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

E & E REPORT NO. 850
EVASION IN FRANCE

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4/18/44

(Date)

Alvin C LITTLE, Sgt, 31198980
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

5 missions
(Number of Missions)

351 Bomb Sq p 100 Bomb Group
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: LUDWIGSHAFEN

MIA: 30 December 1943
Arrived in UK:

31 July 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition	Narrator's Disposition
PILOT	0-747348	2d Lt	Francis P SMITH, JR		P/W
CO-PILOT	0-751159	2d Lt	James P LAW		MIA
NAVIGATOR	0-809604	2d Lt	Saul (NMI) HERSHKOWITZ		MIA
BOMBARDIER	0-688710	2d Lt	Glyde S MANION		E&E #577
RADIO OPERATOR	11129879	S/Sgt	John L SWENSON		E&E #726
TOP TURRET GUNNER	32583144	T/Sgt	John T AMERY		E&E #469
BALL TURRET GUNNER	31198980	Sgt	Alvin C LITTLE		NARRATOR
WAIST GUNNER	36500968	Sgt	Conrad P STUMPFIG, JR		E&E #568
WAIST GUNNER	16087728	Sgt	John W RUNCCEL		E&E #567
TAIL GUNNER	17054110	Sgt	William (NMI) WERTZ		E&E #576

Were you wounded?

Comment on "850":

Crawling four miles with
a broken leg shows a spirit
that requires no comment.

Sgt Little confirms our infor-
mation on the present impossibility
of rail travel for evaders from
Paris to the South of France.

~~REF #~~ 850
Sgt. ~~Little~~ Little.

SEE E+E RPTS

469, 567, ~~568~~

568, 576,

577, 726.

LEG BROKEN
IN LANDING

CRAWLS
TO EDGE
OF WOOD

HELP AT
~~THE~~ FIRST
APPROACH

JOURNEY ARRANGED

I followed Sgt. Swanson out of the ship and opened my chute almost immediately.

On the way down I lost my heeled shoes and flying boots. Thinking that I was about to land in a tree I crossed my legs as I had been taught to do; but at the last

moment my chute swung me and, missing the tree, I broke my leg in landing.

I ~~was~~ hid my chute and crawled

and hopped to the edge of the forest in which I had landed. It took me from 1430 to 2030 hrs to go about four miles.

Then I came to a small farmhouse where I knocked at the door. The people who answered my knock recognized me and took me in at once. They fed me and called a doctor, and from this

house my journey was arranged.

Sgt/ Little

App B.

- a) ~~At~~ At the end of March or beginning of April 1944 the RAF raid on a village near ESBLY which the Germans had taken over demolished the place and killed some 2000 Germans. (Hearsay, April 1944)
- b) The Gare de l'Est in Paris was demolished by the bombing of 17 April 1944. It was still ~~closed~~ out of use seven weeks later. (Observation) At this time (end of May 1944) only AUSTERLITZ, ST. LAZARE, and one other station in PARIS (possibly the Gare de Lyon) were in operation (Hearsay, end of May 1944).
- c) In DAX about 12 June 1944 it was said that travel from PARIS to the south of France was impossible, not only because of the disruption of the railways by sabotage and bombing but also because of the strictness of German control both on the railways and the roads.
- d) In May 1944 the diet in PARIS save for those who could afford the black market was restricted to bread and potatoes and ~~and~~ the population as a whole was even then desperately short of food. (Observation and Hearsay) The Germans
(next)

were entering theatres and restaurants and cutting off sections of the metro without warning, rounding up all males regardless of age and ~~without further question~~, and shipping them off to Germany. (Hearsey, May 1944). Curfew in Paris was 2300 hrs, and any male apprehended on the streets after that hour was arrested and shipped to Germany ~~without further consideration~~ (Hearsey, May 1944).

- e) In PARIS and other cities if a German was ^{killed} shot the Germans no longer bothered to take hostages but shot indiscriminately ^(and on the spot) any men found in the streets. (Hearsey, May 1944)

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Aids Box: I used ~~the~~ ^{and} benzadine tablets, the matches, adhesive tape, chewing gum, water bottle, compass, and sewing kit.

Purse: I had a red purse, the 2000 French francs from which I gave to my helpers.

Photographs: I had one photograph, but it ~~was~~ was useless because it had been damaged.

Lectures: I heard ~~four~~ several lectures on evasion given by S2 officers and swaders at my base. I found the lectures useful.

Suggestions: Escape photographs carried in the ~~colophane~~ ~~packet~~ ~~commonly~~ ~~used~~ are likely to stick together and so be rendered useless.

TOP SECRET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Alvin C. Little SGT. 31198980 7/31/44
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)
100th B.G. #850
(Unit)

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

Dec. 30, 1943 - 14:00 North Eastern France

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.

Was it on fire, etc?

Radio Room & Bomb Bay was on fire.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 24,000 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?

Navigator - Bombardier, Radio Operator, (Chutes)
TOP TURRET GUNNER - Tail Gunner - Both waist gunners. (opened.)
Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

NO
Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

All men mentioned above (Alive)

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.

French people told me, that Pilot, Co-pilot, & TOP TURRET GUNNER were not found in plane.

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

Yes - Badly Damaged.

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.

Crashed on land

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

Did not know much about them only that they were not found in plane.