

19 October 1942

SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

TO : Personnel concerned.

1. It is the duty of all Americans to safeguard information which might, either directly or indirectly, be useful to the enemy.
2. It is an offense, carrying heavy penalties, to publish or to communicate to any unauthorized person any information which might be useful to the enemy.
3. 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.
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:
 - (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. 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.

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)	<u>John Dougherty</u>	Signed	<u>John Dougherty</u>
Rank	<u>2nd Lt A.S.N. 0-673506</u>	Date	<u>January 26, 1944</u>
Unit	<u>384th BG 546th Sq.</u>	Witness	<u>Robert W. [Signature]</u> <u>Col G.S.C.</u>

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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

AG 383.6 (21 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
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Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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 - 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.
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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) John Dougherty
Rank 2nd Lt A. S. N. 0-673506
Unit 384th Bomb Gp. 546th Sq.

Signed John Dougherty
Dated Jan 31 1943
Witness W. L. Brown 1st Lt AUS

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SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
PW and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. *DOUGHERTY, JOHN 0-673506*
2. Decorations. *None*
3. Unit or Squadron. *546th Sq.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *384th Bomb Gp.*
5. Date of Birth. *August 14, 1919*
6. Length of Service. *1yr 10 1/2 mos.*
7. Private Address. *632 Gates Ave B'klyn, 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?
*Le Bourget Air Drome, Paris, France. - August 16, 1943.
08:00? - Poigny (near Rambouillet, France) 10:00
Not sure - but plane was burning before jump -*
9. What was your position in aircraft? *Navigator.*
10. Were you wounded? *No*
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *No*
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? *None*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? *No - one dog tag* *Yes French made*
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 experiences. Where and when?
Captain? British Intelligence - Gibraltar
15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? *Jan 27.*
16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *No*
17. Date of arrival in Spain. *Yes. Alhama & Spain & Gibraltar.*
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *Jan 26, 1945.*
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *Gibraltar Jan 30.*
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
? — January 30.

C1020 (1120) Is come - rolled up in 2 trucks - c 50 - ask also
@ my 1 went - the point just opposite.

Still left - women returned - hot food - say Is going to sanitation only
because boots not found - I told left with red E in pelt. - also
Is led about blind girl - but she already may know also.

Then left - slept about 1/2 - w/ef ju.
In morning breakfast with w/ef ju. At noon home - women - little
bit worried - told go deeper into woods - get rid of w/ef ju;
they gave me - back at 2130 when girl back from
Paris with news.

I brought myself in forest - got rid of everything - two women of Halcyon -
each took as if mad - make w/ef ju with bottle look as if used - look
as if no help. I that I got to Is.

Late I started getting worried - to clean - noticed furniture -
went dead c 1/2 hr - by bank occasionally - to woods @ run right
y't hour - full in neck. Then some pebbles on road - whistled -
Don't know - women come out - Is almost died when I said for another
Called self together - asked if hungry - thirsty. But not head uni -
mother - my del - c 2100 - got out for 2130 - try let know that have
people in w/ef.

Crisis happened - finally got them understood. "Bird - police"
Try to turn - air man what you self up.

Others come - have take new people into confidence - On man want take
me - not 48 hrs - I say stay in woods.

Women of furniture - husband Is got P/W 25.

Following day come with meals - told me boots found - 47/48 hrs
worked & cleared in front police station.

Irish
girl.

Is happy only released - search given up.

News that had contact in Paris - at who would - letter - think following
Friday -

Siddy de loose.

Siddy

walked my body picking mushrooms - moved me on Siddy to house of
man who had wanted keep me. In house back chicken house.

Then word from Paris delving -

Man came - ^{French} Is to station - depere - big head fellow met. Trip wonderful.

Left w/ef ju beside.

