REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)

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UNIT

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

MEMBERS OF CREW

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

PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS

DATE, TIME AND APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF PLANE CRASH OR LANDING.
6/14/44 08:30 1/2 Km West Fleury 1a Forest Eure.

NATURE AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE TO PLANE WHEN SOURCE BAILED OUT. WAS IT ON FIRE, ETC?
3 Engines Gone.

AT APPROXIMATELY WHAT ALTITUDE DID SOURCE BAILED OUT? 2,500

WERE ANY OF THE CREW INJURED OR KILLED BEFORE THE PLANE CRASHED? Yes.

THE NAV. HAD PLANE THROUGH ONE ARM.

WHAT MEMBERS OF THE CREW BAILED OUT? Did THEIR PARACHUTES OPEN?
All. Yes and chutes opened.

DID THE PLANE EXPLODE ON STRIKING THE GROUND? No.

DID SOURCE SEE ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CREW DEAD OR ALIVE AFTER REACHING THE GROUND? Yes. N/A

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. All Alive.

NAV. POW. BY DESCRIPTION. Pilot, P/O. By description. Pilot. POW. By description. POW.

DID SOURCE EXAMINE THE WRECKAGE OF THE PLANE? IF SO, WHAT WAS ITS CONDITION?
Yes. Burned from nose to tail including bomb bay.

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 AFOIL?

WHAT IS SOURCE'S OPINION AS TO THE FATE OF THE OTHER CREW MEMBERS AND HIS REASON FOR HIS OPINION?
5 members taken P.O.W. 11 members killed.

Reason: channels of the E.F.O.
SECRET
HEADQUARTERS
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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

TARGET: Airfield, North Paris

(Name) T. R. Baskette
(Rank) 2S
(ASN) 0758524

(No. of missions) 28

(Squadron) 457
(Group)

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

PILOT Charles R. Blackwell Believed PoW
CO-PILOT T. R. Baskette Evader
NAVIGATOR T. H. Meyers Believed PoW
BOMBERIDER V. M. Boon Unknown
RADIO OPERATOR E. Nabazody Unknown - 590
TOP TURRET GUNNER T. Howard Unknown
BALL TURRET GUNNER J. Leakey Unknown
WAIST GUNNER F. W. McCull Unknown
WAIST GUNNER None
TAIL GUNNER S. Kurskiwitz Believed PoW

Decorations: Airmed + 4 clusters

Date of Birth: 10/31/21

Private Address: 41 Box 209 Tracy, California

Length of Service: 2 yrs. 8 months

Job as Civilian: Student

From what field did you take off? Take off time.

Glanton Field

0530 - Station 130

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

No

Were you wounded? Give details.

No

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much?

No

Do you speak French? Spanish? German? Italian? Other language?

No

Did you have identity papers?

No

(over)
Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?
No

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?
No

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When?
Yes  Bayeux, France  9/11/44  British IC A

Date of arrival in Spain: __________

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: __________

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air:
Bayfield in France  9/2/44  Air

List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans:
C. H. Blackwell
I. H. Meyers
S. Krassenstern

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

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-235-6242  Rank  2nd Lt.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS)  THEODORE R. BASKETT

Unit  758 Sqdn. 457 Bomber Sqn.

has been fully/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9 (WEA) on 1 SEP 1944 and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should not be re-interrogated.

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.
E. & E. REPORT No. I39W9A/2/306 1/45

TOP SECRET.
I.S.9 (WEA)

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country)__________________________

For All Personnel.

1. No. 0-755624 Rank 2/Lt. Name T.R. Baskette (U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)

2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 28

3. Were you wounded? Give details. No

4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 750 Sqn


7. Date of Birth 31 Oct. 21 8. Length of Service 2 yr 2/12

9. Peace time occupation Student 10. Private address Tracy, California, USA

11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Tags

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 Co-Pilot

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 C.R. Blackwell Unknown

CO-PILOT Narrator

NAVIGATOR Z.H. Meyers Believed P/W

BOMBARDIER V.M. Boon Unknown

RADIO OPERATOR B. Nabozny Unknown

TOP TURRET GUNNER T. Howard Unknown

BALL TURRET GUNNER Leahey Unknown

WAIST GUNNER (R.) F.W. McCall Unknown

WAIST GUNNER (L.)

