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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Schmaling E.E. Sgt. 39127567 — 9-8-44
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)

94th Bomb Gp. 332 Sqdn
(Unit)

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. 6-9-44 - 0900

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
Plane was on fire - near Pilots compartment.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 20,000 ft.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? I don't think any of the crew was injured, but there are two members that who we haven't seen or have had word of.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?
I think they all bailed out

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? Did not see where the plane crashed

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. Recieved word thru F.F.I. of five members - (identified by Name) And of Pilot by Photo one member was with me.

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. Plane crashed on land

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? - My opinion of the ~~other~~ two members I haven't heard of - is that they should have been able to get out one was standing in the waist when I left the ship

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GENERAL STAFF "I" I.S.9. -5 SEP 1944 WESTERN EUROPEAN AREA

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 39127562 Rank Sgt. U.S.A.A.F.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) E. E. SCHMALING

Unit 332 Sqn. 94 Group

has been ~~fully~~/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 5th Sept. 1944.

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

RECEIVED 7 OCT 1944

J. C. De Castro Capt AAG

Major.

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This Officer/W.O./N.C.O. has special information on the following subjects:—

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) ~~ERNEST~~ E. SCHMALING Signed Ernest E. Schmaling

Rank Sgt. A.S.N. 39127562 Dated 9-8-44 Place London

Unit 332 Sqdn 94 Bomb Gp Witness .....

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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
J.A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 WEA/1/157/987

TOP SECRET.
I.S.9 (WEA)

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE.

For All Personnel.

1. No. 39127562 Rank Sjt. U.S.A.A.F. Name SCHMALING E.E.
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 5 missions.
3. Were you wounded? Give details No.
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 332 SQN.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 94 Gp
6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) -
7. Date of Birth 19 JUL 1909
8. Length of Service 1½ yrs.
9. Peace time occupation Constr Work
10. Private address 39 HILL VIEW, SAN RAFAEL, CAL
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Tags. 6 Photos.
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

15. Post in Crew
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.

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CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER See Report No. I.S.9 WEA/1/162.

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER (R.)

WAIST GUNNER (L.)

TAIL GUNNER

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure

18. Where and when did you come down?

19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?

20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

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For All Personnel.

1. No. 3912756 Rank Sgt. U.S.A.A.F. Name SCHNEIDING R.R.
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)

2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 5 missions.

3. Were you wounded? Give details. No.

4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 352 Sqdn.

5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 9th GP 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) –

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Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 5 Sep 44.

Attached:

Appendix "~~A~~X"

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Briefly interrogated.

Disposal: U.K.

Major G.S.

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 39127562 Sgt. Sehmaling E.E.

Unit:- 332 Sqdn 94 Bomb Gp.

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? to some extent.

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. ✓

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?

2. PURSE

a. Did you carry a purse?
State color of stripes and letters.
If NOT, State why not.

b. Did you use the purse?

(over)

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

Maps. Which ones?

Compass,

File (hacksaw).

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

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

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

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

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

b. Did you use them?

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?
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?

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Schmaling E.E. Sgt. 39127562
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

5 (No. of missions)

332nd 94th Bomb
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: 9-5-44

Date mission in action: 6-9-44

Date arrived in UK: 9-8-44

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT Lt. T.L. Bond - Parachuted to Safety- FFI - Had his Photo

CO-PILOT Lt. Melton Douglas - Parachuted to safety - Returned

NAVIGATOR Lt. William Bellcomini " " " "

BOMBARDIER Lt. R.C. Walters " " " "

RADIO OPERATOR S/Sgt. C.W. Brown - Unknown

TOP TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt. V. Bishop "

BALL TURRET GUNNER Sgt. Alfred Spindler Parachuted to Safety - Returned

WAIST GUNNER Sgt. E.E. Schmaling " " " "

WAIST GUNNER Sgt. R.C. Warfel " " " "

TAIL GUNNER Sgt. Bruce Waddell " " " "

Decorations: None received to date

Date of Birth: 7-19-1909

Private Address: 39 - Hillview, San Rafael. California

Length of Service: 1yr 6mo.

Job as Civilian: Carpenter const.

From what field did you take off? Take off time. Ruffin Field 0530

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? I'm sure they

Were you wounded? Give details. No

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? Yes 2000 Francs

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

Did you have identity papers? Yes

(over)

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom? NO

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? yes

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. 9-7-44 FRANCE B 15 AIR

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.