

AG 383.6

Hq EPOUSA

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) BUTCHER DAVID L Signed David L Butcher
Rank S/SGT A.S.N. 16011010 Date March 17, 1944
Unit 384 TH B GP. 545 TH SQDN. Witness Wm. W. Mohr
Col. G.S.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
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E & E REPORT NO. 483
EVASION IN FRANCE

20 March 1944
(Date)

David L BUTCHER S/Sgt, 16011010

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

(2 missions)

(Number of Missions)

TARGET: T LE MANS

MIA: 4 July 1943

Arrived in UK:

19 March 1944

545 Bomb Squadron, 394 Bomb Group
(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-733702	2d Lt	Lawrence W MYER	KIA	
CO-PILOT	0-672793	2d Lt	Norman A GAUNTT		MIA
NAVIGATOR	0-797375	2d Lt	James C CROUCH		KIA
BOMBARDIER	0-735948	2d Lt	Thomas H BRZOZNOWSKI		MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	35327696	T/Sgt	Jack (NMI) DAVIDSON		KIA
TOP TURRET GUNNER	39182309	T/Sgt	James L LARUE		KIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	6950609	Sgt J	James T CARTER		KIA
WAIST GUNNER	36519535	S/Sgt	Floyd (NMI) HUBBLE, JR		MIA
WAIST GUNNER	38130722	Sgt	Kenneth E CHRISTENSON		KIA
TAIL GUNNER	16011010	S/Sgt	David L BUTCHER		NARRATOR

Were you wounded?

We did not reach our target. German fighters attacked us after we hit the French coast and followed us all the way, with only a few pauses, ~~apparently~~ ^{apparently,} ~~entirely to gas up.~~ I was ~~sure~~ ^{was blown} that a bomb hit us right in the radio room. The dinghy on top of the radio room ~~came~~ ^{was blown} out of the plane and ~~waved~~ ^{hung on} from the tail. The plane acted like a wagon on a bumpy road. I ~~whipped on my~~ ^{to wear} chest type parachute ~~the only type of parachute.~~ ¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹ I think that ~~the~~ ^{the} waist gunners had had chest type parachutes they might have got out of the plane. ~~When I asked~~ ^{I asked} the pilot to ask him whether ~~to jump,~~ ^{I should but} I received no answer. ~~Since the fighters were still around,~~ ^I did not jump. The plane went into a spin, and I was glued to my ~~position.~~ ^{place} I do not know what happened. When I ~~recovered consciousness,~~ ^{came to} I was out of the plane. ~~It must have broken.~~ We were at 26,000, and I think the plane dove to about 5000 and broke. ^{up.} My ~~parachute opened all right.~~ I was in the air ~~11111111111111111111~~ ¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹¹ just long enough to look down on the most beautiful scenery I had ever seen. I saw no other parachutes. ~~Our plane was on the ground burning.~~ I started to drift toward ~~11111111111111111111~~ ^a the town near the ~~place~~ where the plane was burning. I remembered our instructions in spilling the ~~parachute~~ and managed to drift away from the town.

I hit in the middle of a large wheat field. Almost immediately three Frenchmen ~~bicycled~~ ^{ran up and asked} along and run toward me, asking me whether I was an American. I gave them some cigarettes and they saw "US Army" on the label. While two of them patrolled the road, one took me to a farm. They buried my ~~parachute,~~ ^{parachute,} bailout bottle, and ~~Mac West,~~ ^{Mac West,} and took my flying clothes. After I had dressed in ~~the~~ ^{the} civilian clothes they gave me, I was taken to the woods. After a couple of days I was taken to a barn.

From there my journey was arranged.

Compiled by

Approved by

D. E. EMERSON
1st Lt, AUS

W. STULL HOLT
Lt Col, AC
Commanding

PLANE HIT

~~FAVORS CHEST TYPE PARACHUTE~~

RECOVERED CONSCIOUSNESS IN MIDAIR

[The suggestions of Ed E's statement of a man falling like a brick in his own mind, but I have such doubts?]

