

AG 383.6

Hq ETOUSA

19 October 1942

SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

TO : Personnel concerned.

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4. 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:
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  - (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.
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 d. You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4a.
 e. No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of the War or Navy Department.

By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

(signed) RALPH PULSIFER,  
Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

CERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it <sup>495</sup>

I understand that any information concerning my escape or evasion from capture is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the American Military Attache to whom I first report, or an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name(Print) PHILIP J. FINK Signed Philip J. Fink

Rank T/SGT A.S.N. 32380197 Date OCT. 2, 1943

Unit 544<sup>TH</sup> BOMB SQUADRON Witness Major [Signature]  
384<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GROUP

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*Ralph Pulsifer*

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Name (Print) PHILIP J. FINIK Signed *Philip J. Finik*  
 Rank T/SGT ASN 32380197 Date OCT 6, 1943  
 Unit 544<sup>th</sup> BOMB SQ'DN Witness *Richard R. Nelson*  
*384* *Major A.C.*

SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH  
MIS(X)

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MIS DETACHMENT

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. *PHILIP JAMES FINIK T/SGT-32980197*
2. Decorations. - *NONE*
3. Unit or Squadron. *544TH BOMB SQUADRON*
4. Division (Army) or Group. - *384TH BOMB GROUP*
5. Date of Birth. - *MAY 11, 1920*
6. Length of Service. - *1 YEAR, 3 MONTHS*
7. Private Address. - *35 BOX AVE, BUFFALO, N.Y.*
8. If in A.F., on what operation were you engaged? State place, date, and time of departure. Where and when did you come down? Were Aircraft and all instruments and papers destroyed?  
*RENAULT-PARIS - JUNE 24, 1943 - APPROX. - 1430*  
*CAME DOWN IN CALVADOS, FRANCE, APPROX. - 2030*  
*I DESTROYED IFF, AND CODE BOOKS*
9. If in AF, give names of other members of crew and what happened to them. *Ington Anderson*
10. Give details and full story of your trip on attached sheets.
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? - *NO*
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? - *NO*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? - *NO*
14. 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 experience? Where and when? - *YES - GIBRALTAR - BRITISH INTELLIGENCE*  
*NO*
15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? - *NO*
16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when?  
*YES - ALHAMA - SEPT. 50*  
*GIBRALTAR - OCT. 5, 1943*
17. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.  
*GIBRALTAR - OCT. 4, 1943 - AIR*
18. Place and date of arrival in U.K.  
*OCT. 5, 1943*

26 June

found flak of DeHarre - #2 eng hit very soon - lagged & attacked by FW & Meis - 2 on our tail - hit beneath port wing & started burning - smoke in head compartment - then pilot saw I am hell - destroyed engine - told Beary to go out - BT oxygen system went out & he had to come in head compartment - I went into waist - Saw 2 W's dying by lat turret - ~~but~~ An FW came in & I grabbed guns & gave burst - I got him - plane into stall - off feet - hit roof - into spin - I went to waist & pulled in handle & I kicked out - hit tail in 30 sec & was knocked out - had hold of rig - at 20,000 ft - when came to I was bleeding & chills open - FW circling & I went into cloud - ground up fast - Saw one chute above me - hit hard - gathered in chute & 4 people came up - 3 men, boy 2 women - Men took my stuff - I buried it - One woman washed face in wine - man took me to barn - slept in hay til night - came for me - took me to house - very large farm - stayed in bed a week - & stayed until 26 July - they were trying to get in touch with Org - workman I stayed with was M. Bardeazabel - farm was large cooperative farm in province of Salvador, near Courtonne le Ville - Farmer's wife took me to PARIS where we met her son who had gotten in touch with org - he took me to an apt where I met man who spoke broken English - he took me to a pharmacy where I met another man & <sup>across from hotel & studio</sup> The pharmacist took me to a house for 3 days - French movie actress named Jeanne Helbling <sup>Jeanne Casimir De Pined</sup> in Hollywood for a year - relative in Long Island - Went to French artist, young fellow known as Michel 22 yrs old - 4 days here - Taken to 3 ansa <sup>Verow</sup> more Verow - woman doctor sp. in head operation <sup>Coynald</sup> - stayed here til I left for FOIX - ~~3 August~~ - 30 August <sup>Matthews</sup> - British Sgt. at artist's home - D. Wall's at m<sup>rs</sup> Verow's house, came to talk to me - nit before crossing border - Sidney from Denver Colo in 384, married, 35 yrs - I was in back of him - I passed him later heard stone rolling & saw that he was gone - exhausted -

SECRET  
EQUALS BRITISH

MOST SECRET

APPENDIX "B".  
MIS(X).....

