~ people knew where we were. ~~So many people had come to look at the haystack that it had become most suspicious.~~ We were moved to another place, and our journey was arranged. We met Sgt SOUTHERS and traveled with him.

Sgt SCHWARZBURG:

~~When the Me 109's attacked us near the Brest Peninsula, the left~~

~~waist~~ ^{MM} gunner was badly wounded in the left arm. The radio operator had two pieces of 20-mm in his right leg. The tail gunner crawled up near the wheel and called for help. The left waist gunner dragged him back from the tail wheel. When the tail was blown off, the pilot ordered us to bail out. In another German fighter attack the tail gunner was hit

in the left arm and side. 20-mm's were breaking all through the waist. The other waist gunner and I tried to ~~After~~ ^{After} evasive action threw us against the top of ~~the plane.~~ ^{the plane} One apparently hit the tail gunner in the stomach. ^{he} fell out the tail help him to the escape hatch.

~~of the ship.~~ Some 20-mm opened my chute, and it became tangled around

Sgt SOUTHERS' neck. ^{After} he untangled himself. I did not know what to do.

I remembered talking to ^{that} some paratroopers who ^{having} spoke of ^{parachutes open when} wrapped parachutes ~~to dummies and throwing them out of planes, to see whether they opened.~~ I

knew that I had to bail out, so I said a prayer and ^{jumped} ~~let~~ holding my parachute in my arms. I looked over the country a bit and released the guide

chute first. My parachute opened, and ^{making} ~~in~~ about 30 seconds I hit the ground. ~~I landed near a~~ ^{making} I made a rather easy landing near a ^s stream. It

took me about 10 minutes to get out of the harness of my American make chest pack chute. I ran to a pile of bushes, hid my equipment, and started away.

I walked right into a French family. They probably wanted to help me

JOURNEY ARRANGED

RAKED BY FIGHTERS

PARACHUTE

OPENED IN PLANE

JUMPED OUT HOLDING OPEN PARACHUTE

LANDED SAFELY

, but I did not realize it and started into the woods. After several miles I stopped at the top of a hill ^{from which} I could see the surrounding country and leave in the opposite direction if any Germans approached. I opened my escape kit and looked at my escape maps.

LEFT AREA OF CRASH

~~My first thought~~ ^{I wanted} was to get as far as I could from the area where the plane had crashed and where the Germans might be searching, ^{so} ~~at~~ nightfall I started east trying to get out of the Brest peninsula and head for Spain. About midnight I came to a ^{covered} place in the forest, lay down, and tried to sleep. I had on all ~~of~~ my flying clothes, but I was pretty cold.

FOUND HELP

AND FRIEND

I walked on the next day and saw no farmhouses ~~that~~ to approach. I heard someone cutting wood and walked in the direction of the sound. I ~~watched~~ ^{heard} a wood-chopper for a while. He saw me ~~and~~ ~~seemed~~ ~~to~~ and motioned for me to approach. He took me to a farmhouse and brought me food. I had eaten ^{only} some candy and some of the Horlicks tablets, but I was not in the least hungry then ~~nor~~ for three days after. I was told that a comrade was around, and I was taken to the haystack where I met Sgt GILLEY. We traveled together and met Sgt SOUTHERS later.

BAKED OUT

Sgt SOUTHERS:

When the order came to bail out, I pulled the emergency on the waist escape hatch and kicked ^{out} the door ~~out~~. After ~~the~~ ~~other~~ Sgt SCHWARZBURG jumped, I looked back in the radio room ⁺ saw one man there. The plane was losing altitude fast. I jumped out head first. It felt like jumping into something free when your head was about to be chopped off. I counted five and opened my parachute. I saw some French children watching me. An Me.109 circled me evidently trying to spot where I landed. I hit in mud near a ~~road~~ ^{wagon} road between the fields, and my breath was knocked out. About 10 Frenchmen came up. I said that I was an American and must hide my parachute. I had great trouble getting off my harness which was too tight. The Frenchmen pulled my parachute out of a tree. They offered me some wine. I asked them ^{where} ~~about~~ the Germans ^{were} but they did not understand me. One man