Mont parmes - Melas - Oute de Paris - Is to Drey - Off at Mauris -

Dogfish

Leaving T met uid No 2 flted - heavy formation - had P & Co P
 talk about No 3 - getting ready for - looked at 114 & with
 the wing oil - looked at B & w both blood beds - lost
 c 3000 - noticed over town - seemed Rembrillet - called P -
 say if have bail better now - class of escape better - to find
 let's bail - left c 150 later - did get green parachute
 c 16,000 at 0956 pht yes - thick not more than 5 mi
 you pht - this c 10,000 for flt - looked up one - saw
 2 chits above us - FW wing in at 1 - not wait for - not look
 up you - watch out ground - seem had back of legs
 house - tried more - remaining 5-2 mistook in about 75 in
 legs here - couldn't jump - let go who could - came
 down main street - thing - in front de Rans -
 embankment on side road - c 15' from wire - must fall
 on back - never noticed. you - start take of equipment.

Went of up - "American" yes. Noticed they take
 one of equipment - not in use - on big sign outside is
 but not understand. I was at your blood c 19 start
 run - show me direct us - "almost too fast" - met Ben
 good on bicycle - kept moving - they called to let it like
 on - found later. He pointed to woods. Started across
 potato patch - Mar call me - on bicycle spoke of - wanted
 to give me pipe - I want clothes. Told me back to woods & went
 escort me to bushes. Wait - opened Ex kit - look at gadgets -
 Odium can, milk, pocket rest of stuff - in water bottles.
 Out covers under bush. Had whistle - circled to run up behind
 after led back at whistles - 3 women & 2 men with mushroom picking
 baskets - fiddle in woods. Sat. One girl spoke perfect

Some
 girl like
 jacket -
 still had
 covers.

By Lily Hannigan (?) from Dublin - No 6 to address
 Road. Said 'bye in - good faith' with off spoke of little
 Ask what want do. Said to Ryan. They advised agent - have
 another up - by A/C
 Wait - they know somebody in Paris - go next day - must need print.
 fiddle in woods - said back at evening. No jacket to at all - a for
 2 weeks.

23 Aug

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In back room at night - first Am or Br had ever had
That night over to Gabriel Ponce - elderly - wife - B. King -
son had been killed in Uguait hi - little boy
Dag in next dy - very fine.

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Nephew com - had been more quiet or in Namandhi - yph G.
Arrived to house for meals -

25

Neiu - yph little G -
Maurice over each dy - told 2 sons wj - o the place saint - all fine

26

McConnell & Howell in - Maurice told about bluts & Heald.

28

3 Oct to Pierre Savre - 28 Rue Cavalier de la Borne.
Carriss des Bois

c 5 Sept Maurice comes

Met Balls the barber

9 Sept bluts & Heald in

Mme L. Cavalier - yph G - ran cafe - used go over to see her & see some
1 week after raid in Frankfurt - Mrs L. Cavalier over - my red linked fellow
walked into Balls's shop for shoes & haircut - ask Dr, Mrs, G.
Sany Heintz

McConnell went over - satisfied that Am - but he & Pierre's.

Went to movies without I/P - Mr + 2 girls related to Pierre

Practically all of Maurice's fine goods a black market.
W. getting tired of being so by emmit. I kept my in Spain in penitenti &
A/C deal blowing.
Built model 1-47 - bean cook, etc.

Then had used that moment to cost.

29 Oct left Pierre's house - truck took us to Maurice's - Pierre th. McC & Howell.

I new man - picked up at Maurice's.
Soypond Chef took Terry - Amstrong (?)

Most unattractive of all my down - McConnell seemed to not want to inter parties.
30 Oct to home of Jacques Malet (phonetic) - down - to attic - Lindy & Matthews there & when

Events back - my good G - Pierre apparently satisfied
c dark Jacques beautiful wife in - things in too bad - 25 est go as provided -

suggested to watch home.
Mad dash out - Heald & I lost - finally met Jacques - to Pierre's house - left

across st from prison.

Fan fan in - took us and our data.

Don't start now - split - some back to Jacques house. Heald & Heintz & I to

4 Nov

Jacques mother's house - when to O hid - suggested

Slyet in room over 85; you girl over - spoke of - hopes to be teacher for the
war.
6 Nov back to Paris - took to station - drunk - you girl & take Heald & Tony.

