

TOP SECRET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Paul B. Young Sgt 19087788  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

6-9-44  
(Date)

351 Bomb Gp  
(Unit)

29-2-44 about 4:30 P.M. noon

12 miles south of Amiens

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

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

2 twin engines out

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

about 12,000 ft

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

no

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

1 didn't not open

all

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

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so give detailed furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

yes

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

no

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

no

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

4 prisoner, 1 killed  
French told me.

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

TARGET:

Paul B Young S/lt 19087788  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Date mission in action: 24-2-44

16 (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: 5-9-44

508<sup>th</sup> Bomb 351 Bomb  
(Squadron) (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT Coffman

CO-PILOT prisoner of war wounded

NAVIGATOR returned to England from Spain

BOMBARDIER prisoner of war

RADIO OPERATOR 1st John Matilda saw him in France

TOP TURRET GUNNER killed

BALL TURRET GUNNER Ball turret

WAIST GUNNER prisoner of war

WAIST GUNNER prisoner of war

TAIL GUNNER returned to England from Spain

finished refer to 712 AG

for crew then check disposition

Decorations: Air medal 3 clusters

Date of Birth: Jan 15 1921

Private Address: 847 Clay St apt 24 San Francisco Calif.

Length of Service: 2 years

Job as Civilian: Par Boy

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

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? dont know

Were you wounded? Give details. Broken ankle

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

Do you speak FRENCH? no SPANISH? no GERMAN? no ITALIAN? no OTHER LANGUAGE? Chinese

Did you have identity papers? yes 1756 TR 95

HP

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? <sup>no</sup> If so, where and by whom?

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When? <sup>no</sup>

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? <sup>no</sup>

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When? <sup>no</sup>

Date of arrival in Spain: <sup>no</sup>

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. <sup>amiens 3-9-44</sup>

List names of American or British personnel believed to <sup>air</sup> have been arrested by Germans.

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

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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;  
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  
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) Paul B. Young  
Rank S/1sgt A. S. N. 19087788  
Unit 351 Bomb AP

Signed Paul B. Young  
Dated 6-9-44  
Witness L. J. ...

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *S/sgt Paul B. Young 19087784*  
Unit:- *351 Bomb 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. 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. *no*  
Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *yes*  
Milk (tube). *yes*  
Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). ~~yes~~ *no*  
Halazone tablets (water purifier). *no*  
Matches. *yes*  
Adhesive tape. *no*  
Chewing gum. *yes*  
Water bottle. *yes*  
Compass. *yes*  
Sewing kit. *yes*

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *threw away*
- 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?

2. PURSE

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

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

Maps. Which ones? *yes*

Compass, *yes*

File (hacksaw). *no*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *2000 Francs*  
How did you spend the money? *tobacco*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *give to french*

Compass. *still have*

File (hacksaw). *still have*

Surplus currency. *about 1.00 franc*

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

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

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

b. Did you use them? *yes*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *no*  
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

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

Close to Elsinore N

Out c 12,000' - delay c 5,000'

Start at farm place - Mx109

Brooks left all who loaded.

Spiked up by Fr - hid -

Look for Fr out fit - plan with glass - hid - Fr search  
or possibly B. - 2 sty.

To hospital sleep w/ the horses.

In town early am <sup>c 0900</sup> ask kid for help.

Takes to farm - feel sheltered - not help man

Walk on - c 5-6 hrs - find barn - cold - walk on -

Approach farm - too cold in barn - on to house - Fr policeman see -

Threaten - ask man for water - get next house - go next house.

From man take in - back to farm when beer.

c 1800 2 Fr boys find.

Next day c 0900 man come - by returning

The first Fr man.

c 1800 boy P come - go then to Elsinore N with Langer over

The A/C sty - P & B come.

Then with P from there on.

Witch ride from Annies airport

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Evasion/France

11.11.44

S/Sgt Paul B YOUNG, 19087788, 508/351 Bomb Gp (H), MIA 24 Feb 44  
Interviewed 6 Sept 44

Young landed close to Elise sur N, N of Amiens, after delaying from 12,000 to 7,000'. A French boy hid him. He slept in a haystack and went to a town the next morning asking for help. He was taken to a farm where he was fed and sheltered, but no more could be done for him. He walked some distance, approached another farm, found it too cold in the barn, and walked on to a town where he was eventually taken in and sent back to a farm where he had been. A day or so later a Pierre took him to Elise sur N where he stayed over night with Langer and was joined by Coffman, <sup>Coughman</sup> ~~see~~ <sup>533</sup> 1966, and the B.

From there on his story is the same as Coffman's, See E&E.

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