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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
PW and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. *Thomas Beasley Applewhite, Jr. 2nd Lt. A.S.N. 0-679171*
2. Decorations. *Air Medal. Recommended For "D.F.C." by Lt. Col. Vanderenter (38562)*
3. Unit or Squadron. *548th Sq. Qualified For "Oak Leaf Cluster" to Air Medal when shot down.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *385th Gp.*
5. Date of Birth. *July 1, 1921*
6. Length of Service. *17 months*
7. Private Address. *936 Newell Memphis, Tennessee*
8. If in A.F., on what operation 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 Münster, Germany. Nov. 11, 1943 - Take Off 10³⁰ AM.
Came down near Heusden, Holland approx. 2³⁰ AM. On return from target.
Aircraft crashed in flames.*
9. What was your position in aircraft?
Bombardier
10. Were you wounded?
Slight wound left leg.
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much?
No
12. Do you speak French? Spanish?
Spanish
13. Did you have Identity Papers?
Yes
14. Have you been questioned before to-day on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom? Have you given anyone a written report on your experiences. Where and when?
Questioned at Madrid about rest of crew by Official at Embassy. At Gibraltar by British I.S. Both men produced I.S. Identity cards.
15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?
No
16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when?
Yes, at Madrid, Brussels, Gibraltar.
17. Date of arrival in Spain.
Dec. 29, '43
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar.
Jan. 11, 1944
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.
Gibraltar, Jan. 17 by Air.
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
London, Jan 17.

FAULTY
OXYGEN
SYSTEM

Before crossing the Channel I had oxygen trouble. I thought that I was black-
ing out, so I gave myself a dose of "emergency ricks" and was all right. When
the navigator call the pilot to report that something was wrong with the oxygen sys-
tem, for he had almost blacked out twice, I piped up with my similar experience.
The diaphragm seemed to be stuck for some reason. Our ship had been on 11 or 12
raids without aborting, and we did not want to drop out; we were also thinking of
the distinction of carrying through ~~11~~ 15 raids without aborting. The pilot said
~~to let him know~~ that we should try and carry on, but that we should let him know
if things got too bad. The system soon seemed to work a little better, but I still
felt rather woozy.

We had a good escort of P-47's, and everything went all right up to the target.
Following the lead bombardier we dropped our bombs on MUNSTER and seemed to hit the
city all right. Right after the bomb bay doors were closed, while we were looking
for fighters, I heard flak hit us three or four times. When the radio operator
called me to ~~confirm~~ confirm that the bombs were clear, he reported that the two
waist gunners were lying on the floor unconscious. I called up the tail gunner,
but I could not get an answer. The pilot said that he was ~~leaving~~ leaving the forma-
tion and told the co-pilot to fire green-green rockets. Four P-47's came to cover
us, The pilot went low ~~in order~~ to get air for the ~~boys~~ men to revive, and our cover

DROPPED
OUT OF
FORMATION

He followed our colonel's advice not to hit the deck, and he did a really
stayed above us at their effective altitude. ~~But pilot did an~~ excellent job of
using the rest of the formation for cover as the colonel had always advised. ~~He~~
The navigator reported our location when we reached Holland and ~~warned~~ ^{gave the pt a course} the pilot ~~to~~
^{to avoid} about various heavy flak concentrations. We had a good navigator as well as pilot.
Our escort had to leave us, and about ten minutes after they left, the tail gunner
reported that four ~~fighters~~ fighters were coming up. He soon recognized them as
Germans, and I heard guns firing.. The pilot took violent evasive action, heading
atrigh for the ground and hitting almost 300 miles an hour. I seemed to be float-
ing in the air. The pilot told us to pull the emergency escape latches; we were
going to fight, but we might have to jump. We pulled out of the dive. The navi-

