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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 (WEL) PERSONNEL

9/15/44  
(Date)

GATES, ORDWAY B. JR 2ndLT 0-756968  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Regensburg 18  
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: 21 July 1944

Returned to UK: 15 Sept 1944

95th B.G. 336th Bomb SQDN  
(Unit)

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

- PILOT LAIRD, H.L. - Hidden by underground in LUXEMBURG
- CO-PILOT CLARK, F. - captured by the Germans
- NAVIGATOR GIFFORD, N.O. - Contacted AMERICANS 11 Sept 1944
- BOMBARDIER -
- RADIO OPERATOR - P.C. TORTORA - Hidden by underground in LUXEMBURG
- TOP TURRET GUNNER - R.C. McMINN - captured
- BELL TURRET GUNNER W.F. SHUSTER - hidden by underground in lux;
- R-WAIST GUNNER - C. Kalik - " " " " " "
- L-WAIST GUNNER - E.W. JAMES - captured
- TAIL GUNNER - F. Gross - captured

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. 21 July 1944, 1300,  
ETTELBRÜCK, LUXEMBURG

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

3 ENGINES OUT - NO FIRE

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 5000 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? 10 OUT ALL OPENED

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? UNKNOWN

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. 6 were reported

(over) safe by underground, 4 captured. Crew was identified first by description and later by name.

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?

6 safe, 4 captured, according to underground.

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?

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What souvenirs do you still possess? Money

Home address. Chesterfield COURT HOUSE, VA.

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

- LT. F. CLARK-
- T/SGT R.C. McMINN
- S/SGT F.W. JAMES
- S/SGT F. GREGG

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

EXE# 2132

C O N F I D E N T I A L

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 36124066 Rank T/SET.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) T. R. WORNICKI

Unit 95 B6, 336 Sq.

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WIA) on 13 Jnt 1944 and has signed a Security Certificate.

He ~~should~~/should not be re-interrogated.

*W. I. Dore*  
2147, CAC  
Major

IMPORTANT:

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

If E & E is returned to the United Kingdom, he will report to 63 Brooks  
Street, London

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVASION CAPTURE, ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) Luxembourg

For all Personnel

- 1. No. 0756968 Rank 2d Lt. Name Ordway E. Gates Jr. (U.K: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 18
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details No
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 336 Sq.
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 95 Gp. 6. Job (Pl.Cmd., Rfn., etc) Bombardier
- 7. Date of Birth 12 Jan 1921 8. Length of Service 28 mos.
- 9. Peace time occupation Textile operator 10. Private Address Chesterfield Court House
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Yes
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

FOR R.A.F. ONLY

- 13. No. and location of O.T.U.
- 14. No. and location of Conversion Unit.

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS WHO BALE OUT

- 15. Post in Crew Bombardier
- 16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them. N.B. - Airborne and Parachute Troops list below names and units of other occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.
  - PILOT 2816326 1st Lt. H.L. Laird Hidden by LPL in Luxembourg R
  - CO-PILOT 0820154 2d Lt. F. Clark PW 2165
  - NAVIGATOR 0864462 2d Lt. W.Q. Gifford Evaded
  - BOMBARDIER Narrator 212
  - RADIO OPERATOR T/Sgt Tortora Hidden in Luxembourg 2278
  - TOP TURRET GUNNER T/Sgt McMinn, RCAF 31622862 PW
  - BALL TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt Huster, WMAA Hidden in " 32751946 2279
  - WAIST GUNNER (R.) S/Sgt Kalil, " " 18156430 PW
  - WAIST GUNNER (L.) S/Sgt James, " " 31374803 PW
  - TAIL GUNNER S/Sgt Gregg, " " 15130109 PW
- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17 Horham, 7/21/44 0600
- 18. Where and when did you come down? Ettelbruck, Luxembourg, 1245 7/21/44
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Left in woods
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? plane burned

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 13 sep 1944

Attached:

- Appendix "B"
- Appendix "C"
- Appendix "D"

I grade this evasion No. 5.

R.H. Dana

R.H. DANA 2d Lt.,CAC per RB Major

Disposal: Returned to UK

DISTRIBUTION:

- HQ I.S.9(WEA) 2
- 12 Army Group 2 (less C)
- 9th AF 1

I was briefed at base regularly by Intelligence Officer and PW Officer. I did not use my escape kit, although I carried a purse with a yellow tape and used the money for helpers and necessities.

I contacted helpers 10 minutes after I came down and was finally picked up by Americans 11 Sep.

I heard from underground that at RADARACH, Germany (Constance near Fredrickschafer) a factory making "Secret Weapon". Report 15 Aug. 44.

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)6/260/1730

If further circulation of this information is made, it is important that its source should not be divulged.

No. 0-756968 Rank 2d Lt. Name Ordway F. Gates Jr.

Date of Interview 13 Sep 44

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Josef Layder, Ettelbruck, Luxemburg. I stayed here one week.

Henri Muller, Ettelbruck, Luxemburg. I stayed here one week.

Ali Frank transported me to above places.  
Alois Schaus

Camille Charen, Rambruch, Lux. I stay here 5 weeks

Adolf Pierrard, Rambruch, Lux. transported me from Ettelbruck to Rambruch (30 km.)  
by bicycle and furnished civilian clothes.

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1. Because disclosures of information regarding evasion from capture, escape, details of imprisonment, release from internment, and repatriation have been made, the lives and services of fellow soldiers and those who help them have been lost or endangered. All information which you possess on these subjects, including the experiences of others as well as your own, briefings and equipment for evasion and escape, and preparations and other activities in connection therewith, constitutes MILITARY INFORMATION which is classified SECRET by the War Department.

2. You will therefore disclose no information whatever, beyond the fact of your return to duty from "missing in action" or "prisoner of war" or "internment", to anyone except the following military officials:

- a. The first Military Attache to whom you report;
- b. An officer designated by the Commanding General of an overseas Theatre of Operations;
- c. The Prisoner of War Branch, MIS, Washington, D.C., the interrogating agency designated by the A/C of S, G-2, War Department General Staff;
- d. Certain other officers holding written authority from the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, to interrogate you.

3. You will particularly guard against disclosure of SECRET information to relatives, friends, representatives of the press and radio, and military officials, except as noted in a, b, c and d above.

4. In order to protect yourself against disciplinary action, any question involving publicity must be referred BY YOU PERSONALLY to the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, Washington, D.C.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have read and fully understand all of the foregoing and the Directive of the Secretary of War, 6 Aug 43 (on the reverse side), and will at ALL TIMES hereafter comply fully therewith.

I understand that all information concerning escape, evasion from capture, activities and equipment in connection therewith, and details of imprisonment or release from internment, is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone except the military officials specifically designated. I further understand that disclosure to any other person will make me liable to disciplinary action for failure to safeguard MILITARY INFORMATION.

I realize that publicity concerning my experiences, by word of mouth or otherwise, will endanger the lives of many persons and therefore it is my duty to take all possible precautions to prevent it.

I further certify that I have received a copy of the foregoing.

Name (Print) Ordway B. GATES, JR Signed Ordway B. Gates Jr.  
 Rank 2nd Lt. AC A.S.N. 0-756968 Dated 15 Sept 1944 Place London, U.K.  
 Unit 95th B.C. 326th SQDN Witness .....



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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-939 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 Forces;  
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 (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.

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