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By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

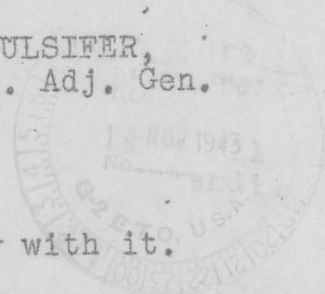
(signed) RALPH PULSIFER,
Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

CERTIFICATE

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Name(Print) PASQUALE J. Delvento Signed Pasquale J. Delvento
 Rank S/SGT A.S.N. 31104691 Date 10/29/43
 Unit 96th. B.B. Gp. Witness John Lewis
Major



AG 383.6

Hq ETOUSA

9 April 1943.

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 Rank S/Sgt. ASN 31104691 Date 5/11/43.
 Unit 95th B.b. Gp. 335th SQ Witness _____

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. *Delvento - No*
2. Decorations. *None*
3. Unit or Squadron.
4. Division (Army) or Group.
5. Date of Birth. *Oct. 25 - 1918*
6. Length of Service.
7. Private Address. *148 Highland Ave. Bridgeport Conn.*
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?
*Field not know, Sept. 6 - 1943. - 9: A.M. (Down).
10 miles north of St. Etienne
French claimed they hid the whole thing -
think inst. papers destroyed*
9. What was your position in aircraft? *L.W.G -*
10. Were you wounded? *no -*
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *No Boston + Denis*
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? *No*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? *False French -*
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?
*CIB - Brit. Civilian -
Maj. Lewis -*
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?
*MADRID - 26th Oct -
BARCELONA - 20th Oct -
GIBRALTAR - 21st Oct -*
17. Date of arrival in Spain. *14th Oct?*
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *24th Oct -*
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *3 Nov*
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *# Nov*

Platoon

could
see
that
down
went
at
down

An intercom-led talk of runway play in #3 queue - was getting
 us back - about feather - had staying in front - dropped bombs to
 keep up - further pling away - too fast - to far too far -
 pilot asked for heading home - they got together - I might
 said the 150° of 2 jets jumped us - circled us -
 just at one at 7 o'clock - they just sat there - in flames - dropped
 & went down - other one came in & got it - head exploded fell
 when they came - Seemed at least there but probably
 loss - came in at 11 - 3 of gun wait - Wright asked pilot if wheels
 were down - he said something of #2 or #4 had out - Pilot
 said if anyone to leave to go ahead - Elguner asked
 pilot if he was leaving & he said yes - Elguner ~~and~~
 came into wait & we lined up & none wanted to
 go out - An FW - came in at 4:50 o'clock & fuel in
 Radio room - heard ~~the~~ JFF blown up - we started
 jumping - 1. Peacock ~~Peacock~~ 2. House, 3. Third, Cox 4th &
 Beacher 5th - out at 10⁰⁰⁰ or 12⁰⁰⁰ - out door & chute
 open - don't know whether accidentally not - spread anyway -
^{now} plane at descending angle & twitched chutes come out of ship
 5 in all other than mine - saw 2 jets - I think that if was one jets
 coming back? then I that I'd have a ~~chute~~ ~~chute~~ but didn't - opened and
 chute in fire - traps on my chest chute held head in vice & couldn't
 move head - could look down -

4
Saw woods + an army camp - had to pull ahead lines to get to woods so I could take cover + hide - In air was thinking of how I was going to hide all my equipment - knew it was demilled with name - that I was being it - saw nothing of but wood area + fields - that I was in Germany - meant trying to find if in Germany - then I knew it would all be over -