RECEPTION

said something that sounded like "Bush". They posted some boys around as guards. I had some chewing gum and gave it out as souvenirs. The Frenchmen seemed to want everything I had, ~~at~~ ^{even} took my wrist watch

Gave too many souvenirs

I took the first aid kit from the parachute and started to ~~fix~~ ^{bandage} up my wounded arm. A Frenchman brought me water. I washed the blood from my face, took a piece of 20-mm shell out of my arm, and put ^a dressing ^{on}. One of the guards indicated that a patrol was coming. A French ^{man} gave me a jacket, and I started off in the opposite direction zig-zagging through the fields staying in shadow as much as I could. The ground was frozen ~~and~~ ^{and} but it was pretty hard walking.

WALKED OFF

I got out my escape map to see where I was and figured out the general area. I started south thinking to get away from the place where my plane landed, only to discover that I was walking right toward it. I ran into a man ~~who~~ ^{who} indicated that I was going toward a patrol, ~~and he directed me another way.~~ ~~At~~ He ran after me, and took me to his house, and fed me. I showed him my maps. When I laid my compass on the table, his little boy took it. ^{When} I told him that I wanted to go to Spain, He told me to go to BREST and said that I would have to leave. I walked north and then started south again when I was out of ^{sight,} ~~his vision~~. I was careful to keep away from the direction where my plane was burning.

SLIGHT HELP

Someone yelled "Halt". ^{a man} I saw someone in a green or black uniform Some distance away in the shadows. I was far enough ^{away} so that the man could not make out who I was. I looked and kept on going and ducked behind a rock. ~~But he did not say anything more.~~ I watched him from behind the rock. When he moved on, I went over the hill, going south and east by the sun. I crossed a lot of drainage ditches and creeks and ^{down} seemed continually to be falling into the water. I walked ~~to~~ ^{down} a road hiding whenever I heard a cart. I remembered that a lot of Frenchmen were supposed to wear soldier's ~~trousers~~ ^{trousers}, so I got my nerve up and continued walking down the road. I saw a town and circled around it. I ran into

STRANGE SENTRY

WALKED ON ROAD

a peasant. He started to talk to me. I told him that I was an American and asked him whether any German patrols were around. ^{When} He did not understand me, so I shook hands, thanked him, and walked on across fields. I was getting hungry and thought that a boy whom I met next might feed me and put me up for the night, but he would have nothing to do with me. Since he seemed so unfriendly, I thought that I had better keep to the fields, ^{but got} I became tired and followed a muddy road. The next boy I met said something to me. ^{When} I repeated it, he grinned and walked on. I followed the road ^{only} leaving it to circle ~~around~~ villages. I was getting used to running into people. ~~I~~ I saw a bicycle which I did not think belonged to a French peasant, ^{to} I hid in some briars. I ^{kept} went to the fields for a while. I forded a creek, falling in ^{the water again} during the operation. I followed a road again, resting occasionally. ~~PP~~ About 2200 I came to a town, heard people on the streets, and was afraid to go in. On the other side of the town a Frenchman spoke to me. When I grunted back, he motioned for me to approach. I said that I was an American, and his little boy understood me. When I asked him for a place to sleep, he did not seem to want to help me, so I said, "Merci," shook hands, and left. He sent someone after me. ^{to} I was taken ^{After he} to a house, and had my arm bandaged. The man ~~whom he sent~~ got a French-English dictionary and told me that there were no Germans around. ~~I had noticed foot tracks that looked like GI shoes so I asked him whether any of my comrades were around.~~ ^{When} I said that I had seen some foot prints that looked like those of GI shoes, he said that he would look around for my friends. He asked me ^{whether} if I knew how to get in touch with American intelligence men in France. I did not know what he was talking about but figured that he referred to French helpers. I told him that I would like to sleep in a haystack. He took me to his house. There he gave me some civilian clothes and took everything away from me except my underwear, even my GI shoes and my naps. He said that four of my comrades were not far away.

ENCOUNTERS
BUT NO
HELP

QUITE A
WALK

FOUND
HELP

(?)

