

PRESIDENCE
DU GOUVERNEMENT PROVISOIRE
DE LA REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE

1196
DIRECTION GENERALE
DES
ETUDES ET RECHERCHES

Paris, le 14 mai 1945

Réf. à rappeler : 203/312/14

Le Capitaine LEFORT

au

Major WHITE

J'ai l'honneur de vous envoyer ci-joint des documents
qui ont été trouvés à bord d'un appareil américain abattu à
CHENOISE le 14 juin 1944.



Le Capitaine LEFORT

[Handwritten signature]

PROVISIONAL PROCESSING UNIT
 SUPPLY DEPARTMENT
 ARMY AIR BASE
 SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

44-1088

18 JAN 42
 (Date Issued)

ITEM	Per inventory this date	Issued this date	SIZE	NOMENCLATURE	STOCK NO.	TURNED IN	
						Overage	Unauthorized
1	1			Bag Assy - Flyers Clothing Type B-4	022100		
2	1			Bag - Flyers Kit Type A-3	027000		
3				Cylinders - CO2 Type	163000		
4				Glasses - Flyers Sun Comfort Cable	290400		
5	1		9	Gloves - Flying Winter Type A-10	298 500		
6	1			Goggles - Assy Flying Type B-7	336000		
7	1			Helmet - Flying Summer Type A-9	416 150		
8	1			Helmet - Flying Winter Type B-6	439 070		
9				Jacket - Flying Type A-2	47		
10				Jacket - Flying Winter Type B-3	52		
11	1			Mask - Oxygen Type A-10	5958		
12				Parachute - Complete Seat Type S-2	643600		
13	1			Shoes - Flying Winter Type A-6	72 2000		
14				Suit - Flying Summer Type A-4	79		
15				Sweater - Mechanics Type A-1	8		
16				Trousers - Flying Winter Type A-3	9		
17	1			Vest - Life Preserver Type B-3	978000		
18							
19							
20							

- I certify that I have this date received the articles listed hereon which have not previously been issued to me.
- This Equipment is issued to me for the DURATION.
- It must be CONSERVED--it is critical. I am personally responsible for its care.
- Items shown above will not be issued to me again EXCEPT:
 - If article is worn out present it to Supply Officer and receive a new one.
 - If article is lost or destroyed, a survey signed by Commanding Officer must be presented to Supply Officer before relief of responsibility will be granted.
- Immediately upon arrival at my new station I shall contact my Squadron Commanding Officer in regard to the disposition of Form 46, Parachute Historical Record Card.

Enlisted Man's signature: GANDAN B. LONG 15077529

Issuing Officer:
 ALBERT H. ROY
 1st Lt, Air Corps
 Air Corps Supply

Officer, C-RG

VOUCHER NO. _____

417TH SUB DEPOT
Alexandria Army Air Base
Alexandria, Louisiana.

HSD FORM

AUTH: Ind. "Parachute Issue"
to AAF WFTC from Supply Div-
ision, ASC, Patterson Field,
Dtd 12 October 1943.

TALLY IN

Received 1 Ea. 8300-636760 Parachute Type GAE No. 42-405023

Received 1 Ea 8300-595770 Mask Oxygen Type ABB

FROM Gordon Long PFC 15097529
NAME RANK SERIAL NO.

WHICH WAS ISSUED TO HIM AT H17 Supply

RECEIVED BY MH Williams 2-28-44

for R. C. LEONARD,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
417th Sub-Depot Supply Officer
Alexandria, Louisiana.

TALLY CUT

1. This Equipment is issued to you for the DURATION.
2. IT must be CONSERVED -- It is critical. You are personally responsible for its care.
3. Items shown on the reverse side will not be issued to you EXCEPT:
 - a. If an article is worn out, present it to an Accountable Supply Officer and receive a new one.
 - b. If an article is lost or destroyed, a survey approved by your Commanding Officer must be presented to an Accountable Supply Officer before relief from RESPONSIBILITY will be granted.

NAME _____ GRADE _____ ORGANIZATION _____
 SIGNATURE _____ SERIAL NO. _____

- (a) "I certify that the articles listed hereon have not previously been issued to me."
- (b) "I certify that the articles listed hereon were previously issued to me at _____ but were turned in by me at _____ and have not been replaced."
- (c) "I certify that the articles listed hereon were previously issued to me at _____ but were lost or were rendered unserviceable by means other than fair wear and tear; that proper adjustment has been effected and no replacement of any of those articles has been received."

