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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
and QUESTIONNAIRE FOR I. S. 9 (WEA) PERSONNEL

Sept 7, 1944
(Date)

David Eugene Lee 2nd Lt 06682820
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
1
(Target) (Number of missions)
95th Bomb Gp 335th Bomb Sq
(Unit)

Date Missing in Action: Jan 5, 1944
Returned to UK: Sept 7, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW (List names by positions and indicate what happened to each one)

- PILOT Andrew Williams - 2d Lt 0679153 - P/W
(Returned to UK?)
- CO-PILOT Eugene H. Davila, 2d Lt, Navigator
- NAVIGATOR George R. Thomas, 2d Lt 0750259 - P/W
(Unknown)
- BOMBARDIER Eugene J. Schierburg, 2d Lt 0679232 - P/W
- RADIO OPERATOR Levinson, Paul M, T/Sgt 12155613 - P/W
- TOP TURRET GUNNER Westfall, Carl E, T/Sgt 13103616 - P/W
- BALL TURRET GUNNER George R. Ganster, 2d Sgt, 24339106 P/W
- WAIIST GUNNER Lynch, Donald, Sgt P.O.W. 35347138 - P/W
- WAIIST GUNNER Harold Hunkle, Sgt - 36328220 - P/W
(Unknown)
- TAIL GUNNER Booker, Joseph, Sgt 16162212 P/W
(Unknown)

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

Jan 5, 1944 No crash
Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

To little gas. NOT ENOUGH ALTITUDE - TOO MUCH FUEL. PILOT ORDERED
Bail out.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? Below 6000 FT.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

NO CRASH

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

TAIL GUNNER, BOTH WAIIST GUNNERS, BALL TURRET, RADIO, CO-PILOT, BOMBARDIER?
NAVIGATOR? YES ALL CHUTES WORKED.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

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

NO

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 other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

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Ball Turret Gunner Ganster. Saw Photograph of Lynch, Waist Gunner
and copy of Liberator VE 15 New P.O.W.

(over)

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

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? *Believe 4 are POWs and 4 evaders. French people saw 4 taken prisoner but do not know which ones.*

Were you wounded? *NO*

Were you in German hands? *NO*

Did you kill any Germans in escaping? *NO*

Have you previously given the names of your helpers? *YES*

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given.

What security briefing were you given? *IN FRANCE*

What souvenirs do you still possess? *GERMAN ORNAMENTS AND WEAPON.*

Home address. *1717 So T St. Apt 4H, Berkeley, CA*

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

SEMMERBURG, E.J. (Bomb.)
LYNCH ?? (W.G.)
THOMAS, G.R. (NAV.)
HUNKE, H. ? (W.G.)

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

BOOKER ?? (J.G.)
CONSTER, G.R. (B.T.G.)

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 388.6 (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 supercedes letter, AG 388.6 (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.

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) Eugene Lee Davila
Rank 2^o LT. A. S. N. 0-682820
Unit 95th Bomb GR 335 Sq.

Signed Eugene L. Davila
Dated Sept 7, 1944
Witness Charles A. B. 204
14 U. A. C.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-682236 Rank 2nd Lt. MC

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) EUGENE LEE Davila

Unit 95TH Bomb Grp 335TH Bomb Sq.

has been fully/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 5.9 19 44

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should/should not/be re-interrogated.

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W. H. Hines

Major.

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IMPORTANT.

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)
AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF PW. & X. DET.
M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

This Officer/W.O./N.C.O. has special information on the following subjects:—

No. *19*

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) *Eugene Lee Davis*

Unit *3rd Squadron 2nd Cavalry*

has been fully/briefly interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.(WEA) on *2.2* *19 44*

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should/should not be re-interrogated.

Major *W. W. W.*

IMPORTANT

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AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X. DET.

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)

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Questionnaire for Service Personnel

- 1. No., Rank and full name: 0-682820 2/Lt Eugene Lee Davila
- 2. Decorations: NIL
- 3. Squadron: 335 Bomb Sqdn
- 4. Command: Heavy Bomber
- 5. Date of Birth: 22 March 1920
- 6. Date of Enlistment: Sept 27 1939
- 7. Peacetime Profession: Apprentice Photographic - Soldier
- 8. Private Address: 1717 South "T" Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas
- 9. Which type of aircraft were you flying? B-17F
- 10. Left from England..... on 5 Jan..... 1944..... at 0800... hrs
- 11. Baled out (or crashed) at Arras..... at 1330..... hrs
- 12. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?
 I hid them under a piece of sheet metal lying in the field I fell in

- 13. Describe briefly on the attached sheet your journey from the time of baling out until you rejoined the Allied Forces. Give details of your route (with dates) and state whether you were in the hands of an organisation or a Resistance Group. If captured, give details (place and date of capture and place, date and method of escape) If you were accompanied at any stage of your journey, give the names of your companions and state what became of them.
- 14. At the end of your account give names and addresses of those who helped you, with approximate dates of their help and a very brief summary of what they did for you.
 Write out this information the following way:-

11-16 Jun 44

Pierre FRANCE
60 rue de 14 Juillet,
Suippes (Marne)
France.

Food and shelter
Contact with Resistance
Group

Baled out near ARRAS (Nord) at approximately 1330hrs on 5 Jan 44.
Hid in a nearby woods for 5 days and on the night of the 10th Jan was
conducted to a small village nearby called LECLUSE. These people were
members of a Resistance Group. From Jan 10 1944 to Sept 5 1944 I have
lived with these same people.

Jan 10 1944 - Sept 5 1944 MADELEINE LEDENT, Food and shelter
2 RUE DES LINIERS, and contact with
LECLUSE. FRANCE(NORD) Resistance Group

(dates unknown) For 10 days of my stay I was moved to the village of
RUMOUCOURT, (PAS-DE-CALAIS) FRANCE AT:

M. SILVSIN.
BOULONGORIE,
RUMOUCOURT. (PAS-DE-CALAIS)
FRANCE.

5-5-44

Handwritten signature