Stood in tree - 20 ft in air - could see ground below + could step - tried to swing body to tree trunk - didn't - ~~could~~ pressed release + fell on trunk + tree into a creek - had 3 min to swing to tree trunk - heard nothing - didn't feel rushed (had watched all other chutes land away from me) out of oak + tried to get chute down - MW + chute - didn't get it there - then I ran thru woods - oph opening side path - chkd compass + ran south - thru swamps - mulberry trees - kept going - wanted to get out - had climbing tree (from air noticed a long narrow stretch of clearing thru all the clearing) looking for narrow stretch + that I saw it - turned out to be a path (trapper's path) - followed it 3/4 way to the stretch of land I was looking for - walked for 3 or 4 mile so thru that - as fast as possible - ducked occasionally because that heard someone - looking around for some of crew - an o/c overhead (head) circling around - kept out of sight - Came to tar road which ran thru wooded country - followed it + hid when cars passed - one was filled with civies - down road to a sign I saw the camp I had seen from air - sign said "Camp de Soldats" - stood there few minutes hiding in grass and a Frenchman went by - he seemed to be looking for someone - on bike - he seemed to be listening carefully for something + pd no attention to him - saw a nice large house - 500 ft away - watched it for 15-20 minutes - then a 6 yr old girl came out - I walked up to her + asked (I can oph Italian) + the "parlez vous francais?" she said oui oui + I that I'm in - wave of sentiment at knowing where was - Then 18 yr old girl came - had a sign off when came down - she motioned to me by pointing in air + I asked if "parachute" - she said oui + ran in house + mother came out + took me in house - asked if hungry + yes + then French-American dictionary - I went for father + he came - that I had had it - when saw uniform -

23 He started asking questions with dictionary about forests - had learned he
was first from dictionary. I checked at his uniform & indicated &
was ready to take ~~off~~ but he shook his head & said no, not
showed identification papers - asked him how I could get to SOISSONS
asked how close to Switzerland & that we were near - He that I
said Soissons - got map & showed me where Soissons was & how far -
then wife talked to him for minutes & then he said not to worry - said he
would get 'convoys' - He went outside & tells me to stay in house - he
looks around - he motions me to come along - Took me to woods
& where landed - put me in tall grass & says stay - left blocks
in his with another forester - (He told me that about 90 Germans
searching in forest - when other had landed I was scared of kids &
wanted to get out but he insisted & said that if Germans came they would
get him, not me - the first boy came & took me back
into other woods where landed away from where landed & left me
for few minutes & got wheelbarrow & scythe - dressed like peasant -
blue pants - brown corduroy blouse - G.I. shoes - he cut grass & piled
on wheelbarrow & asked where I had buried clothes - He went away
& returned clothes except chute & M.W. - had buried his suit - helmet,
Ox gun, mag, flares - put in wheelbarrow under grass -
pushed it & scolded scythe - showed me how to carry scythe - on
left shoulder - blade back to held with left hand - took me to
end of woods & thru fields where peasants working - no one got bit of
attention - they often said hello - went to his house in a village - fed me -
x ~~we~~ slept in bed - no conversation - just told not to worry - asked when other crew
fell by taking me to back porch & heavy me fall & he tried to me & said, oui,
he had seen them fall - could not take if I then lie on bed - he left -

a young girl in house - that's all - there he was - he told I wrote me -
had Peacock & Cox - fed us all - slept there that night - gave him
names of others - he knew where one was but everytime he get in vicinity
guy would hide & he wanted to be able to call out name - next a.m.
he woke us at 7 am - he got civic for P & C - took us over some
ste I had been lost to his house & he had already contacted
people who were going to get us helpers - gave us food in a bag &
wine - his in in wood - said Germans still searching in
other part of forest & don't know when they would not come in ^{part of} forest where
we were because too many German had disappeared there -
He left us there 2 hrs ^{into} - said we'd look for them again - came back
with 'gig' house - in 15 mins - House still in ~~the~~ flying clothes -
House had to undress & gave him clothes - had fit - we substituted
around - (at 5:30 - I was to go with) fish left us in open
with 3 people - father took asked if we had anything in pockets - had
given everything, we do tags to, first - Told me that P & C & H
were to leave by truck that night ^{at 6 am} to nearest town & father's son with
bikes - son left in truck - I on his bike followed father 25 ft behind
at 5:30 until out of woods - then we stopped to have drink with
found truck had passed us - we jumped 8 miles from Baconville
to St Erme - to home of father & son - went in to find P & C & H -
were there that ^{night} in conversation - & following day stayed here - then
2 fish struck & said 2 more conversions & said we'd be in next
a.m. at six - was able to catch most of conversions - & they came - it
was N Ransom & Sgt Knotts - next 8 days with Lt. Ransom -
Mrs. Chaplin & son Daniel & me in 7-71. Morocco - during 8 days we
were nervous but everything sound all right - P & C had left night
before Ransom got there to stay with other people - during 12 days
Knotts taken to other house but his moral low so took him back to us -
On 6th day 18 yr old son said going to Paris for On 16th of 1951st - left for
Paris with Ransom House & self - sent by son 18 yrs old -
had F.C. - work cards - etc -