DEPRIVED OF
GI SHOES &
ESCAPE MAPS

I was taken to a place from which my journey was arranged, traveling with Sgts SCHWARZBURG and GILLEY.

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W STULL HOLT
Lt. Col, AC
Commanding

Appendix B

1. The following information has been obtained from three sergeants who evaded capture in enemy occupied territory.

2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but in that case it is important not to divulge any details about the source.

Statement of information covering the period from 5 January 1944 to 26 February 1944

on 8-9 January

- a. Informants were told by a Frenchman that twenty German submarines were still operating out of the LORIENT pens.
- b. Informant^{etc} was told by a Frenchman that he had seen Japanese submarines at LORIENT at various times.
- c. Informant noticed that bridges around GUINGAMP were prepared so that mines could easily be placed. *for mining.*
- d. Informant heard that a new submarine base with four-foot concrete walls was being constructed at BREST.
- e. Informant was told that five submarines were at St NAZAIRE on 8-9 January.
- f. Informant was told that 300,000 Germans are on the Brest Peninsula, most of them young or over 35.
- g. Informant was told that "White Russian" barbarians had been moved in around the Breton coast.. The French thought these men were Georgians.
- h. One Frenchman whom informant met would not help him because he was annoyed at the Americans for the high civilian casualties in their bombing.
- i. Informant was told that PONTIVY hospital is being used as a German garrison. *fn*
- j. Informant was told that around the first of February the German commandant and headquarters were moved from the city of BREST to GARHAIX.
- k. Informant was told that most Breton men from 18-20 when called by the Germans for work hide out in the woods.
- l. Informant noticed ^{that} many roads, bridges, and buildings in Brittany are mined.
- m. He saw many tank traps like the following: (See sketch)

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

GILLET

Unit:-

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 BOXa. Did you use your aids box? **No -**b. If not, why? **I LOST IT**

c. 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.

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?

e. How did you finally dispose of the box?

f. 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. PURSEa. Did you carry a purse?
State color of stripes and letters.
If NOT, State why not.

b. Did you use the purse?

YES

(over)

YES
~~I HAD THE ESCAPE KIT PURSE~~
~~IT BROWN WITH RED LETTERS~~

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

Maps. Which ones? **NONE**

Compass. **NO**

File (hacksaw). **NO**

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. **FRANCE 2,000 FRANCES**

How did you spend the money? **FOR FARE TO AN NECESSARY CITY**

d. How did you dispose of:- **train fare**

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw). **500 FR**

Surplus currency. **GAVE TO THE LAST ORGANIZATION HELPER'S
= WAS IN FOR THEIR FUTURE USE**

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

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? **YES**

If so, how many? **3 OF PROFILE 3 OF FRONT 6 TOTAL**

b. Did you use them? **YES DEFINITELY**

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? **YES IN KEARNEY MASS**

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. **BY AN EXPERIENCED PERSON FROM S-2**

b. Did you find the lectures of value? **NOT MUCH**

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

**# YES - ONLY POSSIBLY THAT
THEY (THE EVADER) SHOULD DEPEND ON THE
UNDER GROUND AND HAVE PATENTES**

**An evader should rely completely upon his
helpers & have patience**

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

Schunzberg

Unit:-

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

a. Did you use your aids box?

b. *YES.*
If not, why?

c. 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. *YES*Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *YES*Milk (tube). *NO.*Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *NO*Halazone tablets (water purifier). *NO*Matches. *YES*Adhesive tape. *YES*Chewing gum. *YES*Water bottle. *NO.*Compass. *YES*Sewing kit. *NO.*

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?

e. *YES*
How did you finally dispose of the box?f. *BURNT.*
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?*YES BY ADDING A PIECE OF PAPER WITH A FEW FRENCH WORDS phrase list*2. PURSEa. Did you carry a purse? *YES*State color of stripes and letters. *GREY + RED STRIPES*
If NOT, State why not.

b. Did you use the purse?

YES

(over)

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

MONEY, MAPS & COMPAS

Maps. Which ones?

MAP OF FRANCE

Compass.

YES

File (hacksaw).

NO

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money?