Meets, invited & put a train by Jan Jan.
Montparnasse - met Mlle Bourgeois - theology prof at U of Paris - now in Egypt
city.
Events took us in Paris - McDonald's I - to Hotel Beau Sejour, 4 Rue St Sulpice.
Paris 6.
The Lidny & Howell come. Meals but. - Women proprietor over in little
Bruno Jorg - speak of.

Mlle B take 2/P - change for something else.
12 Nov to Clateau La Fortelle ^{non} c. 12 km Marles - c 56 km E Paris.
To found up until 3 Dec. Suzanne - elderly 35 - teacher
in Paris.

In any case in - you some heavy robbery - 15-20
Task understood but not speak of.
All along making propaganda about the production.
After 11 Nov 85 you of type of invasion - very disappointed
no chance to leave - they not
do anything - I hope to Paris.
But felt the night of good
& - held is about 1/2
spent in.

3 Dec on 1/2 form at Clateau take us to hotel in Paris - Meets & I.
Pick up Bill Joris (?) young student - on 4 Dec he took us to Cont de
Noel ~~not~~ Villemeuve - 92 Rue de Saint Manquie, Paris 16
Brother been 37 months in prison Germany - Bill Joris came in my thoughts
Aunts other both - Prefect Cote de Nord - but I - Mlle Bourgeois leave -
& pro. Petani the better. He suggested already
have you on hand.

c 18 Dec / David saw him 700 to Paris - on way into Paris. Is moving towards int
B / Meeting - good type - c 25.

B / Cant told about factories in Paris moving down near Nevers
Saw on T (week after bombed)

B / Vly Day ^{over} left standing - 1276 tons supposed been killed - direct hit
on air raid shelter. Admittedly worked.
All on 7 rtds damaged - think could have used bigger patterns.
Saw / Me 109 lying out ground - not know what supposed to be.

B / From critical / on life hard living - Nantes road -
met Elizabeth Ritz - husband Ritz / Ritz / hotels
B / Conditions in so bad - shooting to us lesson

Small filled in many about
Suzanne - Schneider?

Doesn't look interested from civilians - she herself as per int. files.

Nina Paris (?) - movie star - com -

Comte had no faith in this org - notified as E woman - married to psychiatrist in Vermont.

But is filled with us - went in by the back - they wanted Am papers - I had dog tags & No ID card - why say anything with 65-1. We explained to her.

This org sent over in sealed freight car - said we'd over - on scene - This org not take us.

CIA Dec

The boat M. Pierre - tall, dignified, c 40 - spoke to. Suggested just take me to your hide in Belgium.

Mlle Benveniste - short, blond, stocky - c 130 - speaks E.

17 Dec ^{she} took to house - ^{married 37 yrs - hid in apt.} men & women, women do domestic

Woman Dr. from I is ^{you to see}

19. Suggested leave - through woman do - to see place met 1 Dennis, Lewis, Bailey, Doolby.

The last meet

Chateau: 1 Howell, McConnell, Sluts, Bailly, Lindsey, Armstrong, "Jake" (Dolinski?), Quinni, 1 Junior 39.

19 Sept Custody station. Lay over at Montauban, Narbonne, Perpignan.

Randy was with guide - I heard Terry, Quinni then

Middle aged woman who been on train cross met with us - went next on way over.

Walk all that night - through grape vine fields - rain.

Bad slope for field.

Just in front hills on guide back as if cloud - scatter. Just ascent of hills - gave out.

Doolby had quite bit to walk - left behind

Best way wet on N side of mt.

But that night.

C left Quinni, I handle - Sluts & Terry help us.

Signed either in or check by us.

Saw them with lights - from in Spain.

on 20 at last time.

Quinn & I in bed sleep.

Admiral Calverton is waiting for trip to Cuba.

22

Followed river down valley - by food. - Saw tracks

Rain in one of gulches - took us to camp fire.

CG_n - 2 German dogs out.

German & "Tex" - (1 just?) dog out.

Jerome, Barcelona, Bayonne, Alen, Madrid, South,

hit.