HELPED IMMEDIATELY

JOURNEY ARRANGED

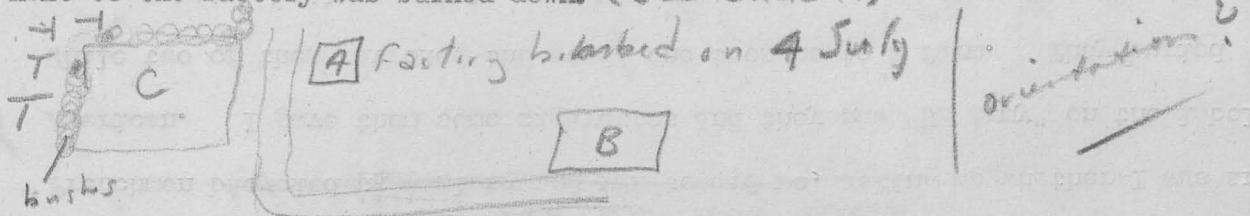
Appendix B

1. The following information has been obtained from a sergeant who evaded capture in enemy ~~territory~~ 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 4 July 1943 to 23 February 1944.

a. Informant was told in July that the 4 July bombing of LE MANS was fairly effective. The factory was about 2/3 destroyed. A large warehouse next to the factory was burned down. (See sketch.)



b. A large factory for building Junkers engines is located at LE MANS, informant was told. (B in above sketch.)

c. A small airfield is located near LE MANS (C on sketch above). Airplanes are always kept behind the bushes.

d. In July informant saw many tanks in the vicinity of Le MANS.

e. In July informant was told that there was a large field artillery and tank training unit about 7 km NE of Le MANS.

f. Informant saw ^{air:} in August a large field at St PIERRE near TOUR. He was told that it was a training field for fighter pilots. It has since been bombed. There is a false airfield to the west of the real one. Ju 88's and Heinkel 111's operated from this field in large numbers.

g. Informant was told that some 30,000 German troops were located in the vicinity of ^{in December} the Gnome-Rhone area near Paris.

(The man said
area. If he was
missin formed why
give the statement
greater accuracy than
his hearsay?)
factory
district

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MARCH 20, 1944
(Date)

BUTCHER DAVID L. S/SGT-16011010
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

645TH (Squadron) 384TH (Group)

2d Mission

TARGET: LE MANS

AGE: 26
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 3-6
HOME ADDRESS: 739 SO. TAYLOR AVE.
DAK PARK, ILLINOIS

MIA: JULY 4, 1943
Arrived in Spain: _____
FEB. 23, 1944
Arrived in Gibraltar: _____
MARCH 17, 1944
Arrived in UK: _____
MARCH 19, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with FWIB)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT <u>A. W. MYER</u>	KILLED -	
CO-PILOT <u>GAUNT</u>	KILLED -	
NAVIGATOR <u>J. T. CROUCH</u>	KILLED -	
BOMBARDIER <u>T. BRZOZNOWSKI</u>	KILLED -	
RADIO OPERATOR <u>J. DAVIDSON</u>	KILLED -	
TOP TURRET GUNNER <u>J. L. LARUE</u>	KILLED -	
BALL TURRET GUNNER <u>J. T. CARTER</u>	KILLED -	
WAIST GUNNER <u>F. HUBBLE</u>	KILLED -	
WAIST GUNNER <u>K. CHRISTIANSEN</u>	KILLED -	
TAIL GUNNER <u>(D. BUTCHER)</u>		

Verified by British Officer + graves were seen.

*SAW - nothing
Hearing - 9 men dead - saw graves*

Were you wounded? no.

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 16011010- S/Sgt - Butcher, David L.

Unit:- 384th B. Gp. 545th Sqdn.

Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training 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? *No.*

b. If not, why?

Fell out while parachuting - no zipper, on knee pocket of summer flying coveralls.

c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".

Horlicks tablets.

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass.

Sewing kit.

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?

e. How did you finally dispose of the box?

f. 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

No. - with aids box.

a. Did you carry a purse?

State color of stripes and letters.

If NOT, State why not.

b. Did you use the purse?

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones?

Compass.