**FRENCH 2000 francs
TO PAY FOR RIDE IN TAXI + ON DEPARTURE**

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

SOUVENIRS TO FRENCH

Helpers

LEFT WITH AGENT BEFORE SAILING

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

YES

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

YES

If so, how many?

4

b. Did you use them?

YES

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

YES

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

KEARNEY NEBRASKA + BOVINGDON

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

YES

GAVE CONFIDENCE IN MY HELPERS.

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

YES. DO NOT GIVE OUT YOUR ESCAPE EQUIPMENT UNTIL DEPARTING

FOR ENGLAND

**THE MAN) If in an office looking don't get upset about it
Tell the man not to get worried if they are in
one place a long time.**

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

Unit:-

Sonthers

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

- a. Did you use your aids box? *yes.*
- b. If not, why?
- c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights". *Used for two days while evading. Used for Horlicks tablets. very good.*
- Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *Peanut Bar too hard and bitter Gave away for food.*
- Milk (tube). *none*
- Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *Did not use*
- Halazone tablets (water purifier). *Lost.*
- Matches. *Used for fire in trench home*
- Adhesive tape. *For wounded arm*
- Chewing gum. *Used myself*
- Water bottle. *Lost*
- Compass. *one broken one lost*
- Sewing kit. *did not use*
- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *no*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *Sawinif*
- f. 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*
State color of stripes and letters. *mark II*
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse?

(over)

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

Maps. Which ones? *Roads in France*

Compass. *yes*

File (hacksaw). *no*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *2000 Francs*
How did you spend the money? *Guide*

d. How did you dispose of:- *Helpers*

Maps. *Organizations look them*

Compass. *1 broken 1 lost*

File (hacksaw). *Organizations Helpers*

Surplus currency. *Gave away*

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? *1 compass*

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? *yes*
If so, how many? *8*

b. Did you use them? *yes*

I was told to avoid cities, I did, & peasants helped me as I had also been told.

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *yes*
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

Phase training in States Bovington England
94 Bomb Sq School for air crews.

b. Did you find the lectures of value? *yes - not hit cities - see note in file*

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

Take a whole pocket full of nickels for souvenirs - don't start giving them out right away. Don't give your pit toes if you can possibly help it. It may be very dangerous. Had 6 shoes - put on when we prepared to ditch.

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Pontivy hospital used as ^{quarters for} German garrison.

300,000 German troops in France

Some military trucks burn wood for fuel.

No tanks in the peninsula

The German Commandant and Headquarters were moved from the city of Brest to Carhaix around the first of February.

Train wrecked three kilometers from Carhaix in February

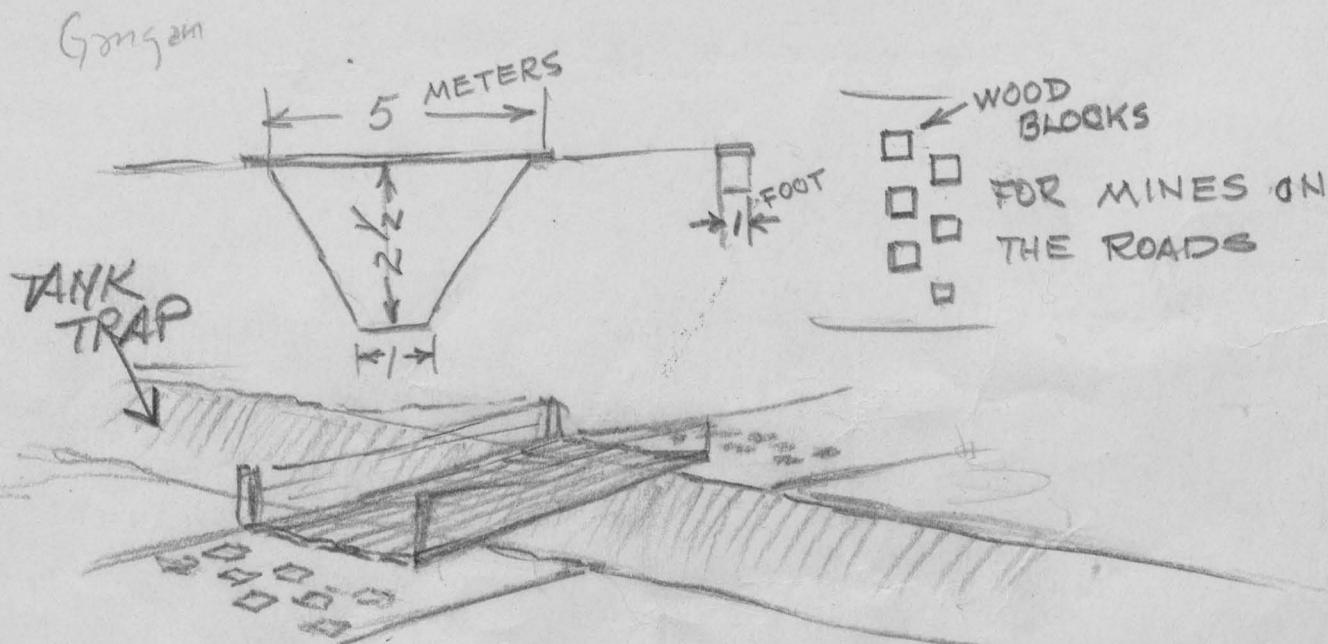
Civilian morale is very very high.