The following information has been obtained from our interview with  
..... ( ..... ) who escaped  
after capture by the enemy/evaded capture by the enemy after being  
in enemy/enemy occupied territory.

Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so  
it is important not to divulge any particulars of source.

Statement of information covering period from JUNE 26/1943

JUST BEFORE BEING SHOT DOWN I to OCT. 5, 1943  
PASS US, GOING IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION. AMERICAN  
MARKINGS. IT LOOKED AS IF SIDE HATCHES WERE CLOSED.

THERE IS A GERMAN GUNNERY SCHOOL IN WOODS  
A SHORT DISTANCE (1 MILE) FROM WHERE I WAS  
STAYING AT COURTONNE LA VILLE. MACHINE GUN AND  
RIFLE FIRE ALMOST EVERY EVENING. COULD HEAR GERMANS  
SINGING AND SOUNDED LIKE SEASONED TROOPS. TAPS  
WAS SOUNDED EACH NIGHT AT 11:30 SAW TEN TANKS  
ONE DAY BUT COULD NOT TELL WHAT TYPE. WAS TOLD  
BY FRENCH THAT ROMMEL WAS IN FRANCE. ON WAY TO  
PARIS TRAINS CROWDED WITH GERMANS. SAW WRECKAGE  
OF B-17 IN FLATCAR AT CAEN. MANY GERMANS FROM  
RUSSIAN FRONT IN PARIS. HOTEL CONTINENTAL IN  
PARIS IS BEING USED AS A PRISON. WAS TOLD THAT  
AN AVERAGE OF 30 FRENCHMAN ARE EXECUTED THERE  
EACH WEEK.

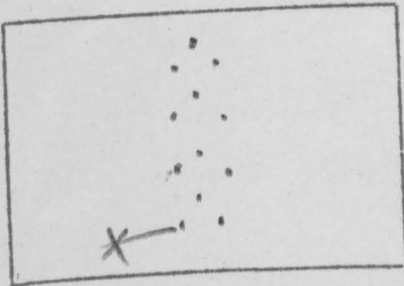
many a/c met by flying over Courtonneville from a northern field -

.....

MIS(X).

NAME PHILIP J. FINK RANK T/SGT ASN 32380192 REPORT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SQ 544 GROUP 384 A/C NO. 188 Letter F Load 10-500 Date OCT, 6, 1943



Position in formation.  
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing:

TARGET NOT REACHED

Enemy Fighter Tactics:

Markings:

- CAME IN IN PAIRS AT 600  
O'CLOCK AND FROM 9:00 O'CLOCK  
PAINTED BLACK

Our Tactics:

VIOLENT EVASIVE ACTION

Our Fighter Support:

NONE

Flak

Time

Place

Quality

APPROX. 2000

COAST

HEAVY BLACK

Technical Failures

Motors:

Armor:

Armament: - BALL TURRET OXYGEN SYSTEM ~~OUT~~ <sup>OUT</sup>

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

Black-out going down - knocked out  
we had out bottle - no, had one on  
when came to? didn't need it

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 32280197, 1st Lt PHILIP J. FINK  
 Unit:- 544 Sqd - 284 CP. *Fink*

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and comments will help others to evade capture or to escape.

1. AIDS BOX

- (a) Did you use your aids box? - **YES**
- (b) If not, had you one on you?
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.
  - (i) Horlicks tablets. - **WHEN HAD WITH NO FOOD FOR 24 HRS AND IN MOUNTAINS**
  - (ii) Chocolate - **SAME**
  - (iii) Milk (tube). - **SAME**
  - (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue) - **GOING THROUGH MOUNTAINS**
  - (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).
  - (vi) Matches.
  - (vii) Adhesive tape. - **FOR WOUND**
  - (viii) Chewing gum. - **RELAXATION**
  - (ix) Water bottle.
  - (x) Compass - **MOUNTAIN TRIP**
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect? **NO**
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? - **BURNED IT**
- (g) Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger?  
**MORE ADHESIVE TAPE - OR FIRST AID PACKET**

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? - **YES**  
 If so, state COLOR. - **BROWN**  
 If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? **YES**
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
  - (i) Maps. Which ones?
  - (ii) Compass.