File (hack saw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money?

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hack saw).

Surplus currency.

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? *Yes.*

If so, how many? *I think 3*

b. Did you use them? *No. - think too small & too dark.*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *Yes.*

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *Wrafton Underwood, June 1943, by S-2.*

It was very much

b. Did you find the lectures of value? *Yes.*

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapees?

Have zippers on all of your pockets of your flying coveralls.

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

KLS/el-2B-889 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
J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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 - (1) The names of those who helped you.
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- e* No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of A. C. of S., G-2, W. D., or corresponding organization in the theater.

GERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

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Name (Print) BUTCHER DAVID L
Rank 3/SGT. A. S. N. 16011010
Unit 384TH B GP. 545TH SQDN.

Signed David L Butcher
Dated March 20, 1944
Witness H. Ineson 157LT

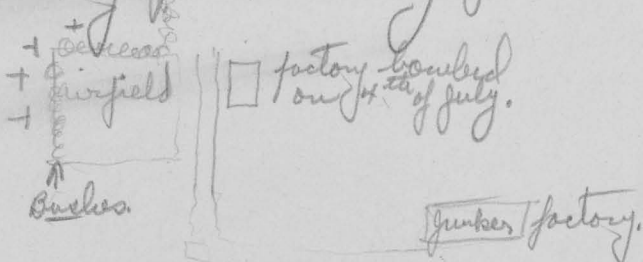
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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

List all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defenses, AA batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.,.....)

- In Le Mans - Bombing was fairly effective on the 4th of July 1943. The factory bombed was about 3/8 destroyed and a large warehouse next to the factory was burned down. Large numbers of tanks and troops are frequently laying over and moving in and out of Le Mans. There is a large factory for building Junker engines at Le Mans.



- about 7K N.E. of Le Mans there was quite a large field artillery and tank training outfit for training purposes.
- at St. Pierre near Lour the large training field for fighter pilots, which was bombed lately has a false airfield on the right of the real one coming from the north. There were also a large number of Ju 88's and Heinkel III which operated from this field.
- The airfield shown on the diagram is not very big and airplanes are never seen on the field. They are always kept behind the bushes.
- In the Gnome Rhone area near Paris in Dec. was partially evacuated for German troops. There are 30 thousand men who occupy this area.

Receptions for arms and ammunitions -

- at the present the town of Chateau de Loire is a very dangerous place as far as Gusto are concerned. -

The civilian morale of the people is very high. They cheer our bombers everytime they are over. Jerry always wears a long face.

Butcher - We not reach target - fr attacks after work - follow us all way - believe you hit to gas up - done that bomb but is - dit - it in radio room - FW of Me 109 - yellow noise & dump over top of radio room can not - flying in band. O/c at like wagon on humpy road. Whipped in dirt you any type that PW had dirt might have got out. Beeis I stuff off in back. Call ask you - no answer, this still around - not jump at any. Plan into you before I think to go. Don't know what happened, best know what happened bullets coming out of cars & going all around. Just stick there - glued. Took too short time but good after chlo open - we 26,000 - must you down to 5000 before plane broke - came too out of A/C Open dirt ok - most beautiful scenery ever seen - look for photo - saw none - A/C on good thing. Start drift him when A/C - remembered instructions in quickly dit - managed drift away - got 3km into! Hit in middle of big wheat field - 3 or more up in bicycles run over. Ask if you (never briefed in 2 or 3 phrases) - saw eyes with US Army across phy. Two patrol road - 1st with me - 2 nervous & shake up. Told me run in field - follow man in bike. Had all flying clothes in. They buried pcht, barbed bottle, MW near farm. Also flying clothes.

(Pollet)

To farm c 2 km - Had talkative man on farm. Doctored head, gave oxygen & whiskey. Michel Paul. Paul - had escaped from ^{P/W} - short - 5'3" - tough looking face - ypl hit by another two Jaegers. To woods after you air clothes - but young sacks to sleep on. These all next day. 5 3d not to leave - 6 4th day to home - not see today then - close to 1 day. M Bowret (phonetic) from Pollet come see me - believe operates underground papers - believe 35 - been on hands of 15. Plans linked in later - told you how for help any time need. P visit you & come see me - ask names crew - what written on plan etc.