2 Pri in civ clothes at MA - want find what of last thought
Bayonne - ^{over} hill.

Interrogated by Capt while ~~Christiansen~~ & Jey questioned by
civ.

13

Sunday: Bayonne to Bordeaux just a series of MS army camps -
permanent barracks men - good looking troops.

B

Comte has cousin who work in factory at Paris & beer train -
found to Marchandbault
1st part factory in hotel L B.

B.

Pierre said had underground installation at L Bayonne (??)

B

Large factory in Paris moving into smaller bldgs.

13

Band of L'Est - locomotive storage in L'Est - near MS

B

Saw wood blocks - tree trunks 10" diam later - saw to all but about
3' into ground. Hit also on roads outside town.

B

700 Russian soldiers in Quimper

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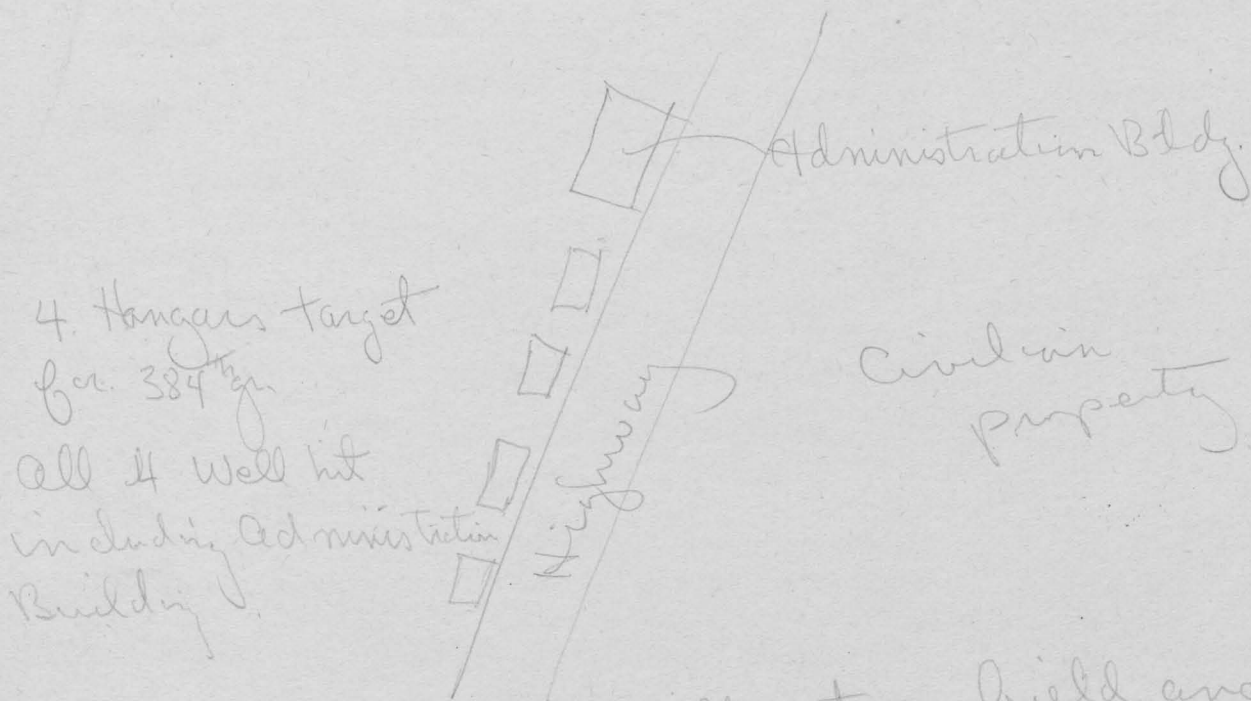
George thought Nazis on road near almost as far as look -
told 4000 men killed

13.