NOTE: "I certify that I have this date issued the items listed hereon to the person who accomplished the foregoing certification."

 R. C. LEONARD, 1st. Lt., AC., Asst' S.D.S.O.

TALLY OUT

Consignor: 417th Sub-Depot Supply Property Class 13

Consignee: Long, Gordon B. Dated Dec. 4, 1943

QUAN.	UNIT	STOCK NO.	DESCRIPTION	INITIALS	INITIALS
1	Ea.	8300-022100	Bag Assy-Flyer's Clothing Type B-4		
1	Ea.	8300-027000	Bag-Flyer's Kit Type A-3		
1	Ea.	8300-	Cap-Flying Summer Type B-1 Size	ABL	
1	Ea.	8300-	Cap-Flying Winter Type B-2 Size	ABL	
1	Pr.	8300-290400	Glasses-Flying Sun	ABL	
1	Pr.	8300-	Gloves-Flying Winter Type A-10 Size		
1	Pr.	8300-	Gloves-Flying Electric Heated 24-V Type B-1 Size	ABL	
1	Pr.	8300-335000	Goggles Assy-Flying Type B-7	ABL	R.F.
1	Ea.	8300-	Helmet-Flying Summer Type A-9 Size		
1	Ea.	8300-	Helmet-Flying Winter Type B-6 Size		
1	Ea.	8300-	Jacket-Flying Type A-3 Size	40 ABL	R.F.
1	Ea.	8300-	Jacket-Flying Winter Type B-3 Size	38 ABL	R.F.
1	Ea.	8300-	Jacket-Flying Winter Type B-6 Size		
1	Ea.	8300-	Mask-Oxygen Type A-10 Size	Large ABL	R.F.
1	Ea.	8300-	Parachute Type- Ser.No.		
1	Pr.	8300-	Shoes-Flying Electric Heated 24-V Type D-1 Size		
1	Pr.	8300-	Shoes-Flying Electric Heated 12-V Type C-1 Size		
1	Pr.	8300-	Shoes-Flying Winter Type A-6 Size		
1	Pr.	8300-	Shoes-Flying Winter Type A-9 Size		
1	Ea.	8300-	Suit-Flying Summer Type A-4 Size	40 ABL	R.F.
1	Ea.	8300-	Suit-Flying Electric Heated 24-V Type F-1 Size		
1	Ea.	8300-	Suit-Flying Electric Heated 12-V Type E-1 Size		
1	Pr.	8300-	Trousers-Flying Winter Type A-5 Size	ABL	R.F.
1	Pr.	8300-	Trousers-Flying Winter Type A-5 Size		
1	Ea.	8300-	Vest-Flying Winter Type C-2 Size		
1	Ea.	8300-972200	Vest-Life Preserver Type B-4		
2	Ea.	8300-163000	Cylinder-CO2 Type B-3 For Life Preserver Vest		

Total Number of Items Issued 6

Voucher No. _____

RESTRICTED

WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 383.6 (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 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.

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.

CERTIFICATE

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) Long, Gordon B.

Signed Gordon B. Long

Rank Sgt. A. S. N. 15097529

Dated 28 Aug 43

Unit 457 Bomb Group 749 Bomb Sqdn

Witness W. L. ... Capt ...

AG P BR HQ SOS 2-44/2M/22472

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

Unit:-

Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training 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, why?
- c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".

Horlicks tablets.

While hiding in an empty house for 5 days

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

to purify our drinking water

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass.

to plot our course in case we had to leave the french people

Sewing kit.

to sew up our clothes

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *no*

- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *By burying it*

- f. 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?

Yes by putting a razor in it instead of the water bottle

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *yes*
State color of stripes and letters.
If NOT, State why not.

Red F and I believe black stripes

- b. Did you use the purse? *yes*

(over)

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones? *The one of France that has the vicinity of Paris*

Compass. *yes*

File (hacksaw). *no*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *Frances 2000*

How did you spend the money? *yes, at first we paid for our food*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *I gave them to Colonel Brewer of the medical corp.*

Compass. *I still have it*

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency. *I still have it.*

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion?

No.