ATTACKED BY FIGHTERS

gator did not know whether to jump or not. The German fighters came in and ~~shot~~ ^{shot} poured everything into us. I was off interphone and turned around to see the engineer getting out of his turret. I gathered that the order to bail out had been given. The navigator started to jump but was stuck in the door. I gave him a healthy shove and followed him out quickly. I remembered hearing lectures about making a delayed jump, so I delayed pulling my rip cord. I saw the navigator's chute open, and I saw ~~a couple~~ more parachutes come out of the plane. The fighters were still making passes at the plane, and the pilot was evidently giving everyone a chance to get out. I think I saw seven parachutes in the air. Later I was told that 12 chutes fell and two German planes and ours. I opened my chute when I got near the clouds. The plane crashed in flames; I heard the explosion.

DELAYED JUMP AS BRIEFED

I asked them if whether they were "Dutch". They thought I said "Deutsch" - GERMAN, & they assured me that were not Germans. Air Crews should be told to ask the Dutch whether they are "Dutch".

I came down backward in a meadow, but I do not remember anything from a few seconds before I hit until I recovered consciousness while a couple of men carried me to a farmhouse. I could not see any cover in ~~the~~ sight for hiding. The people around me were trying to talk to me, but I could not understand what they were saying. ^{I gave one chirp my wings, hoping he might want to help me.} I remembered that I had heard in lectures on evasion that the

LANDED IN MEADOW

doctors in Holland were supposed to be trustworthy and helpful, so I started pointing to my leg, which was slightly wounded, and asking for a doctor. In a few minutes a doctor came to see how I was. He was smoking a Lucky, and I soon realized that he had seen some of my crew members. The doctor told me that he would like to help me but was unable. He also said that I better start running from the vicinity.

USED INFORMATION FROM LECTURES.

I ran for about half a mile until I was out of breath. Then I came to a bridge across a canal. I had been told that such bridges were guarded, so I walked away from it and up a gully. Two men came up to me on bicycles and motioned that I should ~~not~~ go the way I first started. ~~I crossed the bridge all right~~. I came to a brick house near the bridge. An old man in one part of the house was motioning for me to come in while an old lady in another part of the house motioned for me to get away. A girl rushed out of the house and told me to cross the bridge quickly and get away. While she was talking, people streamed toward me.

DIRECTED

I was afraid that all this commotion would attract the Germans' attention immediately

ly, so I tried to get them to go away. I had no success in dispersing them, but the girl told them to get away, and they seemed to listen to her.

While she was dispersing the crowd, I crossed the bridge and walked quite a distance to a solitary outbuilding in the fields toward which she had pointed. I figured that she sent me to this ~~place~~ isolated place so as not to endanger any of the farmers around the village. I walked in this out-building, a stable, and found three Dutch farmers in it. I was not certain whether they were all right, but I said, "Americano," and they jumped up excitedly and started talking. Two of them seemed to think I was all right; the third seemed unfriendly. Pretty soon another man came in, offered me food, and indicated that I should wait in the barn. At dark the old farmers left. I was given a jug of milk. The same man came back with another one, bringing civilian clothes. I was wearing English high top shoes which I had bought at the PX in England. I think I made a great mistake giving up my shoes then, for later I needed them badly, most of all when I crossed the Pyrenees. Furthermore, these shoes are much less noticeable than GI shoes and about as sturdy.

HELPED

MADE MISTAKE OF GIVING UP GOOD SHOES

JOURNEY ARRANGED

PYRENEES CROSSING

SAVE ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT!

From this place my journey was arranged.

We had a rough crossing of the Pyrenees. We had to carry an RAF man part of the way after he almost broke his leg, Sgt WIGGINS (E&E 327)/crossed on one leg. He had been wounded in the heel before he was shot down, and his heel was still in pretty bad shape. About all he was going on was sheer determination. My toes were bleeding, and I certainly missed a decent pair of shoes. I think air crews should be told to save as much of their escape equipment as they can for the Pyrenees crossings, especially the benzadrine tablets.