Quimper stopped by road bombed

4 Paris in I would please to go to - most collaborators -
I heard for Paris originally -
Never been warned not to go.

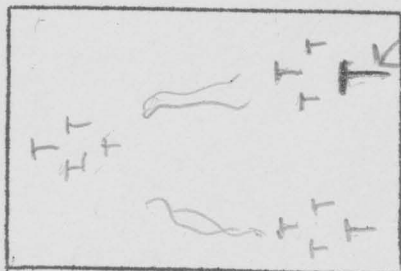
McL had that Jacques J Quimper's Sanfor shot -
Jacques inf. 7th.



Bomb pattern started well out in field and runway
over target and about 300 yards across Runway into
civilian area

NAME Dougherty, John RANK 2nd ASN 0-67356 REPORT NO. _____

SQ 546 GROUP 384 A/C NO. 25797 Letter P Load 3016 Date _____



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing: Yes. observed on ground 1 week later. - Pattern covered target area.

Enemy Fighter Tactics:

Markings:

Yellow nose

Our Tactics:

Our Fighter Support:

?

Flak

Time

Place

Quality

Yes. 09:30 Paris. Accurate + Plentiful

Technical Failures

Motors:

All 4 motors failed ^{engine trouble} between target and bail out. - Perhaps Flak or fighter hit.

Armor:

None

Armament:

None

Miscellaneous:

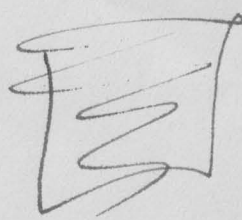
None

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

We flew "tail end Charlie" two raids in a row within 12 hours of each other. ~ The terrific strain on the engines of a plane flying that formation position make it necessary to allow more than just a few hours to work on them before it flies the same position again. ~

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
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E & E REPORT NO. 358
EVASION IN FRANCE

A/C #42-5797

(Date)

John (NMI) DOUGHERTY, 2d Lt, O-673506

(Name)

(Rank)

(ASN)

TARGET: Le BOURGET

546

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MIA: 16 August 1943

(Squadron)

(Group)

Arrived in UK:

30 January 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

		Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	Magowan, David (NMI) Jr. 1ST LT	0795063 MIA	
CO-PILOT	Bughman, Leonard W. 2d Lt	0-742954 P/W	
NAVIGATOR	Dougherty, John (NMI) 2d Lt	-0673506	RD NARRATOR
BOMBARDIER	Heald, John (NMI) 2d Lt	-0-735866	RD E&E 358
RADIO OPERATOR	Koves, Ladislav G.		
TOP TURRET GUNNER	Grinstein, Sydney		
BALL TURRET GUNNER	Mathew Coady, Mathew		
WAIST GUNNER	Sheets, Robert M.		242394
WAIST GUNNER	OHE, Edward B.		
TAIL GUNNER	Murray, James B.		

Were you wounded?

No.

Saw 2 pch's
No other information



2nd Lt. James Armstrong - last saw
him in France December -

McGowan, David (M1) Jr. 1st Lt. 0-113000 MA
Bugman, Leonard E. 1st Lt. 0-113254 PW
Dougherty, John (M1) 1st Lt. 0-113700 RD
Heald, John (M1) 1st Lt. 0-113700 RD

0-113284

After we had bombed the target and dropped out of formation, number two engine was feathered, numbers one and four were throwing oil, and the pilot and co-pilot were talking about number three. The bombardier and I looked at each other and shook our

heads. ^{When} We lost about 3000 feet of altitude, ~~and~~ we called the pilot and told him that we better bail out. He gave the order to jump, and I left about 15 seconds later.

I went out about 16,000 feet and delayed my jump for about 10,000 feet. I looked up once and saw two parachutes. I watched the ground and saw that I was heading for the backyard of a large house. Then of all times I remembered S-2 lectures about not approaching large houses because the people were ^{probably} collaborationists. I tried to guide the parachute but had no success. I came down on ^{the main} a street of a village located in a forest. I landed in an embankment on the side of the road about fifteen feet from some electric wires.