Said someone can't farm & pick in yr
M Auduc - c 40 - rough looking man prot reading teeth
Came with little to men eyes some of
connected with black market some way.

To home 2 Rue de Tournequet, L Mans - to restaurant to eat - felt
awfully conspicuous - French received hospitably
2 into at his home

Pictures taken

Young fellow came - talk about papers in connection with me
Auduc, wife, 2 other for (Came on at farm) to Cherru - c 12 km
from Chateau de la Loue

Stayed with woman - brother in law supposedly wireless operator
for underground - going by Andre Dubois
Blond - short, - 5'5" - well built - c 155 lbs - c 25-26
supposed to be 'hot'

Told me crew all killed - I told him I been to cemetery L Mans.

Told me not like Auss - think have trouble because they always
wanted to fight.

Then c 4 days. Andre brought with me to Chateau de Loue
Train to Tours - met his mother in law in school - she by first for it.
Meneau (?) - son Jacques - c 23 They lived at Parillous
Tours suburbs - Polish die Bellevue - country home
Jacques took me there

Three weeks then

met Michel there - say someone in 15 days
Paul came - say Am c 45, thin man, thick mustache. mid ht - c 5'8"

Capt Canfield - Amer Embassy - fine weather over here, lots of fun
for days & very much
spoke American - bit of accent. Think been in for some time
Came to send msg through Andre

Said Samon Ave, Chicago

Canadian Capt next person saw - c 5'9" - mustache Chatrand (?)
A Belgian named Andre there - (took train Paris to Toulouse)

c 22 - tall, raw boned

Saw Michel &
Andre for
pictures

Both
came
for MSS

Andrie's wife came - said man came 2 hours ask for Andrie - obviously Gestapo
Told me Mme Mercier running egg ring for 2 yrs - that Andrie
should give her rest.

As Jacques leave for work ^{in Tours} saw man in ditch - came in back way house
saw man there
Sabriel took me on road - I bicycled around - to meet him at 1800 -
not at his woods at 1900 - that something up - not go back to house.

Went to one gone to lunch to - not Sabriel running on road - he
not in my back - can see all in sweat - run from Tours -
burst open pick up out with school bag - evidently that Andrie
act showed - left with one man - heard like of woman - yes jag don
street - 4 shots - not wound - covered bridge - meet me

Bicycle became bad, Clateau de laire - figure do obvious - go that way
what he take like go ahead - to go together
Rode double tunnel Ch de b - 40 km - Curfew 1100 -

1/11/6
near Ch de b

On hill pass truck of German soldiers
Thought to be fam down when some 75 MG buried

On Goode (?) physician for this man - big fellow
To sleep in cave for night

On over after Sabriel had sent man - 0300 - took us to house
of M. Laricis (?) - retired teacher & wife - no children
C 1 month there ^{with} us

Victor David - good friend

Goode, David, & a German - short, black hair, rimmed glasses -
small black mustache - black hair - c 30 - look like cat

Gestapo looking for him because take 05 to Spain -
supposed to have taken Rumanian 0.

Can see it &
C week later

Andrie by chance came to man next door - also in
black market
He told us Mme Mercier, Jacques, Mme Dubois,
Andrie's mother, another woman all picked
by Gestapo
Ask Andrie for papers for Sabriel - not get
papers but 600 franc

C 2 weeks earlier came with Dr. Goode to see Sabriel - told him 05 to London then
Roger - big, c 190, strong, rough looking - brown hair - th
Francis - very short - glasses - looks comical - anti-rail eyes - a couple
been seen S.P. 2.

Some question? passing Gabriel + me with contact Paul or Francois
Def / reception Gabriel leave - Judine take me to friend church

Dr & David go on 'reception'
next morning Judine take me back - women was in car - tell Gertrude
get David + Dr.