Cory  
Farmer

- (iii) File (hacksaw).
- (iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. 2000 FRENCH FRANCS  
How did you spend the money. - GAVE HALF TO PEOPLE WHO HELPED ME. AND THE REST FOR CIGARETTES AND OTHER NECESSITIES.
- (d) How did you dispose of:
  - Maps. - BURNED
  - Compass. - BURIED )
  - File (hacksaw). - BURIED )
  - Surplus currency. NONE LEFT

Key  
pens

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+)

(+Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

- (a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?  
If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE
  - (i) Round compass.
  - (ii) Stud compass. YES - FOR GOING THROUGH MOUNTAINS
  - (iii) Swinger compass.
  - (iv) Fly-button compass.
  - (v) Pencil clip compass.
  - (vi) Tunic button compass.
  - (vii) Pipe compass.
  - (viii) Pouch
  - (ix) Special flying boots (and knife).
- (b) Were they satisfactory? YES
- (c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions which would improve the above equipment?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

- (a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? - YES  
If so, how many? - THREE
- (b) Did you use them? - NO - TOO SMALL  
State how.

5. LECTURES

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? - YES  
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. - AT HOME BASE IN JUNE  
BY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS
- (b) Did you find the lectures of value? - YES



Philip J. Fink 26 June

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MIS Detachment

E & E REPORT NO. 113  
EVASION IN FRANCE

OCT. 6, 1943  
(Date)

Philip J. FINK, 32380197, S/Sgt  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

544 Sq. 384 Gp  
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 23  
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 YR - 3 MONTHS  
HOME ADDRESS: 35 Box AVE.  
RUFFALO, N.Y.

MIA: 26 June 1943  
Arrived in Spain:  
SEPT. 10, 1943  
Arrived in Gibraltar:  
OCT. 2, 1943  
Arrived in UK:  
5 OCT. 5, 1943

OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB) 2 Oct Red MIA

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-515820 2d Lt Thomas A. CUDDEBACK P/W	
CO-PILOT	T-277 F/O Luther E. ADAIR	
NAVIGATOR	0-736898 2d Lt George R. SINGERKIA	
BOMBARDIER	0-734440 2d Lt James F. DILLON	
RADIO OPERATOR	32380197 S/Sgt Philip J. FINK NARRATOR	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	33278458 S/Sgt Edward T. BESSEY	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	33264147 S/Sgt Albert J. SUCHY P/W	
LEFT WAIST GUNNER	6831912 S/Sgt Marvin F. BROWN	
RIGHT WAIST GUNNER	14124092 S/Sgt David J. HARDIN - TAIL GUNNER	
TAIL GUNNER	13041058 S/Sgt John V. SELGO - RIGHT WAIST	think KIA

Were you wounded? YES

GRAFTON  
UNDERWOOD  
26 JUNE 1943

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PLANE IN  
SPIN

Our plane stalled and fell into a spin. I was thrown against the roof and as soon as we straightened out again. I went to the waist door and kicked my way out because the door would not salvo. I was knocked out when my head struck the tail. I was holding to the rip-cord and when I recovered consciousness my chute was open. There was one chute above me. An FW circled me until I went into heavy cloud.

period between 26 June - 10 September

I landed in a field and <sup>was</sup> gathering in my chute when several Frenchmen ran up to me. One of them washed the cuts on my face with wine and then led me to a barn. I slept in the hay until dark when a Frenchman came to take me to a house. I lived in this house for a month while my helper arranged my journey.

JOURNEY  
ARRANGED

*White, Jr.*  
APPENDIX B:

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*White*

SECRET (6)

By Authority of  
A.C. of S. G-2.Initials... *W.X.H*Date... *8/10/43*SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISHHEADQUARTERS  
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
P/W and X Detachment  
Military Intelligence Service

8 October 1943

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544 Bomb Squadron, 384 Bomb GroupMIA: 26 June 1943  
Arrived in Spain:  
10 September 1943  
Arrived in Gibraltar:  
2 October 1943  
Arrived in UK:  
5 October 1943AGE: 23 years  
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 3/12 years  
HOME ADDRESS: 35 Box Avenue,  
BUFFALO, N.Y.MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
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8 October 1943

APPENDIX "B" TO E & E REPORT NO. 113

1. The following information has been obtained after an interview with a Sergeant who evaded capture by the enemy, after being in enemy-occupied territory.