TAIL GUNNER S. Kuraskiwits P/W

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B.17H, Glutton Base Station 130, June 14, 1944. 0500 hrs, take off.

18. Where and when did you come down? Fleury la Foret 0830 hrs

19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and Mae west? Hid them in a hedge

20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? To my knowledge — yes
TOP SECRET

E & E REPORT No. 1724232

Apply to all British, Canadian, U.S. & Allied Personnel

EVACUATED CAPTURED FROM (Name of Country)

For All Personnel

Name: ______________-
Rank: ______________-  (U.M.C. Rank Temp. w/ W.R.)
U.A. No. 0-235723
Descriptive: U.S.A.A. (A.A.) No. ofätze:_
28 What you wound up during captivity:
No
29 Ship (A.I.A.)
(Ship, Aircraft)
30 Date of Birth h.s. Weh (A.R.)
32 Date of death
33 O.S. Date of capture
34 Time of capture
35 Place of capture
36 Race, nationality, age
37 Trade occupation
38 Did you carry any form of identification or photograph?
Yes
39 Do you feel friendly or any other foreign language?
No
40 FOR R.A.F. ONLY

U.A. No. 0-235723

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS

W.H.O. BALE OUT

Pilot: ______________-
Co-Pilot: ______________-
Navigator: ______________-
Bomb Aimer: ______________-
Radio Operator: ______________-
Top Turret Gunner: ______________-
Ball Turret Gunner: ______________-
Waste Gunner A.: ______________-
Waste Gunner B.: ______________-

I, the undersigned, being a member of the British, Canadian, U.S., or Allied Forces of the British Commonwealth, hereby declare that I was not interned or otherwise detained in enemy hands, and that I am not a prisoner of war.

Interviewed by S.S.9 (WEA)

Date _________________________________

Disposal: UK

Attached:
Appendix "B"
"C"
"D"
WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General’s Office
Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OE-S-B-M

6 August 1943

KLS/ak-2B-399 Pentagon

SUBJECT: Amended Instructions Concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War, to Include Evasion of Capture in Enemy or Enemy-Occupied Territory and Internment 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;
Department;
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 any 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. Evasion, escapes, or internment 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) OE-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:

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
SEGRET.

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 SEGRET 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) Theodore R. Baskette
Rank 2nd Lt. A. S. N. 0-258624
Unit 457th B. Gp 750 Sg.
CONFIDENTIAL.

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-245624

Rank 2nd Lt.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) THEODORE R. BEASLY

Unit 750 Sqn. 457 Sqn.

has been fully/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 1 Sep. 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should/should not/be re-interrogated.

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On the 14 June 1944 I landed in apple tree 2 km from Fleury la Foret (Eure). A woman in the garden pointed the forest to me. There I ran into Monsieur Andre Schyel who put me in his house in Fayel (Eure). He had refused to work for the Germans and was hiding from them. An hour later Monsieur Touraine (aged 40, notaire at Fleury la foret, chef resistance FFI) took me to his house (On the way a German patrol fired at us in the bushes). In his house lived his wife, his nephew and his brother-in-law. At the end of the day a young man called Jacques Deselands (resistance, spoke English) took me to the farm house of Joseph Vermolin (spelling?) where I stayed 8 days. I then was moved back to the Touraine's where I stayed until the 20 August. On that date I had to leave for the name of the resistance people had fallen into Gestapo hands. At the Touraine's I met an American doctor called Bridgman who said he had contacted London (he said to be from Paris and had a summer Villa in Fleury where he came every two weeks.) The Touraine told me he was FFI intelligence. On the 15 August, a Canadian Flt. Nixon (Shot down on the 28 July) joined me at the Touraine's. On the 20th both of us went back to M. Schyel who put me with Mme Huguette Verhague (aged 35; Her mother lived there and was married to a British officer called her name was Mme Lambert.) who lived at Abbe le Mortemer par Monesqueville (Eure). She had kept five flyers. When I got there I saw them but soon after they were flown out. Their names (the names of three were Hodge, Don (Canadian RAF), Rudge, Phillip and Phillip). We stayed there until the 29 August at which day the English came in.

