9 April 1943.

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: Personnel concerned. TO

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(2) The method by which you escaped or evaded.

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(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, period-

icals or in broadcasts or in lectures.

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- 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 ANDRE'S:

Colonel, AGD, Adjutant General.

CERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

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Name (Print) Joseph

Signed

Date

Witness .

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Rank /591 A.S.N. 33284596	Date 11-10-43
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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

- Full Name, Rank and Serial No. Joseph M. Aquino /sgt. 33284596
- Air medal Decorations.

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- Unit or Squadron, 335 Sq 95 5 Grio. 3.
- Division (Army) or Group. RAF 40
- Date of Birth. Aug. 18, 1920 5.
- Private Address. 822. 2nd am BEAver FAlls, Penna.
- 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? Target was mean murch (Ragensbury) took Il from Horham, Eng. affine 7Am. Went down in Belgium, near Centwerk, mor Bourse o of ang. 17, 1943
- What was your position in aircraft? This Gunney
- Left tright Lea Were you wounded? Yes 10.
- Did you pay your guides? If so how much? (org.) 11.
- Do you speak French? Spanish? Little Count deal of Italian) 12.
- Did you have Identity Papers? False Card 13.
- 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? Br. INT. IN Gib. YES,
- Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? NO 15.
- 16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when?
 yes, Madvid, + 6.6. Nov. 8,1943 + Nov. 11, 1943
- Date of arrival in Spain. oct. 5, 1942 17.
- 18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar, Nov. 10, 1943
- Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. by dir from 616 19. Nov. 19, 1943
- Place and date of arrival in U.K. Armived Bristol Nov. 29, 1943

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NAME Loseph M. Aquino RANK /sgt. ASN 33284596 REPORT NO.
SQ335 GROUP 95 A/C NO. 0176 Letter B Load 500 16 Date Aug. 17,19 4
Position in formation. Make Diagram
Observed results of Bombing: NO, Target wasn't redched
Enemy Fighter Tactics: Head-on effects (German markings) Markings: Head-on effects Swartika Swartika
Our Tactics: Evasive action
Our Fighter Support: Very Good (P47's)
Approx. 10 AM. coast of Belgion Heavy
Technical Failures
Motors:
Armont: To my Knowledge None
AND COLOR OF THE PROPERTY OF T
Fighter Cannon shell exploded in radio room setting no cifire
Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:
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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.	F
No., Rank, Name:- South W. Come 5/884	533
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	
AIDS BOX	of His
AIDS BOX (a) Did you use your aids box? Yes, during Airst 48hvs (b) If not had you one on you?	
(b) If not, had you one on you?	
(c) If not, why had you no aids box?	
(d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.	
(i) Horlicks tablets. Yes (ii) Chocolate Yes	
(iii) Milk (tube). /vo	
(iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue) No.	
(v) Halazone tablets (water purifier). Yes	
(vi) Matches. Yes	
(vii) Adhesive tape. Yes	
(viii) Chewing gum. Xes:	
(ix) Water bottle.	
(x) Compass yes.	
(e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect? Items satisfactory? (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? buried in gro	d
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- 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?

PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? Wes only loose Coglish Curry,
 If so, state COLOR. Brown
 If NOT, state why not. Here Carry for the state why not. missions
- (b) Did you use the purse? Wes To Organization
 - 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.
 - (i) Maps. Which ones? Wo
 - (ii) Compass. Yes

(iii) File (hacksaw). NO

		(iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. How did you spend the money. How did you dispose of:
	(d)	How did you dispose of:
		Maps. burned
		Compass. in viver
		File. (hacksaw). VIVEY
		Surplus currency. OVS.
3.	AIDS (+Is	TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+) sued separately from aids boxes and purses.)
		Did you carry or wear any of the following? If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE
		(i) Round compass. Hes the woods
		(ii) Stud compass. No
		(iii) Swinger compass. //
		(iv) Fly-button compass. 100
		(v) Pencil clip compass.
		(vi) Tunic button compass. No
		(vii) Pipe compass. Ad
		(viii) Pouch NO
		(ix) Special flying boots (and knife). Wo
	(b)	Were they satisfactory? Yes
	(c)	which would improve the above equipment?
4.	PASS	
	(a)	Did you carry passport-size photographs? yes, one but then If so, how many?
		Did you use them? Yes, on Folse Pass Port Also State how. Could have used Another would Advise THRES It was at least
5.	LEC	TURES others to carry of At Least.
	(a)	Were you lectured on evasion and escape? Yes, in Herham by State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.
	(b)	Did you find the lectures of value? yes - very
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		and hidring in mediately or gettingow of the areax
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MOST SECRET APPENDIX "B". The following information has been obtained from our interview with after capture by the enemy/evaded capture by the enemy after being in enemy/enemy occupied territory. de full operat Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so it is important not to divulge any particulars of source. Statement of information covering period from lung 17, 1943

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59t. Aquino lauded on 17 August 1843 one mile forom ZOERSEL (6 kma N of PULDERBOSCH, which is 17 kms. due E of ANTWERP). him, and that night, the him do a house in PULDERBOSCH where he stayed for two days. Le was then taken an a biegele into ANTWERP where, after spending two nights in one house, he was taken to 5 RUE ST. JOSEPH. The son of the family here kept to A quino for three days (the father of the family being entirely unaware of his presence) and them table him do BRUSSELS where he termed him over to a their, grey-haved man, 5'7" tall who is a British I.O. This man took Aquino to a house in Brussels where he remained for three weeks. Leve his plustograph was taken, and a mon (240 lbs., 35 years old, black hair) procured are identify earl for Aquino from a folice yours. friend on the Belgian police force. On to 17 September a young mon took called for Aquino and took time to a house where he found Hooker. From this point his story is the same as Hookers.

