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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

11 Sept. 44
(Date)

Freudenberger, Arthur T. 2nd Lt. 0-699067
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Murich 10
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action 12 July 44

Returned to UK: 10 Sept. 44

458 B.G. 755 Sq.
(Unit)

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

PILOT Quirk, Charles - P.W.

CO-PILOT Campbell, - P.W.

NAVIGATOR } Freudenberger, Arthur T. - Evaded
BOMBARDIER }

RADIO OPERATOR } My first flight with this crew, hence I
TOP TURRET GUNNER } know not their names.
MID TURRET GUNNER }
WAIST GUNNER }
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Nose
~~WING~~ GUNNER Gooney, Percival - Evaded

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. 12 July 44 1615
Near Frameries, Belgium

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
Not on fire - Out of gas.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 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? All Members.
Yes

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? Small explosion

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

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 - Identified by
Messages

(over)

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?

5 Men P.W. 4 Evaded. - Met one crew member who escaped on Trip to Germany

Were you wounded?

No

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.

What security briefing were you given?

What souvenirs do you still possess?

lace cloth

Home address.

4350 W Congress St Chicago, Ill.

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.

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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) *Freudenberger, Arthur T.* Signed *Arthur T. Freudenberger*
 Rank. *2nd Lt.* A.S.N. *0-699067* Dated *11 Sept. 44* Place.....
 Unit. *A.C.* Witness.....

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)
EVADED CAPTURE/XXXXXXXXXXXX (Name of Country)... Belgium.....

For all Personnel

- 1. No. 0-699067.... Rank... 2nd Lt..... Name ... FREUDENBERGER, Arthur. T.....
(U.K: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Pre-Pearl Harbor, Air Medal.....
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details... No.....
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 755 Bomb Sqn.....
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 458 Bomb Gp.. 6. Job (Pl.Cmd., Rfn., etc) Bomb Navigator
- 7. Date of Birth..... 3 December 1915..... 8. Length of Service.. 3 yrs, 11 mos, ..
- 9. Peace time occupation... Salesman..... 10. Private Address... 4350 W. Congress St.
Chicago, Illinois
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Yes.....
- 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

- 5. Post in Crew..... Bombardier-Navigator.....
- 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 Charles W. Quirk PW
- CO-PILOT..... George Campbell..... PW
- NAVIGATOR.....)
- BOMBARDIER.....) Narrator
- RADIO OPERATOR..... Gerald K. Miller PW
- TOP TURRET GUNNER... Thomas J. McQueen PW
- BALL TURRET GUNNER... Donald H. Swanson Evaded
- W/ST GUNNER (R.)... Charles C. Hillis, III... Evaded
- NOSE ~~XXXX~~ GUNNER ~~XXXX~~ Percival M. Goswey Evaded
- TAIL GUNNER..... Donald W. Pierce PW

- 7. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24, England, 12 July 1944, 0930 hrs.
- 8. Where and when did you come down? Frameries, Belgium, 12 July 1944, 1615 hrs.....
- 9. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Hid them under
bushes on bank of canal.....
- 10. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes, as far as I know.....

Returned to Unit

Interviewed by I.S. 9 (WEA)

- Attached:
- Appendix "B"
- Appendix "C"
- Appendix "D"

Date 10 September 1944.....

I grade this evasion No. 5.

Disposal:.....

/s/ Richard H. Dana
/t/ RICHARD H. DANA
2nd Lt., CAC.

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)/6/142/865

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Date of Interview 10 September 1944

I was helped by the following:

At Frameries:

- Mich - helped me and Sgt. Goewey July 13-14.
- Marcel - on his farm for 10 days.
- Freddy - in Frameries.
- Eddy - moved us about. Gestapo suspicious of him but he always helped us.
- Gaston - Stayed with him 3 weeks.
- Nadia - messenger.

M. Dupea
Masson, Belgium

HEP 1896

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-699117 Rank 2/Lt.
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) A. T. FREUDENBERGER
Unit 755 590, 458 90

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)
on 10 Sept 1944 and has signed a Security Certificate.

He ~~should~~/should not be re-interrogated.

P. U. Dams
2/Lt, CAG
Major

IMPORTANT:

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH) AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X DET.-M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL, IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

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(U.S. Acting, Temp. or P/S)
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- 3. Were you wounded? Give details. **No**
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) **755 Bomb. Sqdn.**
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) **458 Bomb.Gp.** Job (Pl. Cmd. Lt. etc.) **Bomb.-Navigator**
- 7. Date of Birth **3 Dec 1915** Length of Service **3 yrs. 11 months**
- 9. Peace time occupation **Salesman** Home address **4350 W. Congress St. Chicago, Ill.**
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per RB
 MAJOR

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