Steinmiz ^{NV 5th} in Spain & little man on m^o m^o this crew ^{R.O.}

arr Paris - ^{get} blonde woman met us at station & took us to the
Colonel's ^{he} wife's house, she had reputation for us in Paris &
getting guides - Ransom & ^{on the way} the other house & home to
blonde woman house - stayed one night - next a.m.
blonde woman left House & another weldman in park - got
Ransom & ^{accomplished by} son - blonde is Belgian woman
called Mademoiselle Marie - Took us metro to Jersey -
stayed with Dolys with woman who worked in French
consulate in U.S. many yrs. ago - ^{stayed with} Marie - Pierre - old -
So young woman had one son - House & 2 here - stayed with
her 14 days - ^{Bedaux} then Maurice + wife kept us fed - she having
money trouble & sent word back to this effect - (Two
Am. Lt Sgts with Paulette - used to ~~visit~~ visit them - down
3 Sept - Ror is little Italian bell - ^{held from NY -} Rumber -) then Maurice wife
Mlle Paulette took pictures of us for remembrance & took us ^{Ransom & H. half} to
Maurice garage - His wife had sandwiches for journey - then ^{m^o wife}
to Paris & met Red woman - Mlle Andree, Maurice &
Mlle Marie - then M's wife left & Andree left & we
went with Marie to park & saw Colonel's wife & guides -
He checked papers & at 5 evening Frenchman was to guide us
to cabin where meet Pyrenean guides - Sgt Munch ^{W.C.}
Welshman Marland [?], Lt Fink & Sgt. Kreiderman with us -
with Lt. Fink from here on -

SECRET
EQUALS BRITISH

MOST SECRET

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

The following information has been obtained from our interview with
..... (.....) 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
to

There are two trains a day at St Erme. German
air force officers come in in groups on each train
Two busloads (about 50) Officers on the 9th after that about
five at a time. Everyday Officers personal observation
9 Sept to 16 Sept. Me 109 FW 190 fly over
the station daily at low level so presumed
airfield in vicinity but never saw it.
I don't feel the libbeulle boys are now
in this region. Many trains go through
this station but cargoes seemed only of the
bag, lumber etc & nothing military. I
Airport 8 or 9 miles from Guissey Heresay
20 Sept

From Guissey Planes observed flying
all day long. 9th discontinued model (Heresay)
It is similar to Me 210. Looked as though used as
training planes.

Impressed by scarcity of German
MIS(X) troops in the French interior period 6-Sept

Heresay 9 Sept no automobiles available for
German officers in St Erme area. must

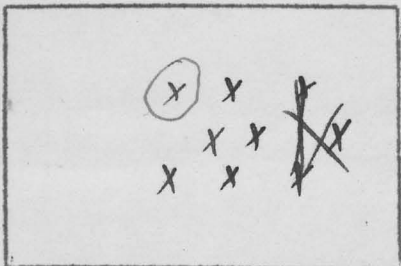
use buses or horse-drawn vehicles.