Young men from 18-20 are being called to work. Most of the boys hide in the woods. They received their work cards in Finistère around the first of January to report to Brest.

Roads, Bridges and many buildings are mined.

Tank traps across many roads

Trains have armored cars with A.A. guns



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EVASION IN FRANCE

FEB 28 - 44
 (Date)

HAROLD O. GILLEY SGT. 36610483
 (Name) (Rank) (ASN)

410 SQ. 94 GROUP
 (Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 21
 LENGTH OF SERVICE: 16 MONTHS
 HOME ADDRESS: 609 SO. MCKINLEY AVE
HARRISBURG - ILLINOIS

MIA: JAN 5 - 44
 Arrived in Spain:

Arrived in Gibraltar:

Arrived in UK:
FEB 27 - 44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT <u>RAYMOND J. BORN 2ND LT.</u>		?
CO-PILOT <u>ERICKSON F.O.</u>		??
NAVIGATOR <u>NORMAN R. KING 2ND LT.</u>		?
BOMBARDIER <u>EARNEST N. HUGONNET 2ND LT</u>		HERG
RADIO OPERATOR <u>HAROLD O. GILLEY SGT.</u>		HERG
TOP TURRET GUNNER <u>DONALD D. MCGOOD S/SGT</u>		HERG
BALL TURRET GUNNER <u>HAHL, MARION A SGT.</u>		HERG
WAIST GUNNER <u>ROBERT C. SOUTHERS SGT.</u>		HERG
WAIST GUNNER <u>ROBERT A. SCHWARTZBURG</u>		HERG
TAIL GUNNER <u>ARLIE L. THOMPSON</u>		DEAD

*Hand: 3 dead in plane
 TH der 1/10m
 Saw 0 chds*

Were you wounded? Yes -

BASING MY STATEMENT UPON WHAT WAS GIVEN
ME BY WHAT I THOUGHT ~~ARE~~ RELIABLE SOURCE,
I WOULD SAY THAT MY POUIT, RAYMOND S BORN,
COPOUIT-ERICKSON, NAVIGATOR-NORMAN R. KING -
AND TAIL RUNNER- ARBIE L. THOMPSON ARE
STILL IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY - EITHER DEAD
OR ALIVE - ARE POSSIBLY PRISONERS OF WAR
IN GERMANY -

G. H. Kelley

SECRET AMERICAN
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While staying in Douren we were told by a frenchman that there were 20 German submarines still operating out of the pens at Lorient. Also he stated that he had saw Japanese subs stationed there at ~~occasional~~ different times.

In Gungamy we saw many places for tank traps also a few places in every bridge prepared so that mines could easily be placed there.

Another frenchman stated there were wooden guns all along the Brest peninsula but didn't state where.

I also heard of a new submarine base going up in Brest with 4 foot concrete walls.

