

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS  
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

SEPT. 11, 1944  
(Date)

TARLETON, Woodrow W. 13049886  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

BRUNSWICK 13  
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: FEB. 10, 1944

Returned to UK: SEPT. 11, 1944

571<sup>ST</sup> BOMB SQD. 390 BOMB GP.  
(Unit)

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

PILOT 1<sup>ST</sup> LT. J. B. BURKE - UNKNOWN  
CO-PILOT 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. C. A. HADFIELD - UNKNOWN  
NAVIGATOR 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. H. H. RICHARDSON - UNKNOWN  
BOMBARDIER 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. H. F. MONTELLO - UNKNOWN  
RADIO OPERATOR 1<sup>ST</sup> SGT. J. P. HARNISH - BELIEVED DEAD IN PLANE  
TOP TURRET GUNNER 1<sup>ST</sup> SGT. J. F. GRANEY - LAST SAW HIM IN BRUSSELS, BELG.  
MID TURRET GUNNER 1<sup>ST</sup> SGT. R. GAMBINO - LAST SAW HIM IN BRUSSELS, BELG.  
WHAIST GUNNER 1<sup>ST</sup> SGT. E. S. LAMBERT - SAW HIM IN PARIS, SEPT. 10, 1944  
WHAIST GUNNER 1<sup>ST</sup> SGT. W. W. TARLETON -  
TAIL GUNNER 1<sup>ST</sup> SGT. J. VILK - BELIEVED TAKEN BY GERMANS

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. FEB. 10, 1944 1:00 P.M.  
MEPPEL HOLL  
Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc? FIRE  
TWO ENGINES GONE DUE TO FLAK, ATTACKED BY FIGHTERS + SHOT DOWN  
At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 20,000 FT.  
Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?  
NOT CERTAIN BUT BELIEVE RADIO OPER. TO BE DEAD IN PLANE  
What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?  
SGTS, TARLETON, LAMBERT, GRANEY, GAMBINO, VILK, OTHERS UNKNOWN  
Did the plane explode on striking the ground?  
DO NOT KNOW  
Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?  
YES, LAMBERT, GRANEY, GAMBINO.  
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.  
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 reason for his opinion?

*HAVE NO OPINION*

Were you wounded?

*SLIGHTLY IN RIGHT LEG, BY BULLET.*

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?

What souvenirs do you still possess?

~~KADATI~~ *NONE*

Home address.

*3520 ERDMAN AVE, BALTIMORE MARYLAND*

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.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 13049986 Rank S/SGT.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) W. W. TARLETON

Unit 571 B Sq. 390 B.G.

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)

on 10 Sept 1944 and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should/should not be re-interrogated.

*R H Lane*  
21LT, CAC  
Major

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.

If returned to the U.K., this  
man should report to 63 Bond St, London.

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

EVADDED CAPTURED/~~ESCAPED~~ ~~DOWN~~ (Name of Country).....Holland

For all Personnel.

- 1. No...13048966..... Rank.....S/Sjt..... Name...Woodrow W.Tarleton.....  
(U.K: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions)...13.....
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details...A slight ball wound in right leg.....
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force)..571 Sqn.....
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp.(Air Force)..390 Gp.....6. Job. (Pl. Cnd., Rfn., etc.) Gunner.....
- 7. Date of Birth...28 Oct., 1917.....8. Length of Service.....2 yrs, 9 mths..
- 9. Peace time occupation...Mechanic.....10. Private address.....  
..3520, Erdman Ave., Baltimore, Maryland.....
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph?..Yes, tags & photos....
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language?.....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.....Gunner Engineer.....
- 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... 1/Lt Burke..... Unknown.....
- CO-PILOT... 2/Lt Hadfield..... Baled out.....
- NAVIGATOR... 2/Lt H. Richardson..... ".....
- BOMBARDIER... 2/Lt A. Montello..... ".....
- RADIO OPERATOR... 2/Lt J.A. Hornish..... Unknown.....
- TOP TURRET GUNNERS/S/Sjt J.G. Craney..... Last saw in Belgium.....
- BALL TURRET GUNNER S/Sjt A. Gambino..... do.....
- WAIST GUNNER (R.)... Narrator.....
- WAIST GUNNER (L.)... S/Sjt E. Lambert..... Safe in Paris.....
- TAIL GUNNER... S/Sjt. Vilk..... Captured.....
- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure...B.17. - England, Feb. 10, 1944,  
at approx 0600 hrs.....
- 18. Where and when did you come down?...Meppel, Holland at approx 1300 hrs.....
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?.....  
.....Hidden.....
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?.....Do not know.....

Interview by I.S.9.(WEA)  
Date Sep 44.....

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

I grade this evasion #5  
Richard H. Dana  
R.H. Dana, 2/Lt A.C. per RB  
Major

Disposal: ...Returned to unit.....

Distribution: H.Q. I.S.9 (WEA) 2  
12 Army Group 2 (less C)  
9 AF 1

I came down about 1300 hrs, May 10 at Meppel, Holland. I was at once helped by two sisters and from then on the organisation took care of me until the Americans came.

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. IS9WEA/6/154/894

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

No. 130L8966 Rank S/Sjt Name Woodrow W. Tarleton

Date of Interview 10 Sep 44

The chief of the first organisation I entered in Brussels was a lady who was called Anne. The woman who placed the men was known as Lena. I stayed almost 5 months with a M. Jonette Schulman, at 15, Rue Achille. She did all she could for me bring my clothes etc. Then I entered another organisation headed by a M. Gaston. At the camps we were helped by a man named Albert.

*I grade this evasion as  
Richard H. Dana  
2/2/45*

1955

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) TARLETON, WOODROW W. Signed Woodrow W. Tarleton

Rank S/Sgt A.S.N. Dated 9-11-44 Place

Unit 571<sup>st</sup> SQD. 390<sup>th</sup> GP Witness

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

KIS/el-2B-939 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 Forces;  
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.

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