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Appendix B

1. The following information has been obtained in an interview with an officer who evaded capture by the enemy after being 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 11 November 1943 to 29 December 1943.

a. A Belgian told informant that the factory of the Locolomas Optical Co had been moved from Berlin to RHEINSBURG, toward the former Polish frontier. This move

was supposed to have taken place before the heavy bombing of Berlin. The factory was supposed to produce periscopes, bomb-sights, and other such delicate equipment. It was supposed to have some 6000 employees. At the place to which it was moved it was camouflaged in a forest, "in a deck of woods", as it was described to informant. Source of the information was a Belgian whose son is on forced labor in Germany and works in the factory. Source was particularly anxious to have informant report that the factory worked fourteen hours a day, from 0600 to 2000. Source also stated that the working conditions were terrible.

b. Most of the Belgians whom informant met seemed to think that the Germans would use gas. They seemed to think that gas was really the secret weapon ~~app~~ to which the Germans were referring when they boasted about their secret weapon which would destroy England. ~~Myth~~ Many reports about the use of gas came to informant from a restaurant in Brussels frequented by Luftwaffe men.

c. Belgians stated to informant that the Germans were boasting that the gas-masks which the English have will do them no good when the actual gas attack comes.

d. Informant was told that before the war the Germans had imported from the Dutch East Indies vast quantities of 2% nickel ore, a substandard grade for the extraction of ~~nickel~~. Out of this ore the Germans were supposed to have produced a new and deadly gas called "nickel carbonyl". Informant's source said that the Germans had produced vast quantities of this gas. They were supposed to have used it in the Spanish Civil War at a town informant calls GRADIUS and to have killed 10,000 people.

in November

e. Informant was told that there are two jamming stations in BRUSSELS, one of them located in the park opposite the royal palace. Source stated that King Leopold was at his summer palace, so that this jamming station could be bombed without danger to him.

f. In November informant saw over BRUSSELS a three motored bomber with a ring which he was told was a mine detecting device.

g. In November informant saw a lot of two engine transport planes which looked like Me 110's without the transparent nose.

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Appelant

Recit Muster 11 Nov. Before cross coast I had O2 trouble - that bleaching
out - gave dose emergency rich - oh. The Nav call pilot as something
my O2 - call pilot bleed out about time. I jumped y top. Seena
dignity at it. On ship 11 or 12 raids with it about. We not
want about - 15 raids in - 2 / merit. P say bit hard / too bad. Then
send letter. Woogy - We had good escort.

Dropped a lead bombardier - hit city
Rt after BB close had flash hit 3 times. We looking for fts.
RO call. I check bombs down. In 2 WES in floor commens. I call y TG, not
get him answer. At P say start leave formation. MG tell B short 2

I check long - low hold helmets next door.
green. I saw them. 4 can for us. To get low enough for boys survive

1000 m
wing as
Col P say
also advise
hit deck.

P-47 has to stay high.
P cut over on formation - took advantage of wing. Got is back.

10. - Our fts not stay with us long. Good work for P.
TG say c 10 mi after P-47 - Nav we just over Holland - telling P

alter course for flash - good Nav A fts y not know. Then
E - had good. P took warning cut in 15-16000' - both straight down

to ground - killer over 3000' - I floating in thin air. P say we you
pull escape hatch down - by ft first my jump. Then pull up. Nav not

one seen. Saw boy out I down I / P in fall. Nav is
squeeze out - I show him but when stuck - little piece of it delg.

Then I go - prob 10,000' - Became but we held chute. Saw N
pull chute. Then saw couple more chutes - fts still passing -

P going tonight at. Saw 25 plane aerb - not first that us.
Had later saw 12 chutes in air - 3 planes down - 2 Ps.