Fruith

OUTLINE FOR TALKS

1. Complete description of everything that happened. **ATTACK BY MC-109**
in plane before jump. **OVERBOARD PRE. APPROX 5 ATTACKS. TAIL GUNNER WOUNDED CO-PILOT**
2. Description of jump and landing. **WOUNDED PILOT**
3. Description of what you did with your equipment.
4. Tell story of experiences up to time you met the person who put you in contact with organization.

DO NOT GIVE THE NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO HELPED YOU
AT ANY TIME.

DO NOT GIVE THE NAMES OF TOWNS.

DO NOT GIVE ANY ADDRESSES.

5. How you crossed Pyrenees (General Location)
6. Your experiences in Spain.

Suggestions for others.

If there is some helpful incident that happened after you were picked up, do not mention it until it has been discussed with M.I.S. Interrogator.

Richard R Nelson

RICHARD R NELSON
Major, AC

I- POLIT WAS TOLD THAT LEFT HORIZONTAL STABILIZER WAS COMPLETELY SHUT OFF. POLIT ORDERED BAIL OUT

II. I (RADIO MAN) HIT PNT MY PARACHUTE IN AND WALKED TO THE BOMB BAY JUMPING IN AND THEN SAWING THE DOORS FROM UNDER ME. IMMEDIATELY I PULL MY RIP CORD - MY SUIT OPENING AND ALSO SLAPPING ME ON THE FACE TO AN EXTENT THAT IT BLEED FOR SOME TIME. I LAND WITH ONE LEG INJURED AND MY KNEES BENT - I SPRAIN MY ANKLE -

III. I DID NOTHING WITH MY EQUIPMENT - A PLEASANT
FARMER BURNED ALL MY EQUIPMENT.

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

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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 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) HAROLD O. GILKEY
Rank SERGEANT A. S. N. 36610483
Unit 94 BOMB GROUP

Signed Harold O. Gilkey
Dated Feb - 28th 1944
Witness H. G. ... 15th TAVS

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5th mission

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

SECRET-AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL REPATRIATED FROM ENEMY CONTROL

1. Full Name, Rank, and Army Serial No. **HAROLD OTIS GILLEY SGT. 36610423**
2. Unit or Squadron. **410 SQ 94 GR.**
3. Division (Army) or Group. **ARMY AIR FORCE**
4. Date of Birth. **APRIL 24TH - 22**
5. Length of Service. **16 MONTHS -**
6. Decorations. **NONE -**
7. Private Address. **NONE -**
609 SO. MCKINLEY ST
HARRISBURG - ILLINOIS
8. If in air force, on what operations 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 BORDEAUX JAN 5-44 DEPART 8:20AM. I CAME DOWN OVER BRIST PENINSULA JAN-5-44. I DONT KNOW WHETHER PAPERS WERE DESTROYED OR NOT - PLANE BURNT.
9. What wounds did you have?
I WAS HIT LIGHTLY WITH FLAK OVER TARGET TWICE IN THE RIGHT LEG - 2 WOUNDS FROM CANNONS EXPLODING AND ONE IN THE BACK -
10. Have you been questioned before today on your experiences in enemy hands? If so where and by whom? Have you given anyone a written report on your experiences? Where and when?
NO -
11. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? **NO -**
12. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your experiences in enemy hands? If so, where and when?
NO
13. Place and date of arrival in neutral territory.
NONE -
14. Place and date of arrival in UK.
FEBRUARY - 27-44
15. In what prisoner of war camps or hospitals were you held?
NONE -
16. Who was the Senior American Officer in each camp? Senior British Officer? Camp Leader or Senior Non-commissioned Officer? Man-of-Confidence?
NONE -
17. How many Americans were held in the camp or hospital with you? British? Other Nationalities?

Dog tags
2 sets French made I/P

Schurz Bomb c 17,000' - hit by flash over T - truck out 1st
2 run without power - Co-P hit ^{on deck} same time. Blew hole in
vertical stabilizer. (Its get us out) flash over - 5
0' deck high - below upper T.
Gilly hit 2ndly above me flash - on back - about
by

flash in 20mm

Flash took up formation - low alt track -
Out in by of Boney - Its left us - began organize
Cont low unford was - Gilly not seem in yet pair.
Beyer get ammunition straight ahead of P & V guard in
white ditch - decide throw equipment - then
gooding out & behind us - c 12,000'.

