

HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
G-2 STRATEGIC SERVICES SECTION
APO 758 US ARMY

24 April 1945

SUBJECT: Patrick's Report

1. On the 17th of April I left with Captain Binder for the village of MITTERSCHOLZ kreis Schlettstadt in order to visit my fiancée. We arrived at SCHLETTSTADT at 1630 hours, and upon learning that the bridge to MITTERSCHOLZ was destroyed, I left Captain Binder and proceeded to my destination on foot, arriving at 1800 hours. I was no longer than 15 minutes at the home of my fiancée when the local FFI representatives entered the house and arrested me, because I had no papers of identification. I was taken to the battalion headquarters of some French troops and there was interviewed. Then I was brought to their regimental headquarters at BENFELD. There I was searched and interrogated and taken for a German parachutist.

2. Under heavy guard I was transported to divisional headquarters at WENDENHEIM. I was again interrogated, this time concerning my exact relationship with the American troops with whom I had said I was working, but I steadfastly refused to give out any information of this nature on the grounds that it was strictly confidential. The officer then consulted some of his books, and, after a few moments, asked me if I could give the names of any other people working for G-2 SSS. I recalled that "Herbert" had come back through the French lines on his last mission and so mentioned his name. The officer recognized it and on this basis arranged to give me transportation back to OBERSTEIGEN. Arriving at OBERSTEIGEN with a French Lieutenant, I explained my predicament to the Sergeant. The Colonel arrived at this time and, upon his suggestion, the sergeant typed out an identification for me and I left again with the French Lieutenant, back to the home of my fiancée. However, he left me off at Strasburg. I hitched a ride with a French Army truck as far as SCHLETTSTADT, where I spent the night at a French hospital.

3. At 0600 hours, I was once again arrested by the French and was taken by auto to a divisional headquarters at BENFELD, but not to the same outfit where I had been the previous day. I was interrogated and then brought to WENDENHEIM. I was interrogated there by a Captain who proceeded to ask questions which I would not answer for fear of divulging too much information. I must have convinced him that I was working with the Americans because I was released. But, despite everything, I could not convince him that he should give me transportation back to OBERSTEIGEN.

4. I left the office and walked to BURMAHT, a distance of about 8 kilometres. There I saw an American sergeant and asked him if he would take me to OBERSTEIGEN, but he said he could not. I then went to the office of the French Military Police and asked them if they would bring me to OBERSTEIGEN. Instead of this I was brought

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to a French battalion headquarters at BURMAHT, where I made the same request. However, they would not consent to it, and I asked them if they would bring me to HAGENAU, where I knew there would be some Americans. They did this.

5. In HAGENAU I found an American unit who, at my request, phoned the G-2 SSS office at 7th Army Headquarters. I spoke to an officer who recognized my voice but I cannot say who he was. At any rate, he arranged with the American officer at HAGENAU to have me brought back to OBERSTEIGAN. This latter officer told me that on the following morning a truck was leaving for Sarreburg and would drop me off. I then went back to BURMAHT to spend the night with the French troops.

6. The following morning, the 20th of April, I went back to the American unit and received the promised transportation. The driver, however, made an error and took me with him to Sarreburg. I looked for an American unit there and found what appeared to be an Italian service company. I spoke to an American officer and he made out a slip requesting the local military police to arrange transportation for me back to OBERSTEIGAN. I went to the Military Police, who imprisoned me. I remained there for three days and on the evening of the 23rd of April I was picked up by an officer of G-2 SSS and brought back to OBERSTEIGAN.

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"Patrick"

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24 April 1945

To Whom This May Concern:

1. The following report was submitted by

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a. On the 17 of April, I left with Capt. Winder for the village of MITTERSCHOLZ kreis Schlettstadt in order to visit my fiancée. We arrived at SCHLETTSTADT at 1630 hours, and upon learning that the bridge to MITTERSCHOLZ was destroyed, I left Capt. WINDER and proceeded to my destination on foot, arriving at 1800 hours. I was no longer than 15 minutes at the home of my fiancée when the local MFI representatives entered the house and arrested me, because I had no papers of identification. I was taken to the battalion headquarters of some French troops and there was interviewed. Then I was brought to their regimental headquarters at WENFELD. There I was searched and interrogated and taken for a German parachutist. Under heavy guard I was transported to divisional headquarters at WENDENHEIM. I was again interrogated, this time concerning my exact relationship with the American troops, with whom I had said was working, but I steadfastly refused to give out any information of this nature on the grounds that it was strictly confidential. The officer then consulted some of his books, and after a few moments, asked me if I could give the names of any other people working for G-2, etc. I recalled that "Herbert" had come back through the French lines on his last mission, and so mentioned his name. The officer recognized it, and on this basis arranged to give me transportation back to OBER-TEIGEN. Arriving at OBER-TEIGEN with a French lieutenant, I explained my predicament to the sergeant. The colonel arrived at this time, and upon his suggestion, the sergeant typed out an identification for me, and I left again with the French lieutenant, back to the home of my fiancée. However, he left me off at Strasbourg. I hitched a ride with a French Army truck as far as SCHLETTSTADT, where I spent the night at a French hospital. At 0600 hours the following morning, I left for MITTERSCHOLZ, arriving at the home of my fiancée at 0730. At 0800 hours, I was once again arrested by the French, and

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was taken by auto to a divisional headquarters at BENFELD, but not to the same outfit where I had been the previous day. I was interrogated and then brought to WENDINHEIM. I was interrogated there by a captain who proceeded to ask questions which I would not answer for fear of divulging too much information. I must have convinced him that I was working with the Americans, because I was released. But, despite everything, I could not convince him that he should give me transportation back to OBER-TEIGEN. I left the office and walked to BURMAHT, a distance of about 8 kilometers. There I saw an American sergeant and asked him if he would take me to OBER-TEIGAN, but he said he could not. I then went to the office of the French Military Police and asked them to bring me to OBER-TEIGAN. Instead of this, I was brought to a French battalion headquarters at BURMAHT, where I made the same request. However, they would not consent to it, and I asked them if they would bring me to HAGENAU, where I knew there would be some Americans. They did this. In HAGENAU I found an American unit, who at my request phoned the G-2, SSS office at 7th Army Headquarters. I spoke to an officer who recognized my voice, but I cannot say who he was. At any rate, he arranged with the American officer at HAGENAU to have me brought back to OBERSTEIGAN. This latter officer told me that on the following morning, a truck was leaving for Sarreburg and would drop me off. I then went back to BURMAHT to spend the night with the French troops. The following morning, the 20th of April, I went back to the American unit and received the promised transportation. The driver, however, made an error and took me with him to Sarreburg. I looked for an American unit there, and found what appeared to be an Italian Service company. I spoke to an American officer, and he made out a slip requesting the local military police to arrange transportation for me back to OBER-TEIGAN. I went to the military police, who imprisoned me. I remained there for three days, and on the evening of the 23rd of April, I was picked up by an officer of G-2, SSS, and brought back to OBER-TEIGAN.

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OPERATION RABBIT SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT NIGHT OF 2/3 APRIL 1945
BY PLANE FROM DIJON.

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AGENT RETURNED THROUGH THE LINES 12 APRIL .