I think I saw T.
Pulled chute when thought was dead. Know plane crashed in floss -

had explosion - I saw one small plane in bomb hit. I hit near
Heusden - c 2 miles from Maas. Came down backward in mine gun

field - meadow - from mine before hit to farmhouse not remember of boy
man dugged in under each arm to farmhouse. Not tree, woods, or

cover in sight. T. fanged. Remember that Dr quickly - probably
hey ask for Dr. Tall man speak by & by school days. Dr up
sounded. Lucy - tells me friend of me. I think Dr y I in it hiding
TG bleeding about he took to hospital - died when aneurysm 4.

Wagon? Dr left. Women mentioned in road building. Drunk on fog, road.
with help of
but
cont.

Student 22 not go to school because to want go to school - cycles by
Bare his wings & a line about his good his help. Dr up - tells me it was 3
Off 1/2 mile running, out of breath - to canal - to bridge - afraid guided by
Dutch - up quickly. 2 men on bridge up, stop, no motion then more to go
another way. Cross canal near brick house. Old man motions in, old lady
any. Said about 23 was out. Tells cross bridge, quick - people come
flooding in - I not see any. He tells up then to get any.
He says here - I go to stable c 1000 yd away - in middle of field - firing
here in danger to farmers. 3 Dutch farmers in 1. - I not know whether
they in dead - not. 'Americas' - they gabble - I not see like, other
2. you bid in - (bottling) clay to whom gave wings. Offered food -
I give them in. Wait. (Joy)

At dark women on bridge with you & milk. Old farmer back to
house. You & another fellow come - Peter de Noo. Took Op & Ey
high top shoes - gave me wooden shoes - you per jacket: Off with
Peter & Jon - to Maas - into row boat - go to what Peter says.
Dross river - Apr to Heusden - to little hamlet by river - to in

lost house in left going any from river & Dordrecht.
Peter wears boots, tells to go - c 26, 3 bottles, 1/2 old man
patriots. Niets wife, pregnant - scared to death of D.
On Piet, barber. Old man has radio - I @ my point.
You just showed picture I sell in Dutch uniform. I with oldest.
Lad next door know who I was. You showed up next day. Say to
searching country up & not - not (think) cross river.

So I can practice day - warning people not to take me in.
Get maps from almanac of people next door. E Kithlens!
Jon & red man to Rotterdam - take Dutch s. - not seem in good form.
But to not use - people not worried. Oldest bottle brings in note - 'Do as

well, good class of help. Bizele. Not very quick if careful - must
man in brown tweed, cap in handkerchiefs - go with him. Be careful.
Old bottle takes me back Maas - go meet 3 men - 2 been in Dutch
any - on in dark brown leather coat, other in tweed - you're soldier.
Then older days c 35. Two in ahead - 1 behind. I stop - I about you
not know them.

Right things Dordrecht booch - A has - think through Tilburg - country
starts with wild - change guide - to another you day - student -
who left in hat. - Fred
So in 'young knight' - old man James for bus - painting - James

To place when eat supper - all musicians father, mother, girl with
 long brown hair 10 yds old - meets you people. All speak 2-3 lan-
 guages. Well educated.
 Ditched by another guide - tall fellow wears glasses - showed charts
 this found - thick I.S. Took me to place on roads - 2 young
 chys 22-6'1" black, thin, very chubs - Very bored about
 what things. Mept in black. Diffe by light. Went to V&V
 men in - has cap like 310 cap - black - in his equipment all black -
 good equipment. No pants. I ride on back of his gel. All clear
 ride across frontier. B3; with pistol on it had side when cross
 frontier; but tram - to Air Street. I follow tall older fellow
 through woods. To get here - 3-4 floor with Out of lead & 2
 dts - Lunch. Rooms full of souvenirs - escape photos, kits.
 Clear hot I ~~was~~ men through there.)
 Met thin faced man like communist - young chys, 25 whose cat had
 I come in - said medical student - I read you - real black
 hair - looks like droop:

Old girl's fiancé - Maurice take me to fishmarket - Maurice then
 & wife, 17 year old son. Distinct purple light on radio. ^{Maurice then} ^{young leaves}
 said he's a doctor. ^{and says}