2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so, no information as to the source may be divulged.

Statement of information covering period from 26 June 1943  
to 10 September 1943

1. A German gunnery school was located in a wood about a mile from COURTONNE LA VILLE. July 1943
2. On a day early in July, ten unidentified tanks were seen in COURTONNE LA VILLE.
3. Many aircraft, ME-109's and FW 190's, <sup>were</sup> seen flying over COURTONNE LA VILLE from an airport located several kilometers northwest of that village. July 1943
4. The wreckage of a B-17 was seen on a flat-car at CAEN.
5. Heard that many German troops were in PARIS on leave from the Russian front.
6. Was told that the Hotel Continental, PARIS, is used as a prison and that an average of thirty Frenchmen a week were being executed there.

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S E C R E T

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 113

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Unit:- **544 Bomb Squadron, 384 Bomb Group**

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- (b) If not, had you one on you?
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.
- (i) Horlicks tablets. **When <sup>without</sup> had no food for 24 hours and in mountains (PYRENEES)**
- (ii) Chocolate **Same**
- (iii) Milk (tube). **Same**
- (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue) **Going through mountains**
- (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).
- (vi) Matches.
- (vii) Adhesive tape. **For wounds**
- (viii) Chewing gum. **Relaxation**
- (ix) Water bottle.
- (x) Compass **Mountain trip**
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? **No**  
If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? **Burned it**
- (g) Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger? **More adhesive tape or first aid packet. Had a first aid packet on chute harness.**

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? **Yes**  
If so, state COLOR. **Brown**  
If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? **Yes**
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
- (i) Maps. Which ones?
- (ii) Compass.

- (iii) File (hacksaw).
- (iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. 2000 French francs  
How did you spend the money. **Gave half to helpers and the rest for  
cigarettes and other necessities.**
- (d) How did you dispose of:-
  - Maps. **Burned**
  - Compass. **Buried**
  - File (hacksaw). **Buried**
  - Surplus currency. **None left**

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+)

(+Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

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If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE
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  - (viii) Pouch
  - (ix) Special flying boots (and knife).
- (b) Were they satisfactory? **Yes**
- (c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions  
which would improve the above equipment?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

- (a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? **Yes**  
If so, how many? **Three**
- (b) Did you use them? **No - too small**  
State how.

5. LECTURES

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? **Yes**  
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.  
**At home base in June by Intelligence Officers**
- (b) Did you find the lectures of value? **Yes**



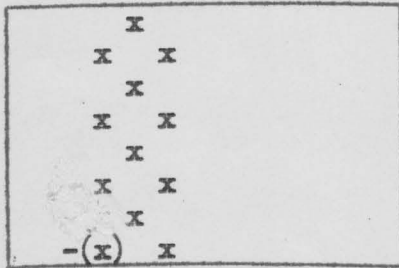
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NAME Philip J. FINK RANK T/Sgt ASN 32380192 REPORT NO. 113

SQ 544 GROUP 384 A/C NO. 188 Letter F Load 10-500 Date 6 October 1943



Position in formation.  
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing: **Target not reached**

Enemy Fighter Tactics: **Came in in pairs at 6 o'clock and from 9 o'clock.**  
Markings: **Painted black.**

Our Tactics: **Violent evasive action**

Our Fighter Support: **None**

<u>Flak</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
	<b>Approx. 20:00</b>	<b>Coast</b>	<b>Heavy black</b>

Technical Failures

Motors:

Armor:

Armament: **Ball turret oxygen system out.**

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

Did you black-out going down: **Knocked out.**

Did you use bale-out bottle: **No; had ~~one~~ one; when came to I didn't need it.**

SECRET

SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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EVASION IN FRANCE

Philip J. FINK, 32380197, T/Sgt.  
544 Bomb Squadron, 384 Bomb Group

MIA: 26 June 1943  
Arrived in Spain:  
10 September 1943  
Arrived in Gibraltar:  
2 October 1943  
Arrived in UK:  
5 October 1943

AGE: 23 years  
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 3/12 years  
HOME ADDRESS: 35 Box Avenue,  
BUFFALO, N.Y.