The Germans are collecting all the spare wood in ~~the~~ ^{St. Yvonne} ~~area~~ ^{are} ~~to~~ ^{the} wood of no especial value just firewood not building wood. ~~Saturday~~ ^{Sep 1st}

Saturday Paris October ... all German military O & EM must be off the Paris streets by a certain time of night (time unknown) due to fear of French population after dark

NAME Delvento RANK _____ ASN _____ REPORT NO. _____

SQ _____ GROUP _____ A/C NO. 230271 Letter ? Load ? Date _____



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing:

Salvoed before Target. one target of opportunity

Enemy Fighter Tactics:

Markings:

Fighters circled from 500 yds. and then made passes at 7:30 o'clock. two attacks from nose 11 o'clock. then they made a few attacks at 3-O'clock.

Our Tactics:

Our Fighter Support:

saw no signs of fighter support.

Flak

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
<i>none.</i>			

saw no flak.

Technical Failures

Motors:

Thick number 3 prof ran away before fighter attack

Armor:

Armament:

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

No., Rank, Name:-

Delvento

Unit:-

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? *Yes*
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box? *Didn't need it -*
- (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.
- (ii) Chocolate
- (iii) Milk (tube).
- (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue)
- (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).
- (vi) Matches.
- (vii) Adhesive tape.
- (viii) Chewing gum.
- (ix) Water bottle.
- (x) Compass
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? *gave to 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?

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? *Yes*
If so, state COLOR. *Brown*
If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? *Yes - gave to helper -*
- (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?
- (ii) Compass.

- (iii) File (hacksaw).
- (iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money.

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

gave to helpers

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.
- (ii) Stud compass.
- (iii) Swinger compass.
- (iv) Fly-button compass.
- (v) Pencil clip compass.
- (vi) Tunic button compass.
- (vii) Pipe compass.
- (viii) Pouch
- (ix) Special flying boots (and knife).

Not issued

(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? yes - two
If so, how many?

(b) Did you use them?
State how.

Kept by French

had others made - in France

5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape?
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. Base - Two evaders - July -
and 52 officers

(b) Did you find the lectures of value?

Yes; ~~did not~~
but not named about Pyrenees
not told about PYRENEES

Appendix C

Sgt. Delvento came down on 6 September 1943 ~~at ST. ERME~~

~~(14 kms. ESE of LAON~~

near BOUCONVILLE-VAUCLERC (SISSONNE), 14 kms. S.E. of LAON. A woman ~~and~~ with two daughters, one six and the other eighteen years old, took him into her large house not far away, fed him, and sent one of the daughters for her husband who appeared in ~~uniform~~ the uniform of a forester. This man hid Delvento in a thicket and went for another forester who brought Delvento a peasant costume and took him to his house in ^a ~~the~~ village ~~in~~ in the vicinity. There was only a young girl in the house. Four hours later this forester returned with Sgts. Peacock and Cox. He kept the three Americans in his house that night and the next morning hid them in the wood where he soon brought Sgt. Houses to them. He then brought a father and son who took the Americans to their home in ST. ERME (8 kms. N.E. of BOUCONVILLE-VAUCLERC). The next evening Peacock and Cox were taken to stay with other people, and the following morning the two foresters brought Lt. Ransom and Sgt. Knotta to the CHAPLINS' house. They stayed here eight days, after which DANIEL took Delvento, Houses, and Ransom to ~~the~~ PARIS. A woman met them at the station and took them to

(over)

(M. CHAPLIN (F) and son DANIEL, 18 years old; another son with First Franch in Monroev)

the house of a French Colonel, whose wife was responsible for them during their stay in PARIS. Delvento and Ransom stayed at this house for one night. Then Mlle. MARIE, a blonde, Belgian woman ~~with~~ at whose house Houser had spent the night, took them to LUVISY where for fourteen days Delvento and Houser stayed with Mme. PIERRE (50 years old; has one son) who had worked in a French consulate in the U.S. many years ago. MAURICE and his wife provided them with food here, and the latter and PAULETTE (with whom an American lieutenant and sergeant were staying) finally took them to MAURICE's garage whence they went to PARIS where they met Mlle. ANDREE and Mlle. MARIE. Mlle. MARIE took them to a park where the Colonel's wife checked their papers and turned them over to four or five Frenchman who were to ~~take~~ guide them to the cabin where the Pyrenees guides would meet them. ~~With these guides were~~ Frenchman. Here in the park they met Sgt. Munch, Lt. Fink, Kritzstein, and a Welshman. ~~From~~ From this point Sgt. Delvento's stay is the same as that of Lt. Fink.