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

If so, how many? *yes 9*

b. Did you use them? *yes, about three, but we never did get our*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *pass ports. We would have to move before they were ready.*

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *Many times at the 457 Bomb Group*

b. Did you find the lectures of value? *yes very much.*

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers?

yes I think no flyer should have a crew hair cut. The Germans cut their prisoners hair short and that way he might be mistakred for an escaping prisoner. also I believe that escape lectures should be made more compulsory

S E C R E T

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL,
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

GORDON B. Long Sgt 15097529
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
12 (No. of missions)
749 Bomb Sq 457 Bomb Sq
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: JUNE 14
Date arrived in UK: AUGUST 26

MEMBERS OF CREW: (Please list names next to positions)

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT	<u>1st Lt. Roy Allen</u>	<u>Spent the hours of the mission in the hands of the enemy</u>
CO-PILOT	<u>2nd Lt. Lewis</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
NAVIGATOR	<u>2nd Lt. Joe Byruss</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
BOMBARDIER	<u>2nd Lt. Anderson</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
RADIO OPERATOR	<u>1st Lt. Smith</u>	<u>Spent the hours of the mission in the hands of the enemy</u>
TOP TURRET GUNNER	<u>1st Lt. Plum</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
BALL TURRET GUNNER	<u>1st Lt. William Goldborough</u>	<u>Spent the hours of the mission in the hands of the enemy</u>
WAIST GUNNER	<u>1st Lt. Vernon</u>	<u>Spent the hours of the mission in the hands of the enemy</u>
WAIST GUNNER	<u>1st Lt. John M. Miller</u>	<u>Spent the hours of the mission in the hands of the enemy</u>
TAIL GUNNER	<u>1st Lt. Gordon B. Long</u>	<u>Spent the hours of the mission in the hands of the enemy</u>

Decorations:

Date of Birth: July 12, 1920

Private Address: Winchester, Kentucky, Route 1

Length of Service: 2 1/2 years

Job as Civilian: Meat-cutter

From what field did you take off? Take off time, Station 130 near Petreux

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? yes by explosion

Were you wounded? Give details. No

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? No they would not accept money

Do you speak FRENCH? SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE?

Did you have identity papers? yes a few

DOG TAGS

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?

A little to former commanding officer by G-2 officer at the time of capture

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?

No

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When?

No

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air.

12th evacuation air strip August 26 By air

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

*Col. Cobb, 457 Bomb Group
He was wounded so the French turned him over to the Germans so he could get medical attention*

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

*Sgt. Herson
Sgt. Smith
Sgt. Goldborough
Lt. W.E. Gibbons
Lt. Roy Allen*

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Gordon B. Long Sgt. 15097329
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
457 Bomb Group 749 Bomb Sqdn.
(Unit)
APO 557

August 28, 1944
(Date)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT
CO-PILOT
NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER
RADIO OPERATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER
BALL TURRET GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER

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

June 14, approximately 9:15, near Chenoise in the Province of Burgundy, France, about 40 miles southwest of Paris.

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

The controls, cables were shot into by flak

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

17,000 ft.

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

I am not certain but Sgt Plum might have been

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

all ten bailed out but Plum looked like he was dead in his chute

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Yes

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

No dead but the first night four crew members were brought to me

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.

No

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?

I believe that they were all safe except possibly Sgt Plum. The French did no parachutist had been captured in that region.

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

List all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defenses, AA batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.,.....)

The Germans had a large air field near Bratigny which is 5 kilometers from Anpojean located south of Paris. The Americans had nearly completely destroyed this field. The field was for 10's. I stayed for nearly three weeks 3 kilometers from there. They took off in one minute intervals.

The German morale was very high when we first parachuted but after the Americans big drive towards Paris, there was great confusion among the German troops. From the French we learned that 80 Germans stationed at Bray-sur-Seine (south east of Paris) were being fed for three days on one days rations. The ones we saw were very poor and haggard looking. After General Patton's drive the morale of the Germans was completely broken.

Near Paris in the south they retreated in great disorder all night one night. There was much yelling and confusion. The French morale is very high and although many of their people are killed by our bombs they seem to hold no grudges. Some of the French that could speak German talked to some of them and found out that the majority of the soldiers knew they were defeated but had orders to fight to the last man. When we left Paris (about a month ago) there were many German soldiers in the city.

Of course we were in the hands of the French and could not observe all that we would have liked to.

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Gordon B. Long Sgt. 15097539 August 28, 1944
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)
457 Bomb Group 749 Bomb Sqdn.
(Unit)
APO 557

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Major WHITE

Capt SMITH

Capt EMERSON

Capt BYRON

Capt ROUDIEZ

Capt TUCKER

Lt MORGAN

Lt SARANT

Mr POWERS

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