I rose and started to take off my equipment. The whole village seemed to assemble around me, and many people asked me whether I was American. I replied that I was. They indicated that they would take care of my equipment and motioned for me to run. One man tried to give me some instructions, but I could not understand him. While I was running down the road, a girl joined me and ran along by my side. She showed me the direction to go and almost ran too fast for me. We passed two gendarmes on bicycles. I thought that they were going to arrest me, but they did not interfere. Later I heard that they told the girl to hide me. The girl pointed to the woods, and I started across a potato patch. A man on a bicycle called to me, and I went back to him. He spoke English. He wanted to give me his bicycle. I asked him for civilian clothes. He told me to go to the woods and wait and escorted me to some bushes.

While I was waiting, I took out my escape kit, examined the contents, buried the case and the milk, and put the rest of the contents in the water bottle. I heard someone whistling, so I circled around to come up behind the whistler and see who it was before I declared myself. I saw three women and two men with mushroom picking baskets. I spoke to them, and we went further into the woods. One girl said in

Delayed jump

STRANGE RECOLLECTIONS

HELPED

HID

HELPERS

perfect English, "I hope you come in good faith." I was astonished to here such English. When she asked me what I wanted to do, I explained that I wanted to get to Spain. They advised against going to Spain and said that they had a much better way: they would send me by airplane. At that time I believed the story. When I had to drop out hiking across the Pyrenees, I really learned what the story meant. The people took me further into the woods and said that they would be back at evening. They left me some food, but I had no appetite then nor for the next two weeks.

I learned that about 1020 the Germans rolled up in two trucks some fifteen men strong and asked which way I had gone. The villagers pointed exactly the direction exactly opposite to that which I had followed.

When it was still light, a woman came to me and said that the Germans were going to penalize the village because my boots had not been found. I told her what had happened to the boots. When she left, I stayed where I was and slept that night. In the morning a couple of boys brought me some food. Around noon a woman came and seemed worried. She told me to go deeper into the woods and to get rid of everything ~~I had~~ ^{which} they had given me. She said that she would come back in the evening. I lost myself in the forest, tore the corner off the Halazone container to make it look as if I had used it, made my water bottle look as if it were used, and in general tried to give the appearance of having been on my own, just in case I should get picked up. At the time I really expected the Germans at any minute.

When it became late, I started getting worried for fear that my friends would not be able to find me. I came to a clearing, noticed a farmhouse, and watched it for about half an hour. I heard a dog barking occasionally. The woods ran right up to the house on one side, so I followed them as I close as I could to it, falling in a stream by mistake in the process. I threw some pebbles on the roof of the house and whistled. The dog barked, and the woman came out. She almost withered away before me when I told her that I was an American aviator, but she managed to pull herself together and asked me whether I was hungry and thirsty. She brought me some bread and wine. I tried to make her understand that I had an appointment with the people whom I had met earlier, for some reason they misunderstood me and thought that I wanted to give myself up. I managed to ^{finally} ~~get~~ ^{have} ~~get~~ ^{get} them in touch with the people who had

FLYING
BACK -
IN THE
PYRENEES

HIDING
IN THE
WOODS

APPROACHED
H E C P
AGAW

CONFUSION

already helped me, and there was considerable argument about the question of who was going to have the honor of keeping the American. I pointed out that the 48 hours of German search were not yet up and that consequently I should stay in the woods. Finally they agreed with me. They brought me my meals and I was quite comfortable. I heard that my boots had been put in front of the police station, all washed and cleaned, just 47 hours after I came down. The Germans seemed very happy and gave up the search.

While I was hidden in the woods, I had some trouble from a dog which was loose in the woods that day, and he almost did me in. I very much regretted that I had got rid of the hunting knife which I had carried. I got rid of it because our S-2 lectures always told us to dispose of any lethal instrument immediately upon landing.

The weekend was coming and the people feared that too many mushroom pickers might be in the woods, so they moved me to a chicken house. From there my journey was arranged.

Compiled by

D E EMERSON
1st Lt, AUS

Approved by

W STULL HOLT
Lt Col, AC
Commanding

Appendix B

1. The following information has been obtained in an interview with an officer who evade capture by the enemy after being in enemy occupied territory.

2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but in that case it is important not to divulge any details about the source.