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E & E REPORT NO.227

11-21-43

S/Sgt 33284596 (Rank) (AS Joseph M. AQUINO

335 Bomb (H)

95 Bomb (H)

AGE: Z3.
LENGTH OF SERVICE HOME ADDRESS:

MIA: 17 August 1943 Arrived in Gibraltar: Nov. 10, 194

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB) Narrators John L. BUNBERG Disposition Disposition 0-735467 1st Lt. John P. MOYER P/W) CO-PILOT 0-740882 2d Lt MIA 0-674228 2d Lt William K. McNATT MIA) 0-738951 2d Lt Claude F. LIVINGSTON P/U) MIA . Anthony L. CARLONE OR Plan MIA People That he was.

Lester E. SCHWAB NO INF. MAN Plan Wedr myself. 31119120 T/Sgt TOP TURRET GUNNER 36330057 T/Sgt Vermerso L. DAVIES - Known tame as P/W 39603275 S/Sgt 37272514 S/Sgt E&E REPORT NO. 94 Leroy A. FUNK Franklin G. BARRETT - Known Make ne ds /w WAIST GUNNER 35374757 S/Sgt Joseph A AQUINO TAIL GUNNER 33284596 S/Sgt NARRATOR

YES, slight injuries by schrapnels in Left Leg. + From Jump (Recieved Med. treatment)

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10 December 1943

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EVASION IN FRANCE Belguin

Joseph M AQUINO, S/Sgt, 33284596 335 Bomb Squadron (H), 95 Bomb Group (H)

AGE: LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 4/12 years

HOME ADDRESS:

23 years

822 Second Avenue

BEAVER FALLS, Pennsylvania

MIA: 17 August 1943 Arrived in Spain: 5 October 1943 Arrived in Gibraltar:

10 November 1943

Arrived in UK:

20 November 1943

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT	0-735467	1st Lt	John L SUNDBERG	P/W
CO-PILOT	0-740882	2d Lt	John P MOYER	P/W
NAVIGATOR	0-674228	2d Lt	William K McNATT	MIA
BOMBARDIER	0-738951	2d Lt	Claude F LIVINGSTON	P/W
RADIO OPERATOR	31119120	T/Sgt	Anthony L CARLONE	MIA
TOP TURRET GUNNER	36330057	T/Sgt	Lester E SCHWAB	P/W
BALL TURRET GUNNER	39603275	S/Sgt	Vermerso L DAVIES	P/W
WAIST GUNNER	37272514	S/Sgt	Leroy A FUNK	E & E RPT NO 94
WAIST GUNNER	35374757	S/Sgt	Franklin G BARRETT	P/W
TAIL GUNNER	33284596	S/Sgt	Joseph M AQUINO	NARRATOR

FIGHTER ATTACK; AIRCRAFT ON FIRE

DELAYED JUMP

After we got over the Belgian coast we encountered flak and then head-on fighter attacks. A 20-mm exploded in the radio room, setting it on fire. Sgt CARLONE called over the inter-com that he could not put it out. I continued firing until three chutes appeared behind the ship and then I crawled into the waist. Sgt BARRETT was just jumping from the waist door. There was no one in sight. The radio room was in flames so I baled out from the tail around 15,000 feet. I delayed my jump down to 7,000 feet, judging my height by ground objects. After leaving the aircraft I was in a tumbling spin but straightened out my fall by pulling my legs in together.

When my chute opened, I saw another one closer to the ground. People on bicycles and others running were approaching my landing point. I expected capture but tried to quide my chute away from the people.

SURROUNDED BY BELGIANS

I landed in a clearing in a wood and lay stunned for a moment. Several people reached me while I was getting to my feet but no one touched me. One of them asked if I were American erdEnglish and when I nodded, they seemed pleased. Almost fifteen gathered while I was

HIDDEN FROM GERMAN SEARCH taking off my chute and two farmers led me to a house about 200 yards away. The people who lived in the house were with us and I gave them all of my flying equipment. It had not taken more than four minutes from the mement I reached the ground until I was inside the house. I had not been there more than five minutes when a girl who spoke some English told me to follow her. She said the Germans were searching the area and took me into a wood, not leaving me until I was well hidden. reopie on bicycles and others running were app

NEAR ANTWERP

FIGHTER ATTACK;

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Lt Col, AC

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10 December 1943

APPENDIX "B" TO E & E REPORT NO. 227

- 1. The following information has been obtained after an interview with a sergeant 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 particulars about the source.

Statement of information covering period from 17 August 1943 to 4 October 1943

- a. Saw a German airfield four miles south of BRUSSELS on the main road leading toward the French border. It is near the EVRE cemetery. This field was bombed in September and evader heard that 800 Germans were killed. The main barrack section was destroyed. On 15 September there were no planes on the field although the runways looked undamaged. (Observation and Hearsay September 1943)
- b. Evader passed an airfield in ANTWERP which had been bombed in mid-September. It appeared to be badly damaged and the field not in use.
- c. At the end of September evader passed an airfield at LILLE which seemed to be in full operation. He saw seven ME 109's at this field and thought he saw bomb craters near the runways.
- d. At BAYONNE evader saw a training field with approximately fifty "parasol" type aircraft. These planes, he thought, were similar to the Stimson or "Steerman."
- e. The anti-aircraft fire seen by the evader while in the southern suburbs of PARIS was 88 mm.
- f. Observed formations of JU 88's in elements of 3 and 6 in a group flying over BRUSSELS A squadron of FW 190's maneuvered against this JU formation using tactics similar to those evader experienced in OTU (combat tactis). (Observation August)
 - g. Observed results of railway bombing in southern PARIS suburbs by B-26's at end of September. Results poor. Two trolleys filled with civilians received direct hits.

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