

19 October 1942

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  - (2) The method by which you escaped or evaded.
  - (3) The route you followed.
  - (4) Any other facts concerning your experience.
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- d. You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4a.
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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.

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Name(Print) ELEN F. RANSON Signed [Signature]  
 Rank 2nd Lt. A.S.N. 0-735449 Date 28-10-43  
 Unit 95th Bomb Group 335th Sq. W. Witness [Signature]

AG 383.6

Hq ETOUSA

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Rank 2ND. LT. ASN D-735449 Date 30-10-43

Unit 95th Bomb Group 335th AGN Witness *Walter C. Smith Capt AGC*

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SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH  
MIS (X)

HEADQUARTERS  
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.  
ELEN F. RANSOM - 2ND LT. 0-735449
2. Decorations.  
AIR MEDAL - 30. LG CLUSTERS - D.F.C.
3. Unit or Squadron.  
335
4. Division (Army) or Group.  
9524
5. Date of Birth.  
5-7-20
6. Length of Service.  
2 YRS
7. Private Address.  
MUNDELEIN, ILLINOIS
8. If in A.F., on what operation were you engaged? State place, date, SEWEN  
and time of departure. Where and when did you come down? SE 9th  
Were aircraft and all instruments and papers destroyed?  
STUTTGART RAID - SEPT. 6, 43 - DAWN - GRANDELAIN, FRANCE  
9:30 A.M. - AIRCRAFT CRASHED AND WAS HIDDEN BY FRENCH.  
Rec'd by friend
9. What was your position in aircraft?  
PILOT
10. Were you wounded?  
YES
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much?  
NO
12. Do you speak French? Spanish?  
NO NO
13. Did you have Identity Papers?  
NO
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 exper-  
iences. Where and when?  
YES - GIBRALTAR - DETAILS AS TO ORGANIZATIONS  
WHICH HELPED ME. 28-10-43 - TO BRITISH CAPTAIN.
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 - BARC-ENG. (BARCELON) - GIB - MADRID  
AMER
17. Date of arrival in Spain.  
13-10-43
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar.  
27-10-43
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.  
GIB - 29-10-43 - AIR
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K.  
PORT-REATH - 29-10-43



On way into hgt + the prop. gears jammed out of orbit of the eng -  
sketch falling back in further because climbing - dropped into b  
couldnt make it with prop even overrunning engines -

Turned back + attacked by 2 FW which we shot down by TTB  
+ HWB - about 2 mins later attacked by 35 to 40 fighters -  
pushed out the 2 engines + the engine - firing well -  
saw three fighters explode + 2 bailout - One FW knocked  
left wing tip off - gave orders to BO - set in AFCE -  
all time descending - at 10,000 ft. Left seat + went into  
nose + made sure wings out of nose + went to tail  
hatch + BO's - all new out of gear - I jumped, fell into  
sitting position in back - gear broke in half - out at 8,000 -  
opened at 1500 ft - intentional dived jump - easy to  
judge height of jump - hit in plowed field - pulled  
chute to net + talked to trees because FW's were buzzing around 1/2  
mile away - took off chute beneath trees - I was 1/2 mile  
from small village + all came out to meet me - Grandelaine -  
one woman helped me - asked if anyone could help + one man said,  
in Eng., "follow me" - job of jobbing - Took me approx. 3/4  
mile to edge of clearing in woods - on way asked if he could  
help me get to Spain, said yes, by 12 days away -

