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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Kenneth P KLEMSTINE, 2d Lt, O-819117
William KAPLAN, 2d Lt, O-693991

21 August 1944

(Name)	(Rank)	ASN	(Date)
862 Bomb Sq, 493 Bomb Group			E&E #1104 - IS9(WEA)/8/512/878
			E&E #1105 - IS9(WEA)/8/511/877

	<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>	<u>PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
PILOT	O-693991 2d Lt William KAPLAN	RTD
CO-PILOT	O-819117 2d Lt Kenneth P KLEMSTINE	RTD
NAVIGATOR	NONE	
BOMBARDIER	0698929 2d Lt James H SMITH	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	14079690 T/Sgt Roy J HERRIGAN	P/W
TOP TURRET GUNNER	34506888 S/Sgt Robert F SEXTON	MIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	59127836 S/Sgt Stanley K PAXTON	MIA
NOSE GUNNER	35161193 S/Sgt Robert M SHOCKEY	RTD
WAIST GUNNER	34588971 T/Sgt Forrest EVANS	P/W
TAIL GUNNER	11093394 S/Sgt Charles R CRAIG	P/W

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

22 June 1944, 1800 hours, village of MONTLIVAUT, near BLOIS - KLEMSTINE

22 June 1944, 2000 hours, 3 Km NW HUISSEAU-sur-COSSON (S Loire Riv, near BLOIS) - KAPLAN

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

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?
Not given

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?
Apparently not

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

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?
Not given

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

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.

Not given
Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?
Not given

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?

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E. & E. REPORT No. I.S. 9(WEA)/8/512/878

TOP SECRET.
I.S.9 (WEA)

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) France

Ev8 1104

For All Personnel.

- 1. No. 0-819117 Rank 2nd Lt Name KENNETH P KLEMSZINE
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 4
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details. No
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 862 Bomb Sq
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 493rd Bomb Gp 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) CoPilot
- 7. Date of Birth 27 Sept 1921 8. Length of Service 18 Months
- 9. Peace time occupation Water Works Supt. 10. Private address 417 Third St., Cresson, Pa.

- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Yes. Dog Tags, Escape 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 Pilot Co-Pilot
- 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 2nd Lt Wm. KAPLAN See I.S.9(WEA)/8/511
CO-PILOT NARRATOR
NAVIGATOR None in ship
BOMBARDIER 2nd Lt J H SMITH BAILED OUT SAFELY
RADIO OPERATOR T/Sgt ROY J HARRIGAN " " "
TOP TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt ROBT. F SEXTON " " "
BALL TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt S K PAXTON " " "
WAIST GUNNER (R.) S/Sgt ROBT. M SCHOKLEY " " "
WAIST GUNNER (L.) T/Sgt FORREST EVINS " " "
TAIL GUNNER S/Sgt C H CRAIG " " "

See #990

- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24H, Debach, Ipswich, 22 June 1944, 1600hrs
- 18. Where and when did you come down? Village of MONTLIVAUT, NEAR BLOIS, 22 June 1944, 1800 hrs
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Parachute taken by French, mae west, flying jacket, boots, taken by Germans
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

Secret.

Secret

SECRET
I.S.9 (WEA)

E. & E. REPORT No. 1. S. 9 (WEA) 8/5/44

The moment I landed (1800 hrs, 22 June 1944), some Frenchmen were waiting for me at the edge of the field onto which I dropped. The put me immediately into civilian clothes, and put me on a bicycle on which I peddled 100 yds to the fork of the road. There I met another Frenchman on a bicycle, and the two of us peddled to the town of ST DYE. I spent the night there and the next evening (23 June) at 2100 hrs I was taken to MONTLIVAUT, where I remained until 18 August. During the time I was in MONTLIVAUT I was joined by LT KAPLAN (see I.S.9(WEA)/8/5/44) on the 9th of July. He stayed at the same place as myself until 19 July when we both went to HUISSEAU SUR CASSON. I returned to MONTLIVAUT 23 July, so that as a matter of actual fact I was away from MONTLIVAUT for 4 days.

