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MIA 27 May
St. James Bay
cor. 20.

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1.5.9 (WEA) 2/533/819



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Questionnaire for Service Personnel

- 1 No, Rank and full name 12100520, 20506057 Harold Eugene Boyer S/Sgt
- 2 Decorations Air Medal
- 3 Squadron 669
- 4 Command 9th Bomber Command
- 5 Date of Birth 19 Oct 19
- 6 Date of Enlistment 11 Sep 38
- 7 Peacetime Profession None
- 8 Private Address Anna, Ohio, Box 143
- 9 Which type of aircraft were you flying? Havoc
- 10 Left from Stn 170 on May 27 1944 at 1800 hrs
- 11 Baled out (or crashed) at Amiens at 2000 hrs
- 12 How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?
Hid in flower garden
- 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
Mme. Vignon-Tellier 137, Rue Vulfran - Warne Amiens - Somme France	Food and shelter Kind treating	

Escape kit and purse lost in baling out. Pilot 2/Lt Hewes, H.E.
Gunner S/Sgt Kasper, J.F. (Both wounded and P/W - Hearsay)

H E P. 100

1.5.9(WEA) 2/333/819

On the evening of May 27 on bombing mission to Amiens, France, our A. 20 Havoc received a hit by heavy flak in bomb bay. We bailed out about one second after bombs were released, landed in Southern part of town in flower garden. I cracked my left ankle. People mostly German, were hunting me, I evaded them until I made contact with the Resistance people, who handed me to before mentioned address. I left before mentioned address on 1 Sep 44, by supply truck to St Andre, and came rest of the way by air.

I was unable to walk for the first month after I reached my helpers house, owing to my cracked ankle.

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Name: [faded]
Rank: [faded]
Service No: [faded]

Type of aircraft: [faded]
Date of mission: [faded]

Where did you land? [faded]
What did you do after landing? [faded]

Describe briefly in the order of time how you were taken to the place of hiding but omit the names of the individuals who were involved in your route (with dates, times, places, etc.) in the hands of an organization or individuals. If captured, give details (place and date of capture, etc.) and names of captors. If you were accompanied by any other members of your party, give the names of your companions and where they were taken to.

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11 - 16 Jun 44
Place: [faded]
Food and shelter: [faded]
Contact with Resistance: [faded]

Mrs. Simon-Talbot
177, Rue Voltaire - Paris
Address - [faded]
France

Thank you and please look me up if you can. Pilot Bob Brown, R.A.F.
Commander [faded], [faded] [faded] and [faded] - [faded]

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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 4, 1944
(Date)

Harold Eugene Boyer Sgt 20506057
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Amiens, France 41 app.
(Target) (Number of missions)

669 Bomb Sqn 416 B. Gp. W.
(Unit)

Date Missing in Action: May 27, 1944

Returned to UK: Sept 4, 1944

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

PILOT 2nd Lt. HARRY E. Howe - injured and presume
3455 still prisoner

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

Sgt Joseph F. Kasper - injured and
6944924 P/W prisoner

BALL TURRET GUNNER

W/ST GUNNER

W/ST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. May 27, 44 20:00 hrs

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. southern residential district
Direct hit, heavy flak in bomb bay. Was it on fire, etc? of Amiens

at approximately what altitude did source bail out? 15,000 ft. immediately on fire

Are any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? pilot & top gunner
both fired on by German while parachuting, both injured

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? all crew bailed
My parachute didn't open until bomb blast

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? hit it.
don't know

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

are dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the

names or crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

pilot - injured in head and shoulder, taken
prisoner - top gunner injured in thigh also taken
prisoner. No names were given me - just description
although I did see three chutes open

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.

~~*both prisoners - as they were wounded*~~

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

both prisoners - as they were wounded by ground fire while parachuting, by not making a delayed jump - I saw their chutes open and was told they were captured

Were you wounded?

yes

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.

none

What security briefing were you given?

all

What souvenirs do you still possess?

German shoulder patch

Home address. *Anna, Ohio Box 143*

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.

1st Sgt Paul Young

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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,
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Departments;
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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.
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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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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) HAROLD E. Eugene Boyer
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Signed Harold E. Boyer
Dated Sept 9, 1944
Witness Charles A. Ryan

1st Lt. A.C.

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