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Report No 2/248/788

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TOP SECRET

Questionnaire for Service Personnel

- 1 No, Rank and full name **Capt. James E. ZENGERLE**
- 2 Decorations **Air Medal. 3 Clusters**
- 3 Squadron **562**
- 4 Command **8th Bomber**
- 5 Date of Birth **Aug 22, 1918**
- 6 Date of Enlistment **June 23, 1941**
- 7 Peacetime Profession **Bank Teller**
- 8 Private Address **Annville, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.**
- 9 Which type of aircraft were you flying? **B 17**
- 10 Left from **England** on **May 25** 1944 at **0600** hrs
- 11 Baled out (or crashed) at **Hornoy, Somme** at **0800** hrs
France
- 12 How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?

Farmer hid equipment in well.

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
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*Returned fcs. 755.-
Identity card*

3 Sep 44.

Capt. James E. ZENGERLE

Alighted in plowed field with chute entangled in fence. Farmer and son ran out and motioned to me that they would hide equipment since I was dazed and unable to do so. Hid in spot near landing until Germans quit searching and approached farm house in the evening. Farmer had assisted previously in 1941 another aviator and contacted local resistance, eventually leading to transportation to AMIENS Org. where I hid until liberation of town 31 Aug 44. Hitch hiked back to this present site of BAYEUX.

26 May 44 Mr. Jos BALFE Food, lodging and introduction
to Hornay, Somme, to Org.
31 May 44 France.

1 Jun 44 Madame E. VIGNON Member of Org. who kept me.
137 Rue Vulfran,
Warne, Somme
France.

Crew members.

Lt.-Col. Chamberlain	}	(Killed)
Capt. Barnett W.A.		
1 Lt. Travis W.H.		
1 Lt. Millin A.B.		1 Killed, 5 Captured, 3 Escaped.
Lt - - - - (unknown) X		Information supplied by Org to me.
T/Sgt. Hurdle J.P.		
T/Sgt. Leonard E.H.		
T/Sgt. Lazar W.J.		
T/Sgt. Bibbins A.H.		
T/Sgt. Benson E.J.		

X extra Navigator.

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 388.6 (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 supersedes letter, AG 883.6 (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) ZENGERLE, JAMES E.
Rank CAPTAIN A. S. N. 0-798631
Unit 562 sq. 388 Bomb Gp (H)

Signed James E. Zengerle
Dated September 04, 1944
Witness Charles A. Byers

1st Lt. A.C.

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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)

ZENGERLE JAMES E. CAPT. 0798631
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

RR Junction NW FRANCE 23
(Target) (Number of missions)

562ND Sq 388TH Bomb Gp (H)
(Unit)

Date Missing in Action: MAY 25, 1944

Returned to UK: Sept 4, 1944

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

PILOT My self - BAILED OUT AND CONTACTED FRENCH UNDERGROUND

CO-PILOT LT. Col CHAMBERLIN - REPORTED TO ME BY FRENCH AS KILLED IN MID-AIR EXPLOSION

NAVIGATOR 1 LT TRAVIS, W. H.

EXTRA NAVIGATOR - NAME UNKNOWN BY ME

BOMBARDIER CAPT. BARNETT, W. A.

RADIO OPERATOR T/SGT LAZAR, W. J.

TOP TURRET GUNNER T/SGT HURDLE, J. P.

BELL TURRET GUNNER T/SGT LEONARD, E. H.

WAIST GUNNER BENSON, E. J. T/SGT

WAIST GUNNER BIBBINS, A. H. T/SGT

CO-PILOT
TAIL GUNNER 1 LT MILLIN, A. B.

LOCAL FRENCH UNDERGROUND REPORTED TO ME THAT LT. COL CHAMBERLIN AND ONE OTHER MEMBER OF THE CREW DESCRIBED BY THE GERMANS AS BEING A POLISH PERSON WERE FOUND DEAD NEAR THE AIRCRAFT; CHUTES WERE UNOPENED AND THE BODIES WERE NOT MANGLED. THIS SEEMED TO INDICATE THEY WERE KILLED WHEN PLANE BURST IN MID-AIR. FIVE OTHERS OF MY CREW WERE REPORTED AS BEING MARCHED AS PRISONERS THROUGH THE TOWN AND THE LAST 3 IN FRENCH HANDS EVADING

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. 5-25-44 800 hours
APPROX 25 KILOMETERS W X SW OF AMIENS, SOMME, FRANCE

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
#3 & #4 ON FIRE - #4 FEATHERS - CONTROLS SHOT AWAY BY FLAK - PLANE IN SPIN
PLANE HAD SUFFERED 3 DIRECT FLAK HITS.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 18,000'

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? YES - SOMEONE IN THE NOSE OF PLANE WAS APPARENTLY WOUNDED BY FLAK

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? 9 OPEN CHUTES WERE COUNTED INCLUDING MINE - I BELIEVE THE OTHER PERSON NOT ACCOUNTED FOR WAS ONE OF THOSE IN THE NOSE OF THE PLANE

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? EXPLODED IN AIR INTO 3 SECTIONS
ABOUT 20 SECONDS AFTER I BAILED OUT

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. AS ABOVE - GERMAN CAME

INTO CAFE WHERE I WAS HIDING AND DISPLAYED COL. CHAMBERLIN'S RING AND PERSONAL EFFECTS - FURTHER INFO OF OTHER EVADERS WAS NOT ALLOWED (OVER) ME SINCE I WAS MOVED. MEMBER OF LOCAL RESISTANCE WAS GOING TO BRING ME GERMAN RECORDS ON THE CAPTURED AND DEAD SINCE

HE HAD ACCESS TO THEIR RECORDS - I BELIEVE IF JOE BALFE
HORNOY HOTEL, HORNOY, SOMME IS QUESTIONED HE MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN
FURTHER DETAILS AFTER MY - 2 - DEPARTURE.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

NO

COMPLETE WASH OUT

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? ONE OF MY MEN CAPTURED WAS REPORTED WOUNDED IN CHEST & WEARING A SHOULDER HOLSTER. THIS I BELIEVE WAS CAPT BARNETT WHO WORKS WITH A GUN

Were you wounded? SUPERFICIAL FLAK CUTS WHICH HEALED COMPLETELY
INJURED SPINE IN LANDING

Were you in German hands? NO

Did you kill any Germans in escaping? NO

Have you previously given the names of your helpers? YES - I PURPOSELY REFRAINED
FROM LEARNING MANY HELPERS NAMES IN CASE I WAS CAPTURED

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given.

P-REMY AMIENS - FURNISHED FOOD FOR LOCAL ORG WHICH CONSTANTLY FED
12-18 MEN. - NUMEROUS LOCAL MEMBERS ASSISTED IN CLOTHING, ETC.

What security briefing were you given?

SECURITY OFFICER AT HENDON AIRPORT

What souvenirs do you still possess? 100 FRANC NOTE SHOWING NAMES & ADDRESS OF
OTHER EVADERS HOUSED WITH ME - (RELEASED WITH ME)

Home address. 564 E MAPLE ST. ANNVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, U.S.A.

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

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