

SECRET

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Lemon, Vincent A 2nd LT 0-710286
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: Oil storage
Trucks near Toulouse

Date mission in action: June 25 '44

11 (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: Apr 20 '44

750 Bomb Sq 457th Bomb GP
(Squadron) (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT	Scott B Ormsby	Sec LT	
CO-PILOT	Fred D Stallings	Sec LT 0819201	Returned base called Sq CO (Phone)
NAVIGATOR	Vincent A Lemon	Sec LT 0710286	Don't know
BOMBARDIER	Arthur R Mendenhall	Sec LT 0759963	Myself Don't know
RADIO OPERATOR	Jay Saulsbury	S SGT	" "
TOP TURRET GUNNER	Jim Saff Unknown	(via Placement)	" "
BALL TURRET GUNNER	Neely J L		
WAIST GUNNER	Alvin Hendryx	S SGT 32242283	Don't know
WAIST GUNNER	Jones, Ray		
TAIL GUNNER	Fred F Castle		Don't know

Decorations: None

Date of Birth: Sept 13 1922

Private Address: Washington Road Augusta Georgia

Length of Service: 18 mos

Job as Civilian: Jr Aircraft Instrument Mechanic

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

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Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? No

Were you wounded? Give details. Dislocated left shoulder
fractured right ankle

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? No

Do you speak FRENCH? No SPANISH? No GERMAN? No ITALIAN? No OTHER LANGUAGE? No

Did you have identity papers? No

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

Yes, at 102 General Hospital S2 officer

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?

No

Date of arrival in Spain: —

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: —

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. by air Aug 11 1944

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

None

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

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Lemon Vincent A 2ndLT 0-710286
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
457 Bomb GP
(Unit)

SEP 12 '44
(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. Damaged
June 25th 0710 5 miles SE of ST Lo, France

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

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?
17000

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?
Do not know

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

Saw three chutes besides my own, unidentified

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Did not see Plane strike ground

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

No None

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.

yes after Return to UK
Pilot.

Received phone call from

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?

Pilot and other crew members aborted and returned to base (source informed by telephone conversation with Pilot) those others believed to include a co-pilot and bombardier believed captured or evading in France

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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.,.....)

Territory now in Allied hands

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? *No*
- b. If not, why? *Taken by captives*
- 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).
- Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).
- Halazone tablets (water purifier).
- Matches.
- Adhesive tape.
- Chewing gum.
- Water bottle.
- Compass.
- Sewing kit.

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box?
- 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*
 State color of stripes and letters. *Yellow*
 If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? *No, taken from me by captives*

(over)

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

None

Maps. Which ones?

Compass,

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money?

d. How did you dispose of:-

retained by captives

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

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

Yes

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?
If so, how many?

No

b. Did you use them?

No

5. LECTURES

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

Yes

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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 escapers?

Contents of escape kit should be removed from kit and concealed in less obvious places such as shoes, ^{boots} etc especially maps, compass and money. Thus General search may not disclose all items

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EIGHTH AIR FORCE REPLACEMENT DEPOT
APO 635

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NO. 255)

AAF STA 594.
11 Sep 1944.

EXTRACT

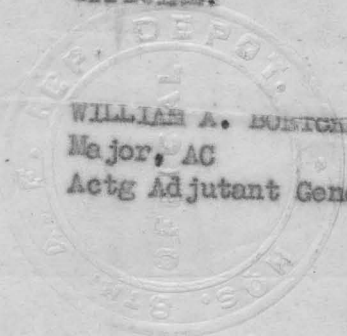
SECTION I

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11. 1ST LT VINCENT A. LEMON 0710286 AC, Casual Pool, this Hq, is reld
fr atchmt Sq A, 16th Replacement Control Depot (Avn), this sta, asgnt this Hq,
and asgd Hq European T of Opns, USA, APO 887. WFR a/o GMT o/a 12 Sep 1944,
rpt on arrival to US Army Special Reception Center, London, thereat. Reim-
bursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 per day and \$1.25 per day for subs is
atzd while in a travel status, in accordance w/Cir 63, Hq European T of Opns,
USA, 5-6-44. WD AGO Form 66-1 or 66-2 will accompany this O. A perm c of sta.
TCNT. IDN. FSA 60-136 P 431-02 A 212/50425.
AUTH: VOCC, ASC, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe.
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By order of Col RADER:

WILLIAM A. BOETCKER
Major, AC
Actg Adjutant General

OFFICIAL:



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2d Lt Vincent A LEMON, 0710286, 750/457 Bomb Gp (H), MIA 25 June 44
Intrvd 12 Sept 44

On 25 June LEMON landed about 5 miles SE of St Lo. He had dislocated his left shoulder when his parachute opened, for his harness was loose, and he fractured his ankle in landing. About five minutes later the Germans captured him still in his harness. They made him walk to a motorcycle and drove him to a farmhouse used as a patrol hq. He was searched again and questioned in French about his plane and where his comrades were. After about three hours he was taken by motorcycle to a field red cross installation. A doctor set his shoulder and immobilized his leg he lay in a field for the rest of the day. He was evacuated by staff car to a hospital to the SE, stayed there overnight, went the next morning to SEES and then LeMANS and RENNES. There he stayed until the Americans entered the city about 4 Aug. He was subsequently evacuated through medical channels to England, went through the 347 and 102 GH, was sent on to Stone, and thus came to 63 Brook St.

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Lennon - Smith SE 5-120.

left shoulder dislocated hit gun - loose harness.

Fractured ankle badly.

C Smith to get - unable get out of harness - held gun - G search.
Made walk to next night - down to farmhouse in a patch of -

Other search again - questioned ^{in the} about place where comrades
c 3 hrs there - not allowed to find Red + - do not shoulder -
immobilized by - his field not of.

Evacuated that gun of staff car - to hospital to SE

Over at there - Next car to Sees - few hours - then L Mas.

Bus to Rennes.

Then to Am'ville city - staff of allied ops.

News interrogated

Good med man but little supplies.

4 Aug Am'ville - evacuated to next night - then to air base, U.S.

Then to - 347 Gen - 102 Gen - who return to 5 tr.

12 Sept.

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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

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Major General,

The Adjutant General.

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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) Vincent A. Lemon Signed Vincent A. Lemon
 Rank 2nd Lt. A.S.N. 0-710286 Dated 9-12-44 Place London
 Unit 457 Bomb Group Witness [Signature]