Then scanned you man come in - all later to fight.
 Said and kept long cycle of words at time - but mind not know
 anything about it - at out Sunday mt. Good meal - cig. Then that
 night. ^{Maurice saw me again.}

My family - wife to girl - later, sewing, just had child.
 Is kind to Maurice's second boy. Speaks some English.
 Next night takes me by train to Schengen market, Arden - where
 wife & 2 dts live in houses - by in VIII Aug not see for 4 years.
 Had lived 21 yrs Eg - introduced code frontier houses of Belgium.
 Talks too much. - Bring a barber when I need hair cut.

3 weeks
 then
 boat for wife.

Keeping Cejus - friend of Maurice's - 2 lovely dts, one named
 to dr - They lived there - girl supposed to father's hair.
 Breuckman St - on No 93 at cab line - c black fun when ends -
 big chubs. ^{Don naturalized B. out of}

I first seen at his house - Big library.
 Got 9/12 - Maurice's policeman & Sartor took me to S - Sartor keeps
 on papers. Nurse, Mickey - former Prisoner & dresses my by couple of times

2 weeks

Then moved to Wiggen - whom I'd seen one before - friend of Mickey's -
 man at Muni-Gal Hospital - Yvonne.
 Man de Chateau - S's cousin - keeping lot of boys - Justice, Spies, & Stanford.

Apparently difficult is with bri - ^{total in} 2 guides rich - Boston thinks
everything.

B } I say one friend who son found under 1945 - factory burned just before
bombing. Located Optical Co - 6000 employees. From Berlin & Rheinberg, 100 km toward Polish.
frontier from Berlin - Camouflaged in forest - apparently in
necks of woods. Work 17 hrs - 0600 - 2000 Terrible working conditions -
Cages. Say friend in Dutch East Indies - source of nickel gas.

All Belgians seem think I am gas. - I think gas the secret weapon.
Le Son - false edition of part out by Boston - 'I did not ask
for this - Hitler & Ford. - but made best.

B } I bought up tons of 2% trucked out - had run process.
Nickel-carbonyl - new gas - said I made it? Killed 10,000
people.
Said I have large quantities of gas.
Ate in beautiful restaurant in Brussels - at which I was used in in -
learn lot of boasting about gas.

I say people in Belgium want paper @ starts fire.
I say gas masks by our law do them no good - but say little ma-
nards 2 years

C } People had 2 ts who say from NYC shot down -
said check on radio - 2 shot in head - Boston, Michy, Yvonne,
I - apparently fairly recent.

C } Said it happened all
I want report 'th Capt' (President of) called Canadian.

Sgt Wiggins & Lt Applewhite -
Yvonne 13 mi forest - nurse hospital - friend Michy ^{nurse} ~~was seen~~
I need to com - 220 Blvd Lambertmont, 1802 Av, Brussels III
maison de Chateau - with whom Justice at your - there on worked.
Lived in Strandberg Dis Rue de S -
Knew another nurse - Maggie. Alankon's there ahead
Boston takes to station meet guide - met brother - C took us to station.
& down to border.

Walked to town when ~~spotted~~ pilot - Sterling - Thunderbolt
Pilot. J. (Sib)

Jy has
stuffed about
524, opposite
to center
first in papers
big left
papers among
with woman
quitting
Belgian
down help
border.

Old fellow in Belgian Coy under Leguilet - of his values
mustache - wife

met guide - young girl - real pretty - through fields - over fences -
90 is - this young girl & young man.

To farmhouse - slept - sled - border patrol man in.
Walked to train - to little train into hills. Train to Paris - held up an
hour at Amiens - w. with girl - other 2 with her fiancé.

c 1900 Paris
Big fat man on metro - passed us - passed us outside - thought to see
picture - guide grabbed us.