He left me with a bag he had brot with him & said  
would be back with food - at noon - <sup>10:30</sup> - He  
retund at 11:30 with stew - He brot food & clothes -  
had m ~~to~~ Monk shoes (mudde) - Tel me keep them - Told  
me then one of my friends found & wold join us in apt -  
Just before dark went to barn in village & met Sgt. Kroetz &  
Brot us more food - A young woman who spoke very  
good English said we shld stay in barn overnite  
fall night & we were very safe because no  
Germans near that town - Germans woudnt  
to come into woods ~~the~~ when we hid becas so many  
belled - Stayed unevellfully in barn overnite & met  
day - next night this man brot a man and said  
we shld go with him to Engish girls house - followed him  
there - stayd here - village 2 miles away - girl named  
Marie - said they were De Guallists Resistance group -  
Her father was tax collector in this town - The man put out  
much info - ~~He was~~ stayd til 9th am before dew we were  
piked up in bakery trucks & taken to Ste Erme & put in  
house across from R.R. station - M. Chapelet, miller -  
Big nasty party in this town - already in house were  
Sgt. Delvento, Houser, Cox, Peacock - as soon as we  
arr. Cox & Peacock to another house & then started  
worrying about pictures - snaps with kodak - out way  
twice - had photograh with holcamera to take them &  
on 13th the son of chapelet (18) sent to Paris with photos  
to get our papers - On the 15th he phoned he was  
having diffelty so his father went in & on 16th

For stand with papers + on aft of 16<sup>th</sup> soon took Hauser,  
Delvento + I to PARIS - He had bought tickets in train  
on way there in a.m. to Paris & in St. Erme had  
not tickets to home + gave us instructions to throw  
away tickets at home - At station in Paris met by  
Chapalot & veiled woman who was to be guide from  
there on - Hauser had midnight ticket & headed in Metro  
tunnel & got away with it - She took us to the Eng Sphery  
Widow's house and met Sgt Scott - ~~Hauser~~ Hauser taken  
by blonde girl & Delvento + I stayed at widow's house x  
Next a.m. the blonde came to take us (D&D) to park  
where met by blonde's son, Hauser + RAFSgt Pierce x  
Taken on suburban train to jewelry + taken to garage  
of Maurice Badand - Hauser + Delvento taken to Am  
Woman's house & Pierce & I to back room of a  
little cafe - we ate at Garage - Two other Auss  
in town I met Lt. Bomber + Sgt I there til 30 Sept -  
Both in quest, Mme Badand took us to PARIS - Maurice had gone  
in in a.m. + we were met at metro stn by Maurice +  
blonde + she took us to park - intended to Guides  
Guides took us to station - on train to FOIX - got  
off at PAMBERS - taken on bus to small town + walked

Both  
in quest,  
2 of my  
men  
one  
had escaped  
from the  
P/Av camp  
had key -



to a barn in mts - no difficulty on train with papers -  
One machine taken on train - ppis checked at Orthez -  
Mudie was to meet us that night but got to barn &  
last who crop still there - now had **B** <sup>RAF</sup> **A** <sup>RAF</sup>  
Falkner, Scott, Weyner, RAF Macanley - Pierre Raf -  
Winters, Hausen + Delvento, Finck,

crossed into Andorra 7<sup>th</sup> Oct - In Andorra didn't  
go to city - stopped at Hotel in 2<sup>d</sup> largest town - after 2 days  
a man said we would have to walk all night - not  
safe for counsel to come up - would have to wait 2  
days to get train to Barcelona - walked from  
7<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> to Maurea - train to Barcelona  
Brit. Sub -  
arr - am. 14<sup>th</sup> Barcelona  
left Barcelona 21<sup>st</sup>  
left Madrid - 26<sup>th</sup>

My own factors were to get out woods if I could  
be understood -

SECRET  
EQUALS BRITISH

MOST SECRET

APPENDIX "B".  
MIS(X).....

The following information has been obtained from our interview with  
ELEN F. RANSOM 2ND LT. A.C. (D-735449.....) who escaped  
after capture by the enemy/evaded capture by the enemy after being  
in enemy/enemy occupied territory.

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 SEPT. 6, 1943.  
to SEPT. 14, 1943.