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT	0-515820	2d Lt	Thomas A. CUDDEBACK	P/W
CO-PILOT	T-277	F/O	Luther E. ADAIR	MIA
NAVIGATOR	0-736898	2d Lt	George R. SINGER	KIA
BOMBARDIER	0-734440	2d Lt	James F. DILLON	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	32380197	T/Sgt	Philip J. FINK	NARRATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER	33278458	S/Sgt	Edward T. BESSEY	MIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	33264147	T/Sgt	Albert J. SUCHY	P/W
LEFT WAIST GUNNER	6831912	S/Sgt	Marvin F. BROWN	MIA
RIGHT WAIST GUNNER	13041058	S/Sgt	John V. SELGO	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	14124092	S/Sgt	David J. HARDIN	MIA

GRAFTON-  
UNDERWOOD  
26 June 1943

We left GRAFTON-UNDERWOOD at 1430 hours 26 June 1943 to bomb the Renault Works, PARIS. Flak, as we flew over LE HAVRE, was intense and accurate. Our number two engine was hit causing us to lag behind the formation. Enemy fighters attacked and our port wing was set on fire. When the alarm bell rang I destroyed all my radio equipment and went into the waist because the thick smoke had filled the radio compartment. The two waist gunners were lying, as if dead, by the ball-turret. An FW was coming in on us again so I grabbed the waist gun and gave him two long bursts. He blew up in mid-air.

PLANE IN  
SPIN

Our plane stalled and went into a spin. I was thrown against the roof and as soon as we straightened out again I went to the waist door and kicked my way out because the door would not salvo. I was knocked out when my head struck the tail. I was holding the rip cord and when I recovered consciousness my chute was open. An FW circled me until I went into heavy cloud.

I landed in a field and was gathering in my chute when several Frenchmen ran up to me. One of them washed the cuts on my face with wine and then led me to a barn. I slept in the hay until dark when

VISVANCED  
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JOURNEY  
ARRANGED

a Frenchman came to take me to a house. I lived in this house for a month while my helper arranged my journey.

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1st Lt., AC

H. S. HOLT,  
1st Col., AC  
Commanding

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SE 1st Lt. J.P. White  
UNDERWOOD  
CHRYLON-

MEMBERS OF CREW: (List of names and positions)

AVIATION ENGINEER	1st Lt. J.P. White	1st Lt. J.P. White	1st Lt. J.P. White	1st Lt. J.P. White
NAVY ENGINEER	1st Lt. J.P. White	1st Lt. J.P. White	1st Lt. J.P. White	1st Lt. J.P. White
AVIATION ENGINEER	1st Lt. J.P. White	1st Lt. J.P. White	1st Lt. J.P. White	1st Lt. J.P. White
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AVIATION ENGINEER	1st Lt. J.P. White	1st Lt. J.P. White	1st Lt. J.P. White	1st Lt. J.P. White

MEMBERS OF CREW: (List of names and positions)

HOME ADDRESS: 22 Box Avenue  
 TELEPHONE OF CREW: 1 1/2 Ave  
 AGE: 22 Ave

SE 1st Lt. J.P. White  
 1st Lt. J.P. White

AVIATION IN SERVICE  
 E & E KERRY NO. 11

8 Oct 1942

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APPENDIX "B" TO E & E REPORT NO. 113

1. The following information has been obtained after an interview with a Sergeant who evaded capture by the enemy, after being in enemy-occupied territory.

2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so, no information as to the source may be divulged.

Statement of information covering period from 26 June 1943  
to 10 September 1943

MILITARY ✓

1. A German gunnery school was located in a wood about a mile from COURTONNE LA VILLE. July 1943

Military ✓

2. On a day early in July, ten unidentified tanks were seen in COURTONNE LA VILLE.

3. Many aircraft, ME-109's and FW 190's, seen flying over COURTONNE LA VILLE from an airport located several kilometers northwest of that village. July 1943

4. The wreckage of a B-17 was seen on a flat-car at CAEN.

MILITARY ✓

5. Heard that many German troops were in PARIS on leave from the Russian front.

MILITARY ✓

6. Was told that the Hotel Continental, PARIS, is used as a prison and that an average of thirty Frenchmen a week were being executed there.