Back P of third pylon for ditching - then up No 314
eg. Bader get rid of unnecessary articles.

Needed B pylon - TG up from tail - hischt if we
put back on. Attached by 5 Me 109's - 600
high - C 5 tons - lot of battle damage. 2 from 12.
low, - 9 in S burst at left V stabilizer.

8 low burst - down. LWB wounded badly in left
arm. G had 2 pairs 20mm in ^{nt} by - high in the fl.

TG crawled up near wheel - call for help
LWB go over dog TG back from tail wheel
Its in at 5 o'clock level - TG shoot with one gun
[Sean shot down

Saw T blow off - call P - ash bail out - L O
more to rest of them - out - another attacks.

TL7 hit left arm & side - 20 mm nearly all through
wound - one apparently hit TL7 in stomach - felt
punching & hit the tail. Some 20 mm seen open
in chit-stage around Southern neck - covered with
blood I see Southern all at - went out - having chit open
not sure what to do - Southern moving from head
gather in arms - holdy emerging chit in at head
I happen recall talking to Pastor - way chit to chimney
then then out - see if you, said prayer & bawled
out - Didn't seem worried - knew had to be done
& did it. I kept lay - or - looking up over
country - thin that let go - let little one -
went threw arms to side - 3 sec later go -
030 see float - hit good - had near stream in feet -
hit back against wall of stream hit tongue -
that day fall, 3 - I see gather together
walk to dry ground - Take off ladders, let out
gather chit in, 10 mm to get out of ladders - less
make chit pack.

Took all equipment - ran to pile of bushes - drop
the cover but as could - want get away
Must have walked it into family of 8 - saw them
watch me hide M, F, 3 dets, 1 sm.

They want to help me, guess, but I not really.

Stood 3 min - take off to woods.

03 miles to high hill - see 8 of in minutes

Take off opposite way.
Then to machine - had flashlight & for things

Opened EK - look at maps

1st that to leave area when plane crashed - get fuel?

Soldiers searching. Traveled E that night - get
out B person head & span.

C mid at to plea when a lot of short fingers.

Leg in covered spot sleep. Was cold.

Long tops, shorts, 00 pants & shirt, 1/2 shoes, wax,
leather mitt, flying ^{wool} jacket, pair gloves, no hat
I say both ~~times~~ in attempt to keep warm.
Then all out.

6:30 am 1200 next day. Saw no farmhouses - had somebody cutting
wood - walk that direction keep next to earth fence
to boy cutting trees - watch approach - seem faintly
motion was - Command - to farmhouse - not see when.

Then head, better side.

I had eaten 1/2 candy, couple ¹ Hollick tablets - not
hungry least - not eat 3 days after.

Said command man then - pretty - took me to by stack -
pretty - missed ^(P) conversation - can back to hear P say
bail out - walked over as if nothing happened - like fool -
also sight on - going in bump by - walk toward T T
Look through - see BT coming out from.

That perhaps T T injured - but turn out not.

Standing on me by - other painful from 4 hits -
reached salvo handle - pulled - doors fell out
from under.

Pulled up and a sec after left shy.

I had headed to pick head to side - get out of my site

Inj. by male. squeezed me on left side of
Creek - float c. Smith - etc 10,000'
the 109 circle 3 times - with fire not by & spill - not
see any dts - pull blocks all vis in.

Saw 1/2 of the ship float down
Hit by on left foot - gave way - tremendous pain
went in house - curled into fetal
noticed 2 or more & wives - 1 of them in thick
sweat - couldn't run. Hit clean - out of
pocket - they go - ask if Boke, Am, Ag -
told Am - can't have c. 100 yds - in gp
of houses c. 22 km SE Gaurin

Gave me food. Stripped me - bandaged my legs -
not know Latin - call Dr. There in c. 2 hrs -
By c. 22 o'clock looking E - talk.

Told me could get me in a hospital - back in E
shortly - took on 1 picture - say go Paris get I/P
Back 7 days - take me to Paris.