*New scale maps*

- HEAR - PERSONEL AND EQUIPMENT FROM LE BOURGET AND ABBEVILLE MOVED TO POSITIONS NEAR SOISSON. CAN SHOW ON MAP. *check after noon foundy*
- P.ob. - <sup>LARGE</sup> FOUNDRY TURNING OUT HEAVY EQUIPMENT, NEAR LAON. *for or level between junction of which changed train could see heavy tank parts*
- HEAR - AMMUNITION DUMP IN TUNNEL ON ABANDONED RAILWAY NEAR LAON ~~XXXX~~
- P.ob. - GERMAN TROOPS will not go into wooded AREAS EXCEPT when in force of 25-50. To CAPTURE ONE man in small wooded AREA they used 50 troops and 2 AIRCRAFT. *heresay Imbalat's claim to have killed over 300 in woods a walking solo*
- P.ob. - PICKING UP FRENCH OFFICERS, ALL OVER FRANCE.
- P.ob. - FRENCH MORAL VERY HIGH, WANT INVASION NOW. FRENCH REBELDION MOVEMENT HIGHLY ORGANIZED IN PARIS AREA, OFFICERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AND THEY HAVE SOME ARMS AND AMMU.
- P.ob. - TROOP MOVEMENTS IN AND THRU STE. ERME. LARGE No. of troop TRAINS MOVING NORTHWARD. TANKS (APPARENTLY NEW) WERE OBS, TOO. 2-3 TRAINLOADS OF TANKS DAILY. TROOPS WERE NOT MECHANIZED EQUIR CONSISTED OF (MAINLY) HORSES + WAGONS.
- P.ob. - AIRPORT AT JUVISY. - TRAINING & OPERATIONAL - 200-300 AIRCRAFT. *with engine parts*
- P.ob. - GERMAN SOLDIERS WANT TO GO HOME - MORALE SEEMINGLY quite low.

Raf 90% of Police pro-ally People in France trusted 1 out of 60 .....

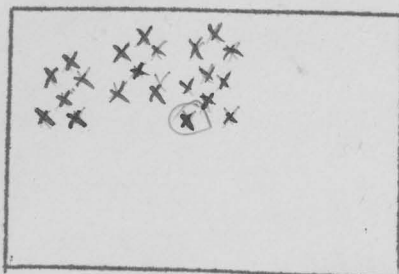
MIS(X).

~~\*~~ would like to see point on large scale maps



NAME EILEEN F. RANSOM RANK IND HT. ASN 0-735449 REPORT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SQ 335 GROUP 95 A/C NO. 323271 Letter R Load 10500 Date SEPT. 6-43



Position in formation.  
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing: ~~At~~ Bombs salvaged

~~FRENCH REPORTED BOMBS FROM AIRCRAFT FELL ON AIRFIELD  
IN FRANCE,~~

Enemy Fighter Tactics: MASS ATTACKS.

Markings: FW + ME. - USUAL

Our Tactics:

*Normal*  
~~SHOOT~~ EVASIVE ACTION

Our Fighter Support: NONE

Flak

Time

Place

Quality

NONE

Technical Failures

Motors:

'PROP' Governor on #3 ENGINE - UNABLE TO FEATHER;  
*gave out;*  
*forced plane out of operation.*

Armor:

Armament:

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

DID YOU BACK OUT, No. —

DID YOU USE BAIL OUT BOTTLE  
No. —

## APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 0-735449 2ND LT. GLEN F. RANSOM  
 Unit:- 95TH BOMB GRP. 335TH Sqdn.

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?  
 YES
- (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. — AS NEEDED
- (ii) Chocolate — YES
- (iii) Milk (tube). — NO
- (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue) — NO
- (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier). — NO
- (vi) Matches. — YES - CIGARETTES
- (vii) Adhesive tape. — YES - BLISTERS
- (viii) Chewing gum. — YES
- (ix) Water bottle. — YES
- (x) Compass — NO YES - SOUVENERS
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect?  
 NO
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? French Took
- (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?  
 NO

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? YES souvenir  
 If so, state COLOR. MK II  
 If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse?  
YES
- (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.
- (i) Maps. Which ones? — NO FRANCE
- (ii) Compass. — SOUVENERS Gave to French

- (iii) File (hacksaw).
- (iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.  
How did you spend the money.  
*2000 FR. - 1500 FR ORGANIZATION PARIS*
- (d) How did you dispose of:- *500 FR. CIGARETTES - ANDORRA*
- Maps. *GAVE TO FRENCH PEOPLE WHO AIDED ME*
- Compass. *✓*
- File (hacksaw). *✓*
- Surplus currency. *NONE*

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

- (a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?  
If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE
- (i) Round compass. *No*
- (ii) Stud compass. *No*
- (iii) Swinger compass. *No*
- (iv) Fly-button compass. *No*
- (v) Pencil clip compass. *No*
- (vi) Tunic button compass. *No*
- (vii) Pipe compass. *No*
- (viii) Pouch *No*
- (ix) Special flying boots (and knife). *No*
- (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? *No*
- (b) Did you use them? *left behind at BASE*  
State how.