2 go with Judine to hotel Ch de L - to Judine's brother in law in
little town toward Le Mans - 3 days, Andre staying there - had written
said 21 men in Paris on his line

3 Reception plans in neighborhood - Judine, woman at Chemin, & Dr & David
1st night in hotel - Judine that better get it - my passport to you get
me for about month - my go Paris & want to be picked up
Andre drive to Judine's place - to see Henri - think Paris chief -
c 45 - grey hair - by account, distinguished looking man
Young fellows with Henri - tall - black hair - thin - nice looking
c 20 or 21. Think student

14 to go to Paris find plan for me to get
1 head of agricultural dept of Sarthe, with fat fellow, pick up at
Judine's farm near La Bazoge - 4 days
Took to station at Le Mans - met young fellow - to Paris - mt - mt
2 nice looking women - Mme Annett + another - 2 women took
to car to Mrs Heissat - 23 Rue Clisson sister adr.
5 feet, cool black hair, fat, 1 husband there

1 husband there - Dr -
4 months there
c middle of Nov had established route of escape - think into
we took out
had another son - with her. She picked up with him -
think out

Maurice Annett - father of Dr - picked up couple weeks before
left - taken to concentration camp.

M Heissat works in St Louis Paris - he born Voisys - rpts
25.

Frédérique (Frédérique?) 6978 - Gabriel gave this no before left
me of Mrs Davis

Over 300 people in Paris picked up for resistance activities in
time of the

Sister of Mrs H came - brother in law - & dtr
In 4 mos I then domestic never had inkling that I am or of

Mme ~~Auratt~~ Auratt - now Nadine - with husband & M H take
me to station - André - the Belgian from Tours - met Carbon -
took us to town up before Tarbais - think P -

To have in outskirts of town

Station master - old man - came with Di - M aurie - Jewish
fellow.

He took Graham & I to walk with us, mother under resistance Paris
Johnny Williams & Kenneth Brewster - engaged of internment
Camp outside Paris

not first letter.

Left Carbon tops for conduct in trip - way that carry Major

Left Barcelona with Kelly, Myrick,
to Madrid - to Brit.

Interned at Barcelona

at Brit by Mr Darby - Capt present - Major looked just
left.

3 fellows
from

[Rene & David will find you in Seattle]
[Michele Paul Jacques David has arrived - Moscow]

S/sgt. D. L. Butcher requests permission
to contact one Capt. Gabriel Chatroud. The
capt. was seen by myself in France

S/sgt. D. L. Butcher

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. *Butcher, David L. - S/ Sgt. - 16011010*
2. Decorations. *None*
3. Unit or Squadron. *545th Sqn.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *384th*
5. Date of Birth. *March 11, 1918*
6. Length of Service. *3 - 6*
7. Private Address. *739 So Taylor Ave., Oak Park, Illinois U.S.A.*
8. Job as civilian. *Truck Driver*
9. From what field did you take off? *Grafton Underwood*
10. Take off time. *11:30 AM.*
11. Date and target. *July 4, 1943 - Le Mans - France.*
12. Where did you land? *Ship crashed at Pollet - France - 3K from ship.*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *Buried.*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *Tail gunner*
15. Were you wounded? *No.*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *No.*
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? *Some French - picked up*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *French - Yes! - dog tags*
19. 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?
Questioned by Mr. Bayne - British Int., Barcelona. - written report at Lib. by British Int.
20. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? *No.*
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *Yes.*
22. Date of arrival in Spain. *Feb. 23, 1944*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *MARCH 17, 1944*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *Gib., - air 19 March*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *Valley - March 19, 1944*

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
OFFICE OF THE A. C. OF S., G-2

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DATE: 19 March 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, PICARD P. OSCAR, 1st Lt., AC, ASN 0-569761

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

DAVID L. BUTCHER, S/Sgt., AC, ASN 16011010

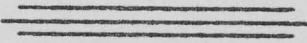
prior to his being reported missing in action over enemy territory.

The person whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon is the individual referred to above.

P. Oscar Picard

David L. Butcher
DAVID L. BUTCHER

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as DAVID L. BUTCHER, S/Sgt., AC, ASN 16011010 (545 Bomb Squadron - 384 Bomb Group)

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