

SECRET

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

YATES WILLIE B. T/SGT 18034475
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET:

24 June

Date mission in action: 6/24/44

24 (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: 9/2/44

449 BOMB SQDN 100 BOMB GP.
(Squadron) (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT ROTH G.L.CO-PILOT LEBARON WARRENNAVIGATOR SHOSS DAVIDUK 1184BOMBARDIER DONT KNOW

EVADER

RADIO OPERATOR YATES W.B.TOP TURRET GUNNER REYNOLDS B.L.BALL TURRET GUNNER HUNTER P.E.WAIST GUNNER ALLEN GLENNWAIST GUNNER CARLSON C. A.TAIL GUNNER ROULONG

P.W. THE FRENCH
SAID THEY WERE
TAKEN PRISONER

Decorations: AIR MEDAL AND 2 CLUSTERSDate of Birth: JULY 10, 1919

Private Address:

Length of Service: 3 YEARS 3 MONTHSJob as Civilian: WELDERFrom what field did you take off? Take off time, FRAMLINGHAM 0800Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? THEY WERE IN THE PLANEWere you wounded? Give details. NODid you pay your guides? If so, how much? NO

Do you speak FRENCH? *SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE?

Did you have identity papers? NO

(over)

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?

NO 159 a few questions

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? MS 9 OF THE CANADIAN ARMY

9/1/44

Date of arrival in Spain: _____

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: _____

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. 9/2/44 AIR FROM CAEN

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.

MOVEMENT ORDER FOR EVACUATION TO UK. 1357

No. 18074475 Rank: T/SGT. Name YATES, W.B.

You are directed to travel by the route and method which will be indicated to you immediately to an officer of M.I.S. X., LONDON DISTRICT ASSEMBLY CENTRE HOTEL, MARYLEBONE, LONDON. This movement order together with Medical report will be handed to the Officer Commanding L.D.A.C. upon arrival.



Bearer must be in possession of AB 64 Parts I and II, AF B 2606 Form 1250

the bearer has not been medically examined *Rev Hampton Lt. Col* Captain
I.S.9 (WEA)
First Cdn Army

SIGNALEMENT		
Yeux : <u>MARRON</u>	Nez	Dos RECT. base HORIZ
Moustache : <u>RASÉE</u>		Dimensions : <u>MOYENNE</u>
Cheveux : <u>CHATAIN</u>		Forme du visage : <u>OVALE</u>
Taille : <u>1 METRE 65</u>		Teint : <u>MOYEN</u>
Signes particuliers <u>SOUND-MUET</u>		
Empreinte digitale	Le Titulaire :	Signature des Témoins
	<i>Valentin Louis</i>	<i>General Louis</i>
	Vu pour Légalisation LE MAIRE Le <u>13 JAN 1944</u>	
	<i>Quivy</i>	

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) _____

For All Personnel.

1. No. 18034475 Rank Tech Sgt USAAF Name YATES. W.B
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Air medal +2. 24
3. Were you wounded? Give details no
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 418 B.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 100 B. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) —
7. Date of Birth 10-7-19 8. Length of Service _____
9. Peace time occupation Welder 10. Private address 2006 N. Hillomet St.
Dallas. Texas
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Pass. 6.
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No.

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

13. No. and location of O.T.U. 88 Bombr Group, Avon Park, Fla.
14. No. and location of Conversion Unit _____

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPSWHO BALE OUT

15. Post In Crew Radio Operator
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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|--------------------|--|---|---------------------|
| PILOT | <u>1st Lt G. L. ROTH.</u> | <u>Believed to have brought you back safely to U.S.</u> | |
| CO-PILOT | <u>2 Lt W. LEBARRON.</u> | <u>do</u> | |
| NAVIGATOR | <u>2 Lt D. SHOSS.</u> | <u>do</u> | |
| BOMBARDIER | <u>—</u> | <u>do</u> | |
| RADIO OPERATOR | <u>Narrator</u> | <u>Safe</u> | } <u>Baled out.</u> |
| TOP TURRET GUNNER | <u>Tech Sgt B. L. REYNOLDS (wounded) P/W</u> | | |
| BALL TURRET GUNNER | <u>S/Sgt P. E. HUNTER</u> | <u>Believed P/W</u> | |
| WAIST GUNNER (R.) | <u>S/Sgt C. CARLSON</u> | <u>do</u> | |
| WAIST GUNNER (L.) | <u>S/Sgt - ALLEN</u> | <u>do</u> | |
| TAIL GUNNER | <u>S/Sgt - ROULONG</u> | <u>do</u> | |
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure Fort. Wetherhall, June 24th 44. 0830hrs
18. Where and when did you come down? S.W. Fort du ROUVRAY (approx M 1705)
about 1100 hrs
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? French helpers had them.
NWE-7
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Not known. Believed that you returned to base

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No.

If further circulation of this information is made, it is important that its source should not be divulged.

No. 18034475 Rank 2nd Lt USAF Name YATES. W.B.

Date of Interview 1st Sept 44

Helpers

24.6.44 ① A Pole locked after me at OISSEL. House approx NWE 7. M. 1805. The only Pole in district. Has my military details.

July-Aug ② RAPHEL HENNING, 10 RUE DE POUSSIN, ROUEN head of a small group of Resistance.

APPENDIX "D" TO E. & E. REPORT No. _____

No. 180.34475 Rank 1st Lt USAF Name YATES. W.B.Unit 418 Sqdn 100 Lfv Bomber.

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 or escape capture.

1. AIDS BOXES.

- (a) Did you use your aids box? yes
- (b) If not, why not? _____
- (c) If you used it, state briefly when and where when I first landed at in the Forêt de ROUVRAY. 24.6.44
- (d) What did you use? Halazone tablets.
- (e) Did any of the items prove unsatisfactory? no.
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? Burnt.
- (g) 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 it cannot be larger?
no.

2. PURSE.

- (a) Did you carry a purse? no If not, why not? Operating from ^{temporary} new base.
State colour of purse _____
- (b) Did you use it? _____
- (c) If so which of the items in it were used? Maps? _____
Compass? _____ File? _____
Foreign currency _____ State countries and amounts used? _____
What was it spent for? _____
- (d) How did you dispose of: Maps _____ File _____
Compass _____ Surplus currency _____

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

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS.

Did you carry any passport size photographs? If so, how many? yes 6.

Did you use them? yes for Identity Cards

5. LECTURES.

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? State where, when, and by whom if possible? yes.
On several occasions by various DPs. Early 1944.
- (b) Did you find the lectures of value? yes.
- (c) Do you have any suggestions based on your experience which will help other evaders and escapers? no yes.
Always trust the French