5. LECTURES

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape?  
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.  
*YES - By BRITISH AND AMERICAN EVADERS. ESCAPEES.*
- (b) Did you find the lectures of value?  
*YES.*



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

E & E REPORT NO. 163  
EVASION IN FRANCE

30-10-43  
(Date)

Glen F RANSON, 2d Lt, O-735449  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

355 95  
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 23  
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 2 YRS.  
HOME ADDRESS: P.O. Box #542  
MUNDELEIN ILLINOIS

MTA: 6 September 1943  
Arrived in Spain: 13-10-43  
Arrived in Gibraltar: 27-10-43  
Arrived in UK: 29-10-43  
PORT REITH

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

		Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-729480 1st Lt Keith W. MURRAY	RTD	MIA - NO INFO
CO-PILOT	0-735449 2d Lt Glen F RANSON		NARRATOR
NAVIGATOR	0-672324 2d Lt Thomas M CALDWELL		MIA - REPORTED PW.
BOMBARDIER	0-795229 2d Lt Hubert C. GAGE		MIA NO INFO
RADIO OPERATOR	36355163 T/Sgt Ralph E HOUSER	RTD	MADRID - OCT. 27
TOP TURRET GUNNER	32385488 T/Sgt Charles P PEACOCK		MIA - PARIS - SEPT. 26
BALL TURRET GUNNER	39252202 S/Sgt John W. BEACHAM		MIA - <del>NO INFO</del>
WAIST GUNNER	31104691 S/Sgt Posquel J DELAVIENTO	RTD	MADRID OCT-27
WAIST GUNNER	34132640 S/Sgt Vincent J COX		MIA - PARIS - SEPT. 26
TAIL GUNNER	39239622 T/Sgt Harold R. KNOTTS		MIA PARIS - SEPT. 26

Were you wounded?

YES - LEFT WRIST -

6 Sept 1943  
STUTTGART

TECHNICAL  
FAILURE

We left our Base at dawn, 6 September 1943 to bomb STUTTGART.

When ~~we~~ <sup>Going</sup> went into the target our ~~No 3~~ <sup>number three</sup> prop' governors gave out and we couldn't feather the engine. We fell back ~~in~~ <sup>of the</sup> formation ~~because~~ <sup>while</sup> it was climbing for altitude. We ~~dropped~~ <sup>salvaged</sup> our bombs, but even by overpowering the engines, we couldn't keep up with the group.

~~We~~ <sup>After turning</sup> turned back and ~~were~~ <sup>we</sup> were attacked by two FW 190's which were shot down by the top-turret gunner and the left waist-gunner. Two minutes later, 35 or 40 enemy fighters were all over us. Our No ~~2~~ <sup>number two</sup> and No ~~4~~ <sup>number four</sup> engines were knocked out. We were firing well. Three fighters exploded in midair and two pilots baled out of other aircraft. When one FW knocked off our left wingtip, I gave the order to bale out. We were losing altitude ~~so~~ I set the plane on AFCE and at 10,000 feet left my seat

and went into the nose of the aircraft to see that everyone ~~had left~~ <sup>was out</sup> that part of the ship. I went back through the bomb-bay and waist to the tail-hatch and baled out. All of the crew had left the plane.

