Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

6-17-44 - 0700 hours - 30 Kilometers SE Rouen

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

No.1 prop ran away - #3 gas tank, leaking badly. Pilot feathered.

Was 17 or damaged + thrown out:

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

Approximately 3000 feet.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

Believe navigator slightly wounded.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

I know co-pilot, radio, ball turret, radio & waist

Bailed out?

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

No.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

1 - Member - co-pilot - was seen walking toward plane.

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

5 crew members - names unknown - were reported by a Frenchman to have been taken prisoner.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

No.

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

Quite a few captured. Ammunition depot nearby. Germans reached the scene shortly.
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?  **Yes**
   b. If not, why?
   c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights, while walking 80 kilometers East, Horlicks tablets, yes.

         Chocolate or Peanut Bar, yes

         Milk (tube), No

         Benzedrine tablets (fatigue). No

         Melazone tablets (water purifier). Yes

         Matches. Yes

         Adhesive tape. No

         Chewing gum. Yes

         Water bottle. No. Yes - No, good

         Compass. Yes

         Sowing Kit. Yes

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?  **Yes - Compass**

e. How did you finally dispose of the box?  **Gave to FFI**

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?  **Better compass**

2. **PURSE**

   a. Did you carry a purse?  **Yes**

      State color of stripes and letters.

      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?

Map of France: Yes

Compass: Yes

File (hacksaw): No

Foreign currency (state countries