M. B. At the Deseland's there was another family living there: Cenuh. Her name was Cenuh (a widow of 55 and a young girl Bernadotte aged 19).

At the Lambert on the 25 August I met a man from the resistance called M. Maurino. That afternoon I went into the woods with him. We attacked a German staff car. We killed four Germans and hid them in the bushes. The next day the Germans caught 10 men and machine gunned them. We hid for two days in a cave.

At the Touraine's I met an FFI Lt. Dodging the Gestapo his name was Andre____?
S E C R E T

APPENDIX "D" TO B AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name: 0-765624, 2nd Lt. Theodore R. Baskette

Unit: 450 B 6p, 750 Sq.

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. AID'S BOX

a. Did you use your aids box? No

b. If not, why? Taken in almost immediately

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.

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube).

Benadryl tablets (fatigue).

Helasone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass.

Sewing kit.

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? No

e. How did you finally dispose of the box? Buried it in the ground

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? No

2. PURSE

a. Did you carry a purse? Yes

Red - F

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?
Compass. Yes
File (hacksaw). No
Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
2,000 Francs
Tobacco and People who aided me

4. How did you dispose of:

Maps. Did what
Compass. Brought
File (hacksaw). Lost
Surplus currency. Tobacco

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? No

4. Passport size photographs
a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? No
b. Did you use them? No

5. Lectures
a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?
State where, when and by whom.
Glatton airbase - Sept. 21-164
b. Did you find the lectures of value? Yes
c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapees? Yes

Allow the crews to wear civilian clothes
A small course in French and German
14 June - Just after becoming away, arrived North of Paris. Bandaged 2,000 ft. NE. LANDED in an apple tree. Fleury La Foret (about 2 kms from here). There was a woman in a garden she pointed to a house. REIN Inala a woman a few minutes later Moulin Schyke. He put me to his house in Fayel (near the outskirts of

had refused to work for the command, solved from Germany, slept on floor in loft while command were searching. Another Touraine. (paid 60)

Notaire a Pierre de la Font) came and took me on a bicycle to his house. On the way we ran

in a field. He laid me in the field. The robbers fired in the field. Murdered me - later went to his house. His wife and a nephew and mother-in-law stayed all day in the house. A young man called Jacques DESELANDES (armed resistance spoke English) took me to a house - to see if he was sure to the command. Joseph VERMOULIN (spelling?) stayed there 8 days; then went back to the Touraine and stayed until August 20th. Then I left because the name of all the civilian resistance fell into a Gestapo hands.
Another family living with the
Destrains called CANY (who was 35 and
young and at Vermeulle aged 18)

At the Tomains met a doctor Pidgeon
an American who said he had contacted
London (as I now Paris and was a surgical
villa came to Flavy every 2 weeks) Tomaine
said he was an FFI Intelligence

Another

On the 18th Fifi Nixon joined me
at the Tomaine we shot down on the 28
July —

On the 20th we left went to
Mr. Lynch and stayed with Mme. Hervelle
VERHAEGH. Her mother there was married to
a British officer called Mme. Lambert
lived at Abbe' Le Kantemer near the MONCE-
QUEVILLE (Eure) — she bad had five
fliers previously who had which I saw
and which were flown out. One Dook
Reddy, Philip and 2 others. — We stayed with her
until the English arrived on the 29th August

NB Anshe —? It in the FFI, choosing the Americans
I saw him at the Tomaine
at the Lambert another man from resistance
called M. Maunier and asked if we wanted
to join the fight. That day at 3 we went to the woods for lunch. We went out attacked 87 staff cars, killed 4 privates. We buried them in the sand. The next day the French caught 10 men and marched them. We hid in a cave for 2 days.

On the 29th we walked to meet the British troops. We left them near Lisols (Caux).

They told us we were going to put us in a POW camp. We went to Rouen after waiting 2 days at 10 p.m. An old Major told us to keep on the ground or in a trench. He flew us here. Arrived in UK on 2 September.