Do not pick out 1 by - gave medicine - bandage - not
take money.

Leave for Paris with wife.

People come on one
station to haystack - hospital.
c. 1800 to first house where bus - up to 1200 coming
with doctoring. Tell me stop at next house c. 100 yds

Old man with bundle on shoulder took me
Also had 1 man fresh out of concentration camp

6 Morning - back to haystack. Number people pass.
c. 1200 - dinner at 1st house. Husband, wife, 1 boy c. 22
8 hrs, by 15, girl 7

After dinner back to bystank. Schweyfang in c 1300
Pone c 23 been in 30 min - from many have got
dishes. I put in. Rest of pm in bystank.
nt - to 1st home. Paris grandsons & wife there - fat fellow
short, c 5'6", 43

After supper quite a conversation with dictionary.
c 0000 (bystank) found back staying - 5 day out piece of
flak

for mt. Next am bystank & back to bystank
c 1100 told kids us chamber - too many people here
we there - told by man 1st home.

Took to 1st home - back room.

Bystank drop - one c 40, dark slick black hair - thin
in front - black rimmed thick glasses. c 5'7"

Other younger c 24 - dark wavy hair - nice looking
yellow - well built, heavy.

I supposed be part indigenous Soumni - they tell us go
to Janner's home

Janner & Puni took us to St Michel

Man with glasses asked for pictures - took by tags.

He went when more pictures

c Middle
South
Bot

Can have various thoroughbred

Told at Soumni with while to have by my

[11, TT 22, BF 9, BT 5]

Say in 5 next day at noon. Taxi to Soumni.

Met taxi - younger fellow with wavy hair & red with

W's 5/ Shes - Linnelam

glasses
Took 1100 for me taxi fare - also saw from Delighty
At + road 2 gardens, you know my ok - sign ok go into
Gourin, c 2 km stop - pick up h + check + Blye +
Lennards
2nd hour to tavern - front & side room. c 15 min - out
in pairs - tally - to home - whole egg.

1800
Dor, and headed yellow needed out -
the trip in prepared of.
Got new bag of clothes.
Woman - in - let me then - spoke good of - husband
and of - USA - son 17 she c 39-40
They leave. Le Bris told me of people in NYC - no son
ask go see soon - Tobacco shop

Instant relation Simon
To home front - Jeanne then - attractive - age looked
eg. Father c 52 grey headed - runs 2 state mania
5 km NE Gourin - next richest man in town - home
at beside Marie's - who what?

Then all at next day. That night Mrs Chum visit -
speaks excellent of - back to you US - 15m 22 kids
fish to for work - she married to of - moved us.
Baptism law - Mr Chum work for Nat Cash Register
Chicago
She ask me look her brother in law up - say she well & safe

for present
It raining short no money.

Stephan Bijan has friend in Chicago - Louis Bruges
220 Ontario St, Chi, Ill - works restaurant. & the picture.

She then then in
2d day & not
next day with - is not

A

Sun 9 Jan - family has dinner with wife's parents - first one for me - left
c 1400 back - in Sartigny in Sarum - I have at night.
Took for walk 12 km in country - to small body
Sun to buy body at

De in Sarum
Kunde adly

Back c 1830 - to home defn
That not see visitors. Had photo arrested with pictures
Let I/P's pictures. Satter that took that you, gig short
Also galloped 8 eyes fellows - take to prison for work on
short

1st by sphiz lady tell me what all about.

Not before Louis Le Bras come - but L + Church
c 2300 men took me to back of house for mt. c 0330 - in, sat,
on table - with wine 23 out of Sarum to John - 12 km
Met see people. To Jan c 0930 - Schuyler, Bly, &
Church then!

Schuyler by c 29

1800 Louis Le Bras - sph of took me to parents home -
Joseph, ²⁵ Sam m - very active
Mother, father, 3 sisters
Satter owned dry goods store home - still in same
slightly part of home - Sarum

These people not 20 m in least age.

See more at - next door to Church's office in Barbours

To Jan

Robert Louis Cook

Summit

The oysters were very good.

Tip!
Schwartzburg
passport photos
on Appendix D

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