To dressmaker, bottom floor - met old lady who this girl's mother.
black silk dress, very short 2 stagger days.
Woman c 40 white hair - said wife Marie capt said had
lived in Virginia or California.

'Boss' can see us - big man c 6' - broad shoulders - something wrong with
hip
Hard look is c 5 min walk - 6 floor got right opposite Utah bar,
picture show, fruit market - Old man in 60s, a dth 19, was
born from school for Christmas, 19, nephew 29, dark hair tall nice looking.

A day

Armand De Coonen Fittler by - friend dth & nephew; singer
(Wanted to tell he do things in capt of months. Sentenced to death.
1 dead of any of some thousands
to some)

A word to movie man.
White haired lady came today - metro - met 3 men - boss with them
One took us to home - met mother & wife - to station -
met guide in town in Paris - he took us over mtb.

Real burly - c 25 - had creased from German p/w camp -
Chang train at small station c 2 hrs out Paris. German Luftwaffe man near

met us. Saw when
got on train - saw burly
Chang train to Dax - got bicycles. Man in civilian clothes up - 'Oh! m.
speak Spanish
met by clay & Kent - 40 km to inn. Innt & next day.

To wai, crossed river Villa Franca on rope boat. Rod. Stopped
at home with children. Walked - met guide - sticks for 4 years.
Walked 6 hrs. Stopped with Beguer just over
left wiggin over on left by - lead black

left A both toes bleeding
by day we led to camp - about 10 hrs by
next morning. A his to sleep shed - at dark guide to place where people
not take us - to camp. To little of - walked red tracks -

To home a hr - met truck - 6 miles out. Had to take over coats - they none -
We supposed pass over bottle - to edge of town. To home - and -

Finally met a car - to San Sebastian - to restaurant. British would find
Bill has car - guide there to. New overcoats.

To Madrid by car. To Seville - boat to Gibraltar -
Both interrogated by little civilian - kind of wiggin.

(B) (A) Big on Me 110 plane around Brussels
Saw lot of 2-ey transports - look like Me 110 with no transport in.

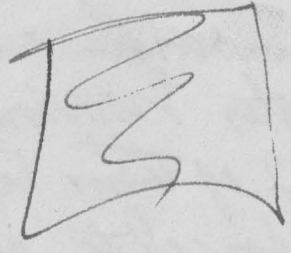
13 Saw 3 motor bombs with wings against axis.
Lungs - fuelage, on each wing. Brussels.

S. told (A) 2 jamming stations in Belgium - one in park opposite
Palace - Bomb & became Legated at jamming summer palace.

Suggests ask Out let if Keller Cars - not Dutch.

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(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: MUNSTER

MIA: 11 Nov 43
Arrived in UK:

548 385
(Squadron) (Group)

17-1-44 Nov. 17, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

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RD BOMBARDIER	0679171	2nd Lt	Thomas B. APPLEWHITE		Narrator
RADIO OPERATOR	31168613	T/Sgt	Nello A. MALAVASI	MIA P/W	
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BALL TURRET GUNNER	37108947	S/Sgt	Vernon L. MULVANEY	MIA KIA	
WAIST GUNNER	36502611	S/Sgt	William J. BLOESER	MIA P/W	
WAIST GUNNER	31163651	S/Sgt	Anthony T. BARCKETT	MIA P/W	
TAIL GUNNER	11100283	S/Sgt	Robert D. JOHNSON	MIA P/W	

Were you wounded?

Slight wound in left leg - wrenched hand.

over

our plane was attacked by 4 single engine fighters after dropping from formation. Our gunners destroyed 2 of them before the plane was disabled and we were forced to jump.

according to Dutch observers, all ten of the crew jumped and reached ground safely.

S/Sgt Robert D. Johnson died of loss of blood from a wound in lower chest in a Dutch hospital. the description given me by Dutch patriots could only fit him.

three of the crew were captured - one of them had a mustach (Sgt Barrett had a ~~very~~ small one - Lt. Snow had a long one, and the description of the prisoners seemed to suit him a bit better.)

