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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

TARGET: LUDWIGSHAFEN

HERSHKOWITZ SAUL 2ND LT 0-809604

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Date mission in action: 12/30/44

5 (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: 9/6/44

351st (Squadron) 100 (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT FRANCIS P. SMITH

BAILED OUT ?

R+D CO-PILOT JAMES LAW 2029

" ?

R+D NAVIGATOR Navigator R+D

R+D BOMBARDIER CLYDE MANION R+D 577

PASSED SPANISH FRONTIER

R+D RADIO OPERATOR JOHN SWENSON - 726

MARQUIS TOLD ME

R+D TOP TURRET GUNNER JOHN AMERY R+D 469 BAILED OUT ?

R+D BALL TURRET GUNNER ALVIN LITTLE 850

BROKE SMALL BONE IN ANKLE. STAYED IN PARIS

R+D WAIST GUNNER JOHN RUNCLE R+D 567

PASSED SPANISH FRONTIER

R+D WAIST GUNNER CONRAD STUMPFIG R+D 576 MARQUIS TOLD ME

R+D TAIL GUNNER WILLIAM WERTZ R+D 568

Decorations: NONE

Date of Birth: JAN. 3, 1917

Private Address: 5524 BLACK STREET - PITTSBURGH PA

Length of Service: 2 YRS

Job as Civilian: POSTAL CLERK

From what field did you take off? Take off time. THORPE ABBOT 8 AM

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? YES

Were you wounded? Give details. FROZEN TOES CROSSING THE PYRENEES MOUNTAINS

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? ORGANIZATION PAID 6000 FRANKS PER MAN

Do you speak FRENCH? SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE?

A LITTLE Did you have identity papers? YES

(over)

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? *No*

Date of arrival in Spain: *NONE*

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: *NONE*

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. *NORTH OF PAU FRANCE*
SEPT 6, 1944 BY AIR

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

2ND LT. FRANCIS P. SMITH
" " JAMES LAW

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

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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-989 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 supersedes letter, AG 383.6 (6 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) SAUL HERSHKOWITZ
Rank 2ND LT A. S. N. 0-809604
Unit 100th BM GP 351st S&D

Signed Saul Herskowitz
Dated October 2, 1944
Witness Walter C. Smith Capt USG

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

HERSHKOWITZ SAUL 2ND LT 0-509604
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

OCTOBER 2, 1944
(Date)

100th AM GP 351st SQD
(Unit)

<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>	<u>PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
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. DEC. 30, 1943

1:45 PM. THE ARDENNES IN FRANCE NEAR CHALLENGE

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

BOMB BAY ON FIRE. NO. 4 ENGINE BADLY HIT

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 21000 FT.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? NO

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

I BELIEVE SO

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? DID NOT SEE PLANE HIT THE GROUND

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

YES ALL BUT PILOT, COPILOT & ENGINEER

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 names 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?

AT LEAST 5 GOT THROUGH TO SPAIN. DONOT KNOW

ABOUT OTHERS

APPENDIX "B" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

List all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest 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.,.....)

I noticed Air Fields at Toulouse and Tarbes. The Germans had about 500 to 1000 troops at Tarbes in a large barracks which would have made an ideal target. While in Tarbes the R.A.F. bombed the air field and did a good job on it. In Toulouse the Americans bombed a highway near the air field thinking it was a runway but they plastered the air field also.

The French were anxiously awaiting the invasion. There were many magis among the police of Tarbes. The Germans morale was divided. They tried to bluff us with their secret weapons. One went so far as to say that they had a rocket gun which would hit N.Y. but we laughed it off. It seemed as if they were trying to convince themselves that they still had a chance to win the war. The older soldiers seemed tired of war and one admitted to me that he thought it would be over by Christmas.