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E & E REPORT NO. 184
EVASION IN FRANCE

5 Nov 1943
(Date)

PASQUALE
Pasquel J DELVENTO, S/Sgt, 31104691
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

355 95
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 25
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 7 Apr 1942
HOME ADDRESS: 148 Highland Ave
BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

Target: Stuttgart

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

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

		Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition	Notes
PILOT	Bomber 0-729480 1st Lt Keith W. MURRAY EIE # 196	MIA	MIA	think safe
CO-PILOT	Pilot 0-735449 2d Lt Glen F RANSON EIE # 163 R.T.	RTD	RTD	could be knots
NAVIGATOR	Copilot 0-672324 2d Lt Thomas H CALDWELL	MIA	MIA	think P/W
BOMBARDIER	Navigator 0-795229 2d Lt Hubert C. GAGE	MIA	MIA	know nothing
RADIO OPERATOR	(Exg) took the waist gun 36355163 T/Sgt Ralph B HOUSER EIE # 117	safe	safe	think safe
TOP TURRET GUNNER	R.O. 32385488 S/Sgt Charles F FRADOCK	MIA	MIA	safe
BALL TURRET GUNNER	39252202 S/Sgt John W. BRACHAK	MIA	MIA	know nothing of
WAIST GUNNER	31104691 S/Sgt Pasquel J DELVENTO	NARRATOR	NARRATOR	
WAIST GUNNER	T.G. 34132640 S/Sgt Vincent J COX EIE #	MIA	MIA	safe
TAIL GUNNER	TT.Gun. 39239622 T/Sgt Harold R. KNIGHTS	MIA	MIA	safe

Were you wounded?
No

Over the inter-com I heard the pilot, co-pilot and navigator talking
Before

after the fighter attack started one FW came in at 7 o'clock and ~~seemed~~

Sees Enemy
fighter in
Flames

to just ^a set out there waiting to be knocked off. I fired several bursts at him and ~~saw~~ him drop in flames. After that fighters came in from every o'clock on the dial. I heard something on the inter-com about numbers two and four engines being shot out and then the navigator asked pilot if the wheels were down. He answered, "yes," and then the tail-gunner called pilot to ask if we were leaving the ship. The pilot gave the order to bale out and the tail gunner came into the waist. We lined up at the waist-door but no one seemed to want to leave first. When we heard the IFF explosion we started jumping.

Jumps at
1000 FEET

Sgt PEACOCK went first, followed by Sgt HOUSER. Then I jumped and I think Sgt COX and Sgt BEACHEM were fourth and fifth. I ~~went~~ ^{was} out around 10000 feet and my chute opened immediately. I don't remember whether it was accidental or not - it opened, anyway. The plane was descending at an angle and I watched other chutes come out. I counted five chutes. There were two fighters still attacking the aircraft and my first thought was whether they would come back to us. I wanted to smoke but was afraid of setting the chute on fire. The straps were holding my head in a vise so that I could look only up and down.

PLANS EVASION
FROM AIR

From the air I saw an Army camp and some woods beneath me. I tried to pull my shroud lines so that I would drift toward the wood where I could hide. I thought of how I was going to hide all my equipment and decided to bury it because my name was stencilled on most of my stuff. When I lost sight of the Army camp there was nothing but woods and fields below me. I was afraid I was in Germany and meant to hide until I found out. I felt if that if this were Germany it was all over.

