

by jeep to Belgrade. There they reported all information to US Mission, and were flown to Bari by C-47.

Statement of Lt Gross: Also landed hard, hurting one ankle, about 200 yards from Lt Marshall. Yugoslavian civilians assisted him to the same farmhouse where he joined Lt Marshall.

Statement of Lt Anderson Landed in farmyard. Civilian arrived who spoke a little English, also a Partisan who asked for identification which he did not have, but the old man identified him as American. Shortly after this the Bulgarians arrived. They took his gun away and searched him.

They took him to Krnjaja 12KM east of Sombor. A Bulgarian Lieutenant spoke some French and they managed a little conversation. This man dispatched a Partisan to get his belongings and the following day took him by truck to Bulgarian Headquarters in Sombor, where they turned him over to the Russians. The Russians also had Lt Cummins and Sgt Harford. Lt Anderson then went to Subotica with a Russian and a Bulgarian Lieutenant.

Statement of Lt Cummins: Landed 30 miles North of Sombor, just inside Hungarian border. Two men arrived on horseback and in showing them his AGO card they took him to their Commissar, who spoke a little French. He convinced the Commissar that he was an American, partly because of the Air Corps insignia on his B-10 jacket. He was driven in a horse cart to Sombor where he met Sgt Harford. They stayed three days in a civilian house and were taken in a truck convoy to Belgrade.

Statement of Harford Had rough landing in a cornfield. The whole village came and he shouted "Americanski". He convinced them he was an American because one man spoke some English. They took him to Sombor by train where he joined Lt Cummins.

### **Suggestions**

1. Although they do not know American Dog tags, most of the Yugoslavs do know that the German Identity disk is round consequently wearing dog tags is important.

2. Several of the crew members had their GI shoes laced on to the cable of the U12 cluster adapter and only one shoe fixed this way came off possibly because the lace was not new. As an addi-

tional safeguard, recommend that the top eyelets of both shoes be securely fastened together, possibly by parachute shroud lines.

3. Believe it would be preferable to have more one dollar bills and less five dollar bills in the escape purse.

4. Several crew members got the GI s. None of them followed briefed procedure by carrying sulfaguanadine tablets.

5. Three men were infected by lice. None followed briefed procedure by carrying GI insecticide.

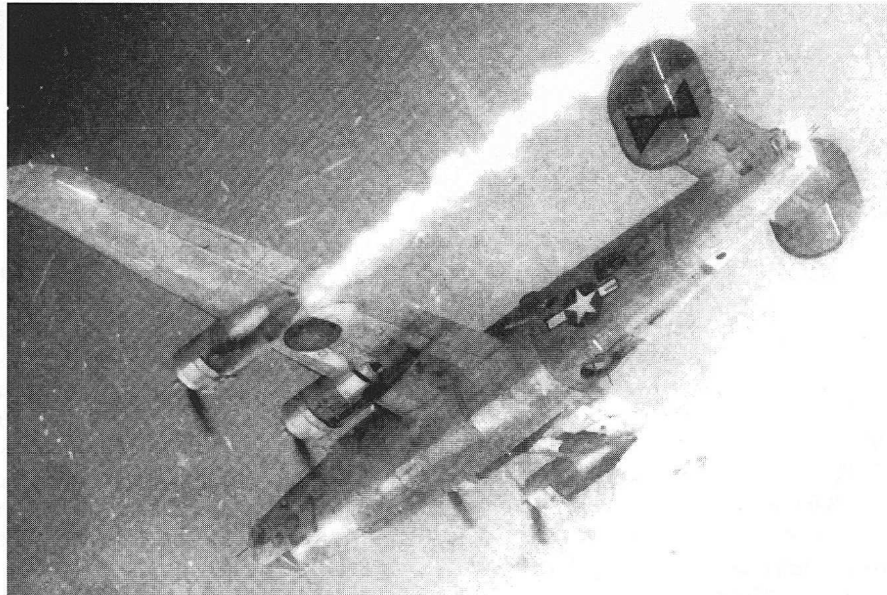
6. All crew members believe new "Passport" will be valuable in effecting quick identification.

7. Flying equipment with Air Corps insignia may assist in identification.

8. If crew members can secure additional currency to carry on combat missions, it will almost invariably be useful.

9. There is still a grave shortage of medical supplies in Yugoslavia and Hungary. Carrying iodine swabs, sulfa powder etc. would be highly advisable  
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### **Something To Think About**

1. A penny saved is a government oversight.
2. Living on earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun.
3. How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you are on.
4. Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
5. If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?.
6. Ever notice that people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them.
7. Birthdays are good for you, the more you have, the longer you live.