T/Sgt. Nello Malavasi was in the hands of patriots and was to follow me across the border into Belgium. I was shown a picture from his "escape photo" package. He was in the home of a patriot who lived next to a "Quisling" Dutchman and the patriots were worried about getting him out of the town.

I met ^{2nd Lt.} Lloyd Starford in occupied Belgium and saw his name as having started across the Pyrenees. I think he is in Spain.

Starford is from my group in England (385th).

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *0-679171 2nd Lt. Thomas B. Appenhit, Jr.*
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Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must 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? *no*
(b) If not, had you one on you? *no*
(c) If not, why had you no aids box? *Yes - fell out when Belgians helped*
(d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use? *the first.*
Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights," etc.

Horlicks tablets.

Chocolate.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass.

- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
If so, in what respect?

- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? *Hidden by helpers*

- (g) 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? *Hidden by patriots. Couldn't carry things with me for fear of being searched. IF compass could be Dis-vised it would be of help. (tell men to get an aspirin box & keep Benzadrine for crossing the mountains)*

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse?
If so, state COLOR.
If NOT, State why not.

- (b) Did you use the purse?

- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?
Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.

Maps. Which ones?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money?

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+) ~~COMPASS~~
(+Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

I used the following
(a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?
If you used any of them state briefly WHEN and WHERE.

Round compass.

Stud compass.

Swinger compass.

Fly-button compass.

Pencil clip compass.

Tunic button compass.

Pipe compass.

Pouch

Special flying boots (and knife)

(b) Were they satisfactory?

(c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions,
which would improve the above equipment?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs?
If so, how many?

(b) Did you use them?
State how.

5. LECTURES

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

(b) Did you find the lectures of value?

*white hair
1hd Co-Pm
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and SP*

*MAIN THING: DON'T BE NOSEY.
DON'T ASK QUESTIONS OR NAMES.*

yes!!! The Lt. who lectured our groups had spent a month in prison in Spain and had emphasized the necessity not to "relax" after crossing mountains and do not asking ones quite any questions while in occupied Europe.

~~COMPASS~~

Had one but didn't need to use it.

wish had had one

wish I had owned a pair.

I am very sorry I didn't have "escape boots" or pencil clip compass. All fittings show almost no wear.

Worthless! Wrong size and ill posed. you should try to look neat in them, with hair combed and a "grim" look.

Robinson, England and at my base. Lectures at base was by an "evader" captured by Spanish.

4. Passport-size Photographs

- (a) Did you carry passport-size photographs. Yes, 6.
- (b) Did you use them? No, they were worthless. They were the wrong size and ill posed. You should try to look neat in them with hair combed and a "prim" look.

5. Lectures

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? Yes, at Bovingdon and at my base. At my base I heard lectures by an evader who had been captured by the Spaniards, a co-pilot in a group of five who visited our unit.

(b) Did you find the lectures of value? Yes, tremendous. The main thing I learned was: Don't be nosy, don't ask too many questions or names.

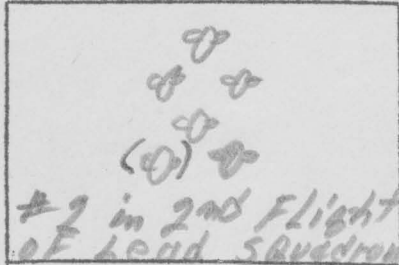
The lieutenant who lectured our group had spent a month in Spain and had emphasized the necessity not to "relax" after crossing the Pyrenees and not to ask the guides any questions while you were in occupied Europe.

6. GI Shoes: Wore high-top English makes shoes which I had bought at the PX. Unfortunat~~al~~ I gave them up when I was first given civilian clothes. I think it is a great mistake not to keep the shoes.