LANDS IN TREE

Landed in a tree and dangled about twenty feet off the ground. I couldn't see what was directly beneath because of the chute straps and after finding that I couldn't swing far enough to grab the tree trunk I released the catch on my chute and fell through the trees into a creek. I could hear no sounds of any kind and didn't feel rushed but I spent only three or four minutes trying to get the chute down.

I opened my Aids Box to get ~~a~~ the compass and after checking it, I ran south. The wood was, in reality, a swamp and I had to wade through mud and water, stumbling over mulberry roots, but I wanted to get out. ~~From there~~ I remembered that, from the air, I had seen a narrow cleared strip ^{away} running through this wood and I was trying to find ~~that~~. I climbed a tree to look for it and thought I saw it but the clearing I ~~went~~ ^{found} toward turned out to be a trapper's path. This led me to the ~~clearing~~ ^{dry ground} I was searching for.

RUNS THROUGH SWAMP

As fast as I could travel, I ran and walked along this narrow strip of high ground ~~which ran through the swamp~~. Occasionally I ducked into the underbrush because I thought I heard someone running. I was looking around, too, for some of my crew. An aircraft circled over head two or three times but I kept out of sight. When ~~I thought~~ I had traveled about three miles I came to a tar road and followed it ~~to a sign~~ ^{larger road} until I came to a sign.

Twice I had to hide while cars passed.

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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? Yes
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box? Didn't need it
- (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.

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? Gave to 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?

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? Yes
If so, state COLOR. Brown
In NOT, State why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? Yes - gave to helpers
- (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.

} GAVE TO HELPERS

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.

Round compass.

Stud compass.

Swinger compass.

Fly-button compass.

Pencil clip compass.

Tunic button compass.

Pipe compass.

Pouch

Special flying boots (and knife).

NOT ISSUED

(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? Yes
If so, how many? Two

(b) Did you use them? Kept by French; had others made in France
State how.

5. LECTURES

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

Base - two evaders - July and S-2 Officers

(b) Did you find the lectures of value?

Yes

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NAME Pasquale J DELVENTO RANK s/Sgt ASN 31104691 REPORT NO. 184

SQ 355 GROUP 95 A/C NO. 230271 Letter _____ Load _____ Date 6 Sept 1943

(X) X
X X
X X

Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing:

Salvoed before target on target of opportunity

Enemy Fighter Tactics: Fighters circled from 500 yards and then made passes

Markings: at 7:30 o'clock. Two attacks from nose 11 o'clock, then a few attacks from 3 o'clock.

Our Tactics:

Our Fighter Support:

Saw no signs of fighter support

Flak

Time

Place

Quality

Saw no flak

Technical Failures

Motors: Think number three prop ran away before fighter attack.

Armor:

Armament:

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

DID YOU BLACK OUT? No

DID YOU USE BALE-OUT BOTTLE? No

(16)

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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EVASION IN FRANCE

TARGET: STUTTGART

Pasquale J DELVENTO, S/Sgt, 31104691
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MIA: 6 September 1943
Arrived in Spain:

AGE: 25 years
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 7/12 years
HOME ADDRESS: 148 Highland Avenue
BRIDGEPORT, Conn.

13 October 1943

27-10-43

29-10-43

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT	0-735449	2d Lt	Glen F RANSOM	E&E RPT 163
CO-PILOT	0-672324	2d Lt	Thomas M CALDWELL	MIA
NAVIGATOR	0-795229	2d Lt	Hubert C GAGE	MIA
BOMBARDIER	0-729480	1st Lt	Keith W MURRAY	E&E RPT 196
RADIO OPERATOR	32385488	T/Sgt	Charles P PEACOCK	MIA
TOP TURRET GUNNER	392396220	T/Sgt	Harold R KNOTTS	MIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	39252202	S/Sgt	John W BEACHAM	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	31104691	S/Sgt	Pasquale J DELVENTO	NARRATOR
WAIST GUNNER	36355163	T/Sgt	Ralph E HOUSER	E&E RPT 197
TAIL GUNNER	34132640	S/Sgt	Vincent J COX	E&E RPT 219

Pasquale.