Statement of information covering the period from 16 August 1943 to 22 December 1943.

a. On his journey through France informant told his helpers about American production achievements. They seemed to be greatly impressed by his reports.

b. About 11 November the French gave up any hope of invasion in 1943. They seemed very disappointed by the failure of British and American troops to appear.

c. About 10 December informant was told by a source from Brittany that the Germans are moving seasoned young troops into Brittany.

d. In December informant was told that some Paris factories have been moved to the area of NEVERS. FOURCHAMBAULT.

e. Informant saw Le BOURGET airfield about a week after he had bombed it. All four hangars which were the target for the 384 bomb group were well hit, including the administration building which was next to their target. The bomb pattern started well out on the field and runways, covered the target, and went about 300 yards across the highway into the civilian area. Informant was told that 1276 Germans had been killed in a direct hit on an air raid shelter.

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- f. Frenchmen whom informant met were very critical of American high level bombing. They complained particularly of the NANTES raids.
- g. Informant was told ^{in October} that there are underground installations at Le BOURGET.
- h. Informant was told that large factories around Paris are being decentralize into smaller buildings.
- i. In December informant saw a number of locomotives stored ^{concentrated} on the east side of Gare de L'Est.
- j. In the QUIMPER area in late October informant noticed a number of road blocks made from tree trunks.
- k. In late October informant was told that there were about 700 Russian soldiers in ~~the~~ QUIMPER (presumably white Russians).
- l. Traveling through NANTES by ~~the~~ train in late October informant saw ~~that~~ ^{many} ruins from air raids, almost as far as he could see. He was told that 4,000 Frenchmen were killed.
- m. In LORIENT informant noticed a strip along the railroad tracks which seemed much bombed.

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5. (b) Each case is different, and others' experience did not seem to me of much help. Very little of what I had been told came to pass in my own escape.

It is extremely important that a man not walk out on his helpers. A number of times I was tempted to leave, and almost did. Fortunately I realized in time what a serious step it is to walk out on a real helper. Men should be made aware how dangerous a move it is to walk out on real helpers.

I had been told to throw away ~~any weapon~~ at the earliest possible moment any weapon which I carried. Consequently I threw away my knife; later I needed it very much when I was still loose in the woods. I was sorry that I did not have a 45 with me, for the Frenchmen asked me about it and would have been very glad to receive it.

(See other side)

6. I wore regular buckle type oxfords. I think they are not so common in France; shoes are very hard to get there.

Originally I had been heading for Paris, never having
been warned not to try to go to it on my own.
Later I learned that it is extremely dangerous for
a man to try to make his own way into Paris.

SECRET

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

No., Rank, Name:-

Unit:-

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? *Very little of it*
- (b) If not, had you one on you? *Yes.*
- (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. *No.*
- (ii) Chocolate *Lost it somewhere.*
- (iii) Milk (tube). *No.*
- (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue) *once, crossing the frontier*
- (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier). *No.*
- (vi) Matches. *No.*
- (vii) Adhesive tape. *No.*
- (viii) Chewing gum. *Yes.*
- (ix) Water bottle. *No.*
- (x) Compass *No.*
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? *Buried in woods.*
- (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?

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? *Yes. Khaki. Red*
If so, state COLOR.
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? *No.*
- (ii) Compass. *No.*

(iii) File (hacksaw). *no*

(iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *2000 francs. (frank)*
How did you spend the money.

(d) How did you dispose of:-

500 francs for cigarettes.

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw). ?

Surplus currency. *gave it to other escapees in Spain to try to contact consulate.*

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.
- (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?

(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 3 -*
If so, how many?

(b) Did you use them? *yes - But they were much smaller than the required size.*
State how.

5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape?
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

Bovingdon, July 1943 S2 - at Group by escapees. August.

(b) Did you find the lectures of value?

Should not have phed on own.

Each case is different, another's experiences are not of much help. Very little of what I've been told came to pass in my own escape.

Told to throw away weapons except - threw knife - later needed. Think a lot of .45 pistols could be dropped with 20 min.

Wave your hand when you speak - says typing machine. 7/6 of 1943 from SH45