7. Suggestions: Air crews should be briefed to ask the Dutch people ^{whether} ~~if~~ they are "Netherlanders" or "Nederlander", not whether they are Dutch. If you ask them whether they are Dutch, they think you are saying Deutsch---meaning Germans.

NAME Applewhite, Thomas B. RANK 2nd Lt. ASN 0-679171 REPORT NO. _____

SQ 548 GROUP 385 A/C NO. 717 Letter G Load 5000# Date Nov. 11, '43



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing:

Enemy Fighter Tactics: Four Attacked From rear at same time.
Markings: made 2 or 3 "passes".

Our Tactics: Violent dive by our plane, which was ^{not} in formation

Our Fighter Support: P-47's
Four gave us cover until reached Holland.
Our pilot had fired distress flares when left formation.

Flak

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
approx 1300 AM	Münster	at least 3 hits on our Aircraft.

Technical Failures

Motors:

Armor:

Armament:

Miscellaneous:

Oxygen supply very faulty in "Rose". Nav. & Bomb. had to use emergency system for a few seconds at a time to prevent "blacking out". System in rear was shot out by Flak over target.

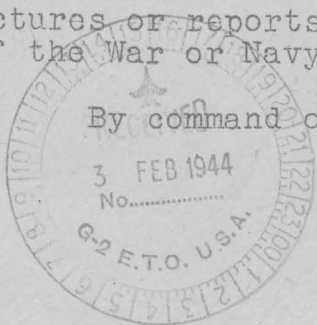
I don't know what caused our trouble on way in to target. The diagram seemed to be sticking & nav. and my self had to use "emergency rick" 2 or 3 times for a few seconds before target. System for waist & tail was shot out over target.

SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

TO : Personnel concerned.

1. It is the duty of all Americans to safeguard information which might, either directly or indirectly, be useful to the enemy.
2. It is an offense, carrying heavy penalties, to publish or to communicate to any unauthorized person any information which might be useful to the enemy.
3. 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.
4. 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:
 - (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. 4a.
- e. No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of the War or Navy Department.

By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:



(signed) RALPH PULSIFER,
Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

CERTIFICATE

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 American Military Attache to whom I first report, or an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) Thomas B. Applewhite Signed Thomas B. Applewhite
 Rank 2nd Lt. A.S.N. 0-6 7917 Date 1-11-43
 Unit 548th Inf. 385th Div. Witness W. J. Smith
Col. G.S.C.

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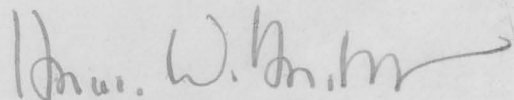
11 January 1944

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : Personnel named below.

2nd Lieut. THOMAS B. APPLEWHITE, O-679171, 385th Bm.Grp.
2nd Lieut. JOHN K. HURST, O-679307, 390th Bm.Grp.
Tech Sgt. THELMA B. WIGGINS, Jr., 34357189, 305th Bm.Grp.
Staff Sgt. ELTON F. KEVIL, 38229125, 305th Bm.Grp.

having reported at this station on 11 January 1944, you are placed on temporary duty this office. Upon completion of this temporary duty you will proceed by first available transportation to LONDON, ENGLAND, where you will report without delay to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, U.S. Army. Under authority of WD Cablegram Number 45, 4 February 1943, in lieu of subsistence, a flat per diem of \$6.00 is authorized while traveling on official business (except by belligerent or government vessel) and while on temporary duty this station, in accordance with existing law and regulations. TDN FSA 1-5600 P 432-02 A 0425-24.



HORACE W. FORSTER,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Mil. Lia. Officer.

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Personnel concerned
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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

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

KLS/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;
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.

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CERTIFICATE

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Name (Print) _____

Rank _____

Unit _____

Thomas B. Applewhite, Jr.
2nd Lt. A. S. N. D-679171
548th Sq. 385th Gp.

Signed _____

Dated _____

Witness _____

Thomas B. Applewhite, Jr.
18.1.44
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