HELPED IMMEDIATELY
22 JUNE

MEETS LT KAPLAN
9 JULY

CROSSES LOIRE IN-
TO US HANDS 18
AUGUST

On 18 August French Resistance took me across the LOIRE at MONTLIVAUT. On the other side we had been joined that day again by LT KAPLAN were picked up by the Maquis, put in an auto, and started West toward BLOIS. After we had been travelling about 4 Kms, we ran into a truck load of U S soldiers who started us back into U S territory.

11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph, or dog tags, escape photos?
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language?

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

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

DISTRIBUTION:

- I. S. 9(WEA) Hq.....3
 - Capt Devereux, Ops.....1
 - Capt Arnold, 9th AF.....1
 - G-2 FUSA (less "c").....1
 - G-2 TUSA (less "c").....1
 - File.....1
- 8

Secret

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24, Debach, Spaetich, 22 June 1944, 1800hrs

18. Where and when did you come down?
I made this evasion (5) at MONTLIVAUT, 22 June 1944, 1800 hrs
Date 19 August 1944
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mss west?
Cameron J. McClair, Jr.
2nd Lt AC
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

Disposal: Returned to Unit. for Major, Inf.

Secret.

~~TOP SECRET~~

I.S.9 (WEA)

APPENDIX "B" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S. 9(WEA)/8/512/878

List of all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defences, A.A. batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of Allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.).

No. 0-819117 Rank 2nd Lt Name KENNETH P. KLEMSTINE

Date of interview 19 August 1944

Evaded in France

N.B.—It is of the utmost importance that when giving information on the above subjects you state clearly:—

- (1) Date, time and place where you obtained the information.
- (2) Was it the result of personal observation or a report by someone else?
- (3) If not from personal observation who was the source (*i.e.*, waiter, farm labourer, hearsay, cafe rumour, etc.), and how accurate do you estimate the source to be?

1. 8 Cannon, belived 105 mm, situated on opposite sides of road running parallel to, and on the South side of, the LOIRE, near the town of MUIDES.

2. Reinforcements for Paris area moved through town of MUIDES on main road NE.

3. Motorcycle troops which population says have come from area below LOIRE have also moved through MUIDES

Evaluation of informant's credibility.

Key.

- X 1.—Reliable.
- 2.—Credible.
- 3.—Questionable.
- 4.—Undetermined.

Observation

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Secret.

With the exception of items All above, information herein has been given verbally by E. & E. to _____

RESTRICTED

628 1104

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.

GERTIFICATE

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) KENNETH P. KIEMSTINE
Rank 2nd Lt. A. S. N. 0-819117
Unit 493rd Bomb Gr. 862nd Sqd.

Signed Kenneth P. Kiemstine
Dated 8-31-43
Witness John F. Whitey Capt AC

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SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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E & E REPORT NO.
EVASION IN

AUG. 21, 1944
(Date)

KLEMSTINE, KENNETH P. 2nd Lt 0-819117
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: RR STOCK SOUTH
EAST OF PARIS

862nd 493rd
(Squadron) (Group)

MIA: JUNE 22, 1944
Arrived in UK:

4th Mission

AUG. 26, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

		Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	Wm. KAPLAN 2nd Lt.		
CO-PILOT	NARRATOR		
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WALST GUNNER (ENGINEER)	FORREST EVINS T/sgt.		
WALST GUNNER			
TAIL GUNNER	CHARLES CRAIG S/sgt.		

Were you wounded?

No.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-819177 Rank 2nd Lt.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Kenneth P. Klemstine

Unit 862nd Bomb Sq. 493rd Bomb Gp.

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 19 August 1945

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

Cameron J. Salchow
2nd Lt. A.K.

Major.

IMPORTANT.

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

CONFIDENTIAL

CERTIFIED THAT:

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

NONE

IF Returned to U.K., this officer should report
to Special Interrogation Center, 63 Brook
St. London, W.

To the best of my knowledge & belief, this
officer is the person he represents himself to
be.

Cameron J. Blair
2nd Lt. A.C.

M.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.
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