(a)

SEES ENEMY
FIGHTER IN
FLAMES

Before the fighter attack started one FW came in at 7 o'clock and just sat out there waiting to be knocked off. I fired several bursts at him and saw him drop in flames. After that fighters came in from every o'clock on the dial. I hears something on the inter-com about numbers two and four engines being shot out and then the navigator asked pilot if the wheels were down. He answered, "yes," and the tail-gunner called pilot to ask if we were leaving the ship. The pilot gave the order to bale out and the tail gunner came into the waist. We lined up at the waist-door but no one seemed to want to leave first. When we heard the IFF explosion we started jumping.

JUMPS AT
1000 FEET

Sgt PEACOCK went first, followed by Sgt HOUSER. Then I jumped and I think Sgt COX and Sgt BEACHAM were fourth and fifth. I was out around 10000 feet and my chute opened immediately. I don't remember whether it was accidental or not - it opened, anyway. The plane was descending at an angle and I watched other chutes come out. I counted five chutes. There were two fighters still attacking the aircraft and my first thought was whether they would come back to us. I wanted to smoke but was afraid of setting the chute on fire. The straps were holding my head in a vise so that I could look only up and down.

From the air I saw an Army camp and some woods beneath me. I tried

PLANS EVASION
FROM THE AIR
DURING DESCENT

to pull my shroud lines so that I would drift toward the wood where I could hide. I thought of how I was going to hide all my equipment and decided to bury it because my name was stencilled on most of my stuff. When I lost sight of the Army camp there was nothing but woods and fields below me. I was afraid I was in Germany and meant to hide until I found out. I felt that if this were Germany it was all over. (S)

LANDS IN TREE

I landed in a tree and dangled about twenty feet off the ground. I couldn't see what was directly beneath because of the chute straps, and after finding that I couldn't swing far enough to grab the tree trunk I released the catch on my chute and fell through the trees into a creek. I heard no sounds of any kind and didn't feel rushed, but I spent only three or four minutes trying to get the chute down.

RUNS THROUGH
SWAMP

I opened my Aids Box to get the compass and after checking it, I ran south. The wood was, in reality, a swamp and I had to wade through mud and water, stumbling over mulberry roots, to get away. I remembered that, from the air, I had seen a narrow cleared strip of land running through this wood, and I was trying to find it. I climbed a tree and thought I saw it, but the clearing I found turned out to be a trapper's path. This led me to the dry ground I was searching for.

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IS GIVEN A
DICTIONARY

While I was eating, the Frenchman went to get a friend. He returned soon with a man in uniform. I was frightened when I saw this man and was about to take off for the woods when the people in the house seemed to understand what had me worried and explained that the man was friendly. Identification papers were produced to prove that the uniformed man was French.

I thought we had landed near SWITZERLAND and asked the man how I could get to there, but he misunderstood me and produced maps to show me how to get to SOISSONS. After a whispered conference between two of the Frenchmen one of them said that he was going to get a 'comrade'. He went into the yard, looked around, then motioned me to follow him.

We went into the swamp and took a short-cut to where I had landed.

GIVEN CIVILIAN
CLOTHING

We were joined later by another Frenchman who brought peasant clothing. He had a wheelbarrow and scythe; and, using these as a part of our disguise, we left the wood to go to his home in a small village. To get there we walked through fields where farmers were at work. Several people spoke to us but we attracted little attention.

This helper was not very conversational. He kept telling me not to worry, and after reaching his house he had me point out where other crew members might have landed in the wood. After I had done this he indicated that I was to get some sleep but not to remove my clothes.

JOINS CREW MEMBERS

Four hours later he returned with Sgt COX and another member of my crew. The three of us spent the night in this house. Our helper asked for names of other crew-members and said that he knew where another one was but that every time he approached, the parachutist hid. *of*

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