

HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
APO 520 U. S. Army

6 January 1945

ESCAPE STATEMENT

1. Marshall, Clarence P., 1st Lt., 0-709225, 765th B. Sq., 461st B. Gp.
Born - 11 October 1916 Enlisted - 7 December 1937
Home Address - 710 N. Joplin, Pittsburg, Kansas
Peacetime Profession - Duty - Pilot
MIA - 15 December 1944 RTD - 5 January 1945 Missions - 26

1. Jarnagin, Calvin E., 1st Lt., 0-711586, 765th B. Sq., 461st B. Gp.
Born - 5 March 1921 Enlisted - 18 July 1942
Home Address - RT. Colorado City, Texas
Peacetime Profession - Ranch Hand Duty - Co-pilot
MIA - 15 December 1944 RTD - 5 January 1945 Missions 29

2. About 20 minutes from target, Linz, No. one engine had a run away propeller. It was impossible to feather it. Not possible to maintain altitude and stay in formation. Group was called and were told that plane would head for Yugoslavia. About 20 minutes later No. 4 engine started to throw oil and No. 3 and 4 engines ran out of gas and pilot put it on cross feed. They tried to transfer fuel from No. 1 to others and even up tanks. Pilot ordered crew to bail out about 5 minutes later. There was a complete undercast and it was not possible to tell exact position but it is believed to be about 20 miles North West of Ivanjaska (4455N - 1704E). Bombs and everything else was jettisoned as soon as No. 1 ran away. Altitude of plane at time crew bailed out was 9,000 feet indicated. Approximately 5 minutes later pilot and co-pilot bailed, approximately altitude 7,000 feet indicated.

3. Never in the hands of the enemy.

4. Pilot and co-pilot landed approximately one half mile from each other. The co-pilot being slightly injured colliding with the roof of a well near a farm house. Both men were in the clouds till they reached a point approximately 100 feet from the ground. On landing both men were taken by a farmer to some Partisans who were located in a village nearby. Sources landed near Ivanjaska. They stayed overnight in the village and were taken from there by cart to Prijedor (4459N - 1645E). Remained there two nights and were sent by train to an Allied mission where they remained till picked up by 15th AF and returned to Bari.

S. B. SINAI
Capt., Air Corps,
Interrogator

5 Incls:

- Incl 1 - 2, Ltrs 383.6
- Incl 3 - 5, Appendix B, C, F

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Appendix C

Escape kits no good except for money and maps.

Both men wore G.I. Shoes.

A suggestion was made that any crew landing in Yugoslavia to stay definitely away from the Moslen there as they were for the side that gave the most ? Germans.