

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

E & E REPORT NO. 488  
EVASION IN FRANCE

MARCH 22, 1944  
(Date)

LEONARD E. BERGERON S/SGT. 11083443  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

423 306 BOMB GRUP.  
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 24  
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 18 MONTH  
HOME ADDRESS: 100 RUSS ST.  
HARTFORD CONN.

MIA: 11 Feb  
Arrived in Spain:  
Arrived in Gibraltar:  
Arrived in UK:  
MARCH 20, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT <u>DIBETTA J.</u>	<u>CRIEL FRANCE</u> <u>EVADING</u>	
CO-PILOT <u>WOLF J.</u>	<u>ENGLAND</u>	
NAVIGATOR <u>FELBECH, R.</u>	<u>CAPTURED</u>	
BOMBARDIER <u>SANDERS</u>	<u>CAPTURED</u>	
RADIO OPERATOR <u>HEWITT E.</u>	<u>CRIEL FRANCE</u>	
TOP TURRET GUNNER <u>CHICARALLI</u>	<u>WOUNDED</u>	<u>PRISONER AT BAOUAIS</u> <u>FRANCE</u>
BALL TURRET GUNNER <u>COLEMAN</u>	<u>KILLED</u>	
WAIST GUNNER <u>GOLDEN B.</u>	<u>CRIEL FRANCE</u>	
WAIST GUNNER <u>BERGERON L.F.</u>	<u>ENGLAND</u>	
TAIL GUNNER <u>WESLOH, E.C.</u>	<u>CRIEL FRANCE</u>	

Were you wounded? TG  
50 ft m/s

N/O

SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

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

At Cuil

AM 8795

Air field at Cuil (kind of  
planes are 190-109 —

Railroad yard - at Cuil

Factory making <sup>mount + maintenance</sup> parts for  
planes at Cuil

Big railroad yard near  
St Bruno - <sup>- gas -</sup> before gate

Lots of mine field near  
Coast.



# RESTRICTED

## 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.

### CERTIFICATE

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) LEONARD F. BERGERON  
Rank S/SGT. A. S. N. 11083443  
Unit 423<sup>rd</sup> BOMB SQ. 306 BOMB GROUP

Signed Leonard F. Bergeron  
Dated March 22 1944  
Witness L. Chumley LTJAGUS

AG P BR HQ SOS 2-44/2M/22472

# RESTRICTED

SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH  
MIS (X)

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No.  
BERGERON LEONARD E. 110 83443
2. Decorations.  
AIR MEDAL TWO CLUSTER
3. Unit or Squadron.  
423<sup>rd</sup> BOMB SQD 306 BOMB GROUP
4. Division (Army) or Group.  
306 BOMB GROUP
5. Date of Birth.  
JULY 3, 1919
6. Length of Service.  
18 MONTH
7. Private Address.  
100 RUE 67 HARTFORD CONN
8. Job as civilian.  
MACHINIST
9. From what field did you take off?  
THIRLIER
10. Take off time.  
ABOUT 8:00
11. Date and target.  
FEB. 11, 1944. FRANKFORT
12. Where did you land?  
NEAR CHARLEMONT FRANCE
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?  
YES
14. What was your position in aircraft?  
RIGHT WAIST
15. Were you wounded?  
NO
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much?  
NO
17. Do you speak French? Spanish?  
FRENCH.
18. Did you have Identity Papers? Dog Tags, Medical Record  
NO YES
19. Have you been questioned before to-day on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom? Have you given anyone a written report on your experiences. Where and when?  
NO
20. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?  
NO.
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when?  
63 BROOKS ST. ENGLAND
22. Date of arrival in Spain. \_\_\_\_\_
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. \_\_\_\_\_
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. BY SEA 20 March
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K.  
DARTMOUTH; ENGLAND MARCH 22, 1944

CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS  
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE A. C. OF S., G-2

488

DATE: 22 March 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, PAUL C. COAD, 1st Lt., AC, ASN 0-744357

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

LEONARD F. BERGERON, S/Sgt., AC, ASN 11083443

prior to his being reported missing in action over enemy territory.

The person whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon is the individual referred to above.

Leonard F. Bergeron  
LEONARD F. BERGERON

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



Paul C Coad

=====

The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as LEONARD F. BERGERON.  
S/Sgt., AC, ASN 11083443 (423 Bomb Squadron - 306 Bomb Group)  
previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

W. F. MARANDA W.F.M.  
SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

CONFIDENTIAL