

EXE# 15-68

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Mia 8 Feb

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-742461 Rank 1/Lt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS)

Howard F. Snyder

Unit

369<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq, 306<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp 8<sup>th</sup> AF

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

on 6 Sept 19 44 and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

Robert H. Bacon  
~~Major~~ 2/Lt, Ac.

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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P/W & X Det. MIS

G-2 Div., SHAEF

(Less App. "C" & "D")

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If any further information is required concerning this report detailed application should be made to I.S. 9 (WEA) G-2 Div. S.H.A.E.F. giving the E and E Report No.

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HEADQUARTERS  
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

Sept 4 44  
(Date)

HOWARD SNYDER 1ST LT 0742461  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

FRANKFURT 7  
(Target) (Number of missions)

306 BOMB GR 369 SQ  
(Unit)

Date Missing in Action: FEB 8 44

Returned to UK: Sept 3 44

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

PILOT	SNYDER - Narrator	JUMPED
CO-PILOT	EIKE <sup>George</sup> G.W. -	"
NAVIGATOR	BENNINGER ROBERT	"
BOMBARDIER	DANIELS RICHARD	"
RADIO OPERATOR	KAHLER -	KILLED
TOP TURRET GUNNER	R. K. HOLBERT	JUMPED
BALL TURRET GUNNER	ROLWANT	KILLED
WHAIST GUNNER	PINDROCK <sup>see PINDROCK</sup>	JUMPED
WHAIST GUNNER	MUSIAL	"
TAIL GUNNER	SLENIKER	Rtd 1883

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. FEB 8 44 1:30 P.M.  
MACQUENOISE, BELGIUM

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
ON FIRE

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

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? TWO

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? ALL BUT  
RADIO & BALL MAN

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? YES - NO BEFORE

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. IDENTIFIED BY  
DISCRIPTION TWO MEN KILLED - WAS TOLD THE REST  
WERE SAFELY HIDDEN  
(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. ON LAND

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

INFORMATION RECEIVED BY BELGIUMS  
2 KILLED REST WHERE HIDDEN

Were you wounded?

YES

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?

~~WAS BRIEFED ON SECURITY~~  
WAS BRIEFED ON SECURITY

What souvenirs do you still possess?

NONE

Home address. 21150. ROOSEVELT AVE. PASADENA CALIF.

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.



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

EVADED CAPTURED/~~EXCISE~~ FROM (Name of Country) Belgium & FranceFor all Personnel.

1. No. 0742461 ..... Rank.. 1st Lt ..... Name Howard J. Snyder .....  
(U.K. Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 7 missions .....
3. Were you wounded? Give details. Burned about the face and neck in plane ..
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 369 Sqn .....
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 306 B. Grp 6 Job. (Pl. Cmd., Rzn., etc.) Pilot .....
7. Date of Birth 6 August 15 ..... 8. Length of Service 3 yrs., 5 mos .....
9. Peace time occupation Traffic manager 10. Private address 211 S. Roosevelt Ave,  
Pasadena, Calif .....
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dog Tags, E & E photos .....
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Slight French .....

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 .....
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 Howard Snyder--evaded .....
- CO-PILOT G. W. Eike .....
- NAVIGATOR Robert Benninger .....
- BOMBARDIER Richard Daniels .....
- RADIO OPERATOR Kahler--French said killed in plane .....
- TOP TURRET GUNNER R. K. Holbart .....
- BALL TURRET GUNNER Colwart--French said killed in plane .....
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) Pindroch .....
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) Musial .....
- TAIL GUNNER Slenker .....
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17, Thurleigh, 8 Feb. 44 ..  
0910 .....
18. Where and when did you come down? 0130 Macquenoise, Belgium .....
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Hidden by patriots .....
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Plane crashed and burned .....

Interview by I.S.9.(WEA)

Date 6 September 44 .....

I grade this evasion No. 5.

Attached:

Appendix "B"  
Appendix "C"  
Appendix "D"

ROBERT BACON

2d Lt, AC

~~XXXX~~Disposal: Returned to unit .....

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G-2, TUSA-----1 "  
9th AF-----1 "

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

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EVASION IN

(Date)

TARGET:

Date Missing in Action: 8 Feb 44

Date Arrived in UK: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
(No of Missions)

306

(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWLB) ✓

Indicate what happened to  
each man  
and how you know

PILOT	0-742461	1st Lt	Howard J SNYDER	<del>306</del> E+E #1738
CO-PILOT	✓ 0-748164	2d Lt	George W EIKE	2 MIA SAFE with white Army in Germany E+E 97
NAVIGATOR	✓ 0-685369	2d Lt	Robert J BENNINGER	2 MIA
BOMBARDIER	0-679378	2d Lt	Richard L DANIELS	<del>306</del> P/W
RADIO OPERATOR	34036012	T/Sgt	Roy K COLBERT	2 P/W Check Spelling with both men's folders
TOP TURRET GUNNER	33324107	T/Sgt	RSS L KAHLER	MIA
MID TURRET GUNNER	18151729	Sgt	Lewis J COLWART, JR	MIA
WALST GUNNER	calc 15329492 821	Sgt	John (NMI) PINDROCH	MIA
WALST GUNNER	13025549	T/Sgt	Joseph J MUSIAL	P/W
TAIL GUNNER	16101156	S/Sgt	William O SLENKER JR	<del>306</del> E+E 1883

are you wounded?

Check all  
the dispositions!



APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. IS9(WEA) 6/30/657

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No. 0742461 Rank 1st Lieutenant Name Howard J. Snyder

Date of Interview 6 September 1944

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Andre Fraikin	Macquenuise, Belgium
Paul Tilquin	" "
Jean Decoorman	Chimy, "
Gabriel Soshier	" "
Madame Martin	Marcenlle
Charles Schyneter	31 Rue de Revelitiun Jumet Jui
Madame Aleyis Marichal	170 Rue Lodlinsar Charleroi
Victor Kuyls	672 Ave. Eug Mascaux Marcinelle
Maurice Baillaux	Marcinelle
Madame Andre Gadenne	156 Rue de Gozee
Madame Yoss	3 Rue de Allies Charleroi
Madame Simone Vanderilst	33 Rue Frison, Jumet
Monsieur Marais Ingenieur	T.P.E., Trelon, Nord, France

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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-989 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) HOWARD J. SNYDER

Signed Howard Snyder

Rank 1ST LT A. S. N. 0742461

Dated Sept 6 1943

Unit 306 Bomb Gr 369 SQ

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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