I jumped at 8,000 feet and opened my chute at 1,500 feet. ~~The~~ <sup>the</sup> delayed jump was intentional. I had no difficulty ~~in~~ judging the height

LEAVES PLANE  
AFTER CHECKING  
TO SEE THAT ALL  
CREW-MEMBERS OUT

Delayed  
Jump

at which I wanted to pull my rip-cord, ~~but~~ <sup>white falling</sup> I fell in a sitting position  
all the way <sup>down and did not get into a spin</sup> ~~without spinning.~~

I landed in a plowed field, <sup>gathered up</sup> pulled my chute ~~into me~~ <sup>ran</sup> and walked  
under ~~the~~ <sup>some</sup> trees because FW's were buzzing the area. Under the trees  
I took off my chute. I had landed about an eighth of a mile from a  
small village and the entire population of the village was out to greet  
me. While I unbuckled my chute, several women ran up and threw their

Immediate  
HELP

arms around my neck. <sup>Speaking to</sup> Addressing the crowd, <sup>in general</sup> I asked if anyone could  
help me, and one man <sup>answered</sup> ~~said~~ in excellent English, "Follow me."

<sup>said something</sup> He ~~spoke~~ <sup>He</sup> in French, to the crowd and as I left the scene with him  
<sup>quietly</sup> the people went <sup>He motivated a young boy to follow us and</sup> back toward the village. <sup>He</sup> ~~took~~ <sup>led</sup> me about three-quarters  
of a mile through the woods to a clearing. On the way I asked him if  
he could help me get to Spain. He answered; "Yes, Spain is only twelve  
days away." He left me <sup>then</sup> ~~with the boy who had come with us into the woods~~  
and said he would be back at noon with food. He returned as he had  
promised, bring<sup>ing</sup> both food and clothes. I was wearing buckle-shoes and  
thought that I should get rid of them. He told me to keep them until  
I could find a better pair than he could offer me. He said that one of  
my crew members had been found and that I would join him later. The boy

Given  
CIVILIAN  
CLOTHING



and I sat in the woods all afternoon and just before dark I was led to a barn near the village where I met a sergeant of my crew. A young woman who spoke good English said that ~~we~~ we should stay in the barn overnight and all the next day; that we were very safe because there were no Germans near that village. The Germans, she said, were afraid to go into the woods where I had hidden that day because so many of them had been killed there and their bodies never found.

We remained uneventfully in the barn during that night and the following day. On the second night a man was brought to talk with us and from here my journey was arranged.

~~TOLD NOT TO~~  
~~two~~  
JOURNEY  
ARRANGED

(MARIE; father a tax collector; family in de Gaulleist organization)

Eand E Rpt 163

(Lt. Glenn F. Ransom)

Appendix C.

(at 1030 hours)

Lt. Ransom came down on 6 September 1943 near ~~the~~ GRANDELAIN.

A group of people gathered around him; and, when he asked for help, one man told him in English: "Follow me." This man took him to a wood 3/4 mile away where he left him in charge of a boy. ~~He~~ He returned in an hour with food and clothing, and at dusk he again came back ~~and~~ and now took

Ransom to a barn in the village. There Sgt. Knotta was waiting. A young woman who spoke English, ~~was there and~~ came in and told them that they were to remain until the

following night. ~~The~~ The next night the man who had brought Ransom to the barn came and took <sup>(Ransom + Knotta)</sup> ~~him~~ to MARIE'S home in a village two miles away. After staying here <sup>one night</sup> ~~for~~ ~~several~~ days,

~~the~~ the two Americans were taken in a bakery truck to ST.

~~THE~~ ERME OUTRE ET RAMECOURT and put into the house of M. CHAPELET, a miller, across from the railway station.

In this house ~~there were~~ Ransom and Knotta found Delvento, Houses, Cox, and Peacock. ~~the~~ CHAPELET'S son

(over)

(18 years old) was sent to Paris for papers. On 16 September  
 their lad took Ransom, Houser, and Delvento to Paris by  
 train. They were met by M. CHAPELET and a veiled woman,  
 who was to be their guide. This woman took the Americans to  
 the house of an English-speaking ~~woman~~ widow. There they  
 found Sgt. Scott. Delvento and Ransom spent the night  
 here, but Delvento was taken away by a blonde woman  
 who returned next morning and took Delvento and Ransom  
 to a park where they met her son with Houser and  
 Sgt. Pierce (RAF). The whole party went to JUVIST to the  
 garage of MAURICE BIDAUD. In JUVIST the swaders stayed  
 at different houses but ate at the garage. On 30 September  
 Mme BIDAUD took them in to Paris where they were met  
 by MAURICE and two young men (both linguists, one an  
 escaper from <sup>(german)</sup> P/W camp). These two young men took  
 the swaders by train to PAMIERS and from there by bus  
 to a small town whence they walked to a barn in the  
 mountains. There were now 13 Americans and 2 RAF  
 men in the party. The mountain guide finally arrived  
 and led them into Audovera on 7 October. After two  
 days in a hotel they walked to MANRESA where  
 they got a train to Barcelona. They arrived at the  
 British consulate on ~~the~~ 14 October and were taken  
 to ~~Madrid~~ the embassy in Madrid on 21 October. They  
 left Madrid for Gibraltar on 26 October.



APPENDIX B:

- a. Personnel and equipment from LE BOURGET and ABBEVILLE moved to ~~positions~~ new locations near SOISSON. (hearsay)
- b. Large foundry between ST ERME and LAON was turning out heavy equipment which appeared to tank parts. The foundry was seen from railway lines while travelling between ST ERME and a junction at which evader changed trains to travel on to LAON. (observation)
- c. Large ammunition dump is located in a tunnel of an abandoned railway line near LAON. (hearsay)
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*Ransom*

Remarks:

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E & E REPORT NO. 163  
EVASION IN FRANCE

Glen F RANSOM, 2d Lt, O-735449  
355 Bomb Squadron, 95 Bomb Group

MIA: 6 September 1943  
Arrived in Spain:  
13 October 1943  
Arrived in Gibraltar:  
27 October 1943  
Arrived in UK:  
29 October 1943

AGE: 23 years  
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 2 years  
HOME ADDRESS: P.O. Box No. 542  
MUNDELEIN, Illinois

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

POSITION	SERIAL	RANK	NAME	STATUS
PILOT	0-735449	2d Lt	Glen F RANSOM	NARRATOR
CO-PILOT	0-672324	2d Lt	Thomas M CALDWELL	<del>MIA</del> P/W
NAVIGATOR	0-795229	2d Lt	Hubert C GAGE	<del>MIA</del> P/W
BOMBARDIER	0-729480	1st Lt	Keith W MURRAY	E & E RPT 196
RADIO OPERATOR	32385488	T/Sgt	Charles P PEACOCK	<del>MIA</del> K/A
TOP TURRET GUNNER	392396220	T/Sgt	Harold R KNOTTS	<del>MIA</del> P/W
BALL TURRET GUNNER	39252202	S/Sgt	John W BEACHAM	<del>MIA</del> P/W
WAIST GUNNER	36855163	T/Sgt	Ralph E HOUSER	E & E RPT 197
WAIST GUNNER	31105691	S/Sgt	Pasquale J DELVENTO	E & E RPT 184
TAIL GUNNER	34132640	S/Sgt	Vincent J COX	<del>MIA</del> 219

6 September 1943  
STUTTGART

TECHNICAL  
FAILURE

We left our Base at dawn, 6 September 1943 to bomb STUTTGART. Going into the target our number three 'prop' governors gave out and we couldn't feather the engine. We fell back of the formation while it was climbing for altitude. We salvoed our bombs, but even by overpowering the engines, we couldn't keep up with the group.

LEAVES PLANE  
AFTER CHECKING  
ALL CREW MEMBERS  
OUT

After turning back we were attacked by two FW 190's which were shot down by the top-turret gunner and the left waist gunner. Two minutes later, 35 or 40 enemy fighters were all over us. Our number two and number four engines were knocked out. We were firing well. Three fighters exploded in mid-air and two pilots baled out of other aircraft. When one FW knocked off our left wing-tip, I gave the order to bale out. We were losing altitude so I set the plane on AFCE and at 10000 feet left my seat and went into the nose of the aircraft to see that everyone was out of that part of the ship. I went back through the bomb-bay and waist to the tail-hatch and baled out. All of the crew had left the plane.

DELAYED JUMP

I jumped at 8000 feet and opened my chute at 1500 feet. The delayed jump was intentional. I had no difficulty judging the height at which I wanted to pull my ripcord. While falling I was in a sitting position all the way down and did not get into a spin.

IMMEDIATE HELP

I landed in a plowed field, gathered up my chute and ran under some trees because FW's were buzzing the area. Under the trees I took off my chute. I had landed about an eighth of a mile from a small village and the entire population of the village was out to greet me. While I unbuckled my chute, several women ran up and threw their arms around my neck. Speaking to the crowd in general, I asked if anyone could help me, and one man answered in excellent English, "Follow me."

GIVEN CIVILIAN CLOTHING

He said something, in French, to the crowd and as I left the scene with him the people went quietly back toward the village. He motioned a young boy to follow us and led me about three-quarters of a mile through the woods to a clearing. On the way I asked him if he could help me get to Spain. He answered, "Yes, Spain is only twelve days away." He left me then with the boy and said he would be back at noon with food. He returned as he had promised, bringing both food and clothes. I was wearing buckle-shoes and thought that I should get rid of them. He told me to keep them until I could find a better pair than he could offer me. He said that one of my crew members had been found and that I would join him later.

JOURNEY ARRANGED

The boy and I sat in the woods all afternoon and just before dark I was led to a barn near the village where I met a sergeant of my crew. A young woman who spoke good English said that we should stay in the barn overnight and all the next day; that we were very safe because there were no Germans near that village. The Germans, she said, were afraid to go into the woods where I had hidden that day because so many of them had been killed there and their bodies never found.

We remained uneventfully in the barn during that night and the following day. On the second night a man was brought to talk with us and from here my journey was arranged.

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*John F. White, Jr.*

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1st Lt, AC

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*W.S. Holt*

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APPENDIX "B" TO E & E REPORT NO. 163

1. The following information has been obtained after 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 when doing so, information as to the source may not be divulged.

Statement of information covering period from 6 September 1943  
to 13 October 1943

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No., Rank, Name:- **Glen F RANSOM, 2d Lt O-735449**

Unit:- **355 Bomb Squadron, 95 Bomb Group**

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? **Yes**
- (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.

Horlicks tablets. **As needed**

Chocolate. **Yes**

Milk (tube). **No**

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). **No**

Halazone tablets (water purifier). **No**

Matches. **Yes - cigarettes**

Adhesive tape. **Yes - blisters**

Chewing gum. **Yes**

Water bottle. **Yes**

Compass. **Yes - souvenirs**

- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? **No**  
If so, in what respect?

(f) How did you finally dispose of the box? **French took it**

(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? **No**

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? **Yes**  
If so, state COLOR. **Mark II**  
In NOT, State why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? **Yes**
- (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? **Northern France**

Compass. **Gave to French**

File (hacksaw). No

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. 2000 francs

How did you spend the money? 1500 francs to helpers

500 francs for cigarettes in Andorra

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps. Gave to helpers

Compass. Gave to helpers

File (hacksaw). Gave to helpers

Surplus currency. None

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+)

(+Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

NOT ISSUED

(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?

No, left behind at base.

(b) Did you use them?  
State how.

5. LECTURES

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

Yes

By British and American evaders.

(b) Did you find the lectures of value?

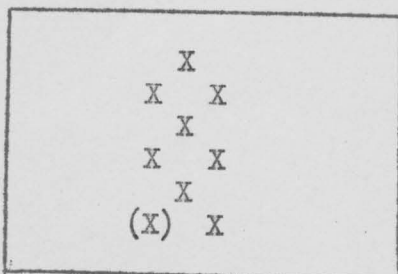
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APPENDIX "E" TO E & E REPORT NO. 163

NAME Glen F RANSOM RANK 2d Lt ASN 0-735449 REPORT NO. 163

SQ 335 GROUP 95 A/C NO. 323271 Letter R Load 10-500 lbs Date 6 Sept 1943



Position in formation.  
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing:

Bombs salvoed

Enemy Fighter Tactics: Mass attacks.

Markings: FW and ME - usual

Our Tactics:

Normal evasive action

Our Fighter Support:

None

Flak

Time

Place

Quality

None

Technical Failures

Motors: 'Prop' governors on number three engine gave out; unable to feather; forced plane out of operation.

Armor:

Armament:

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

DID YOU BLACK OUT? No

DID YOU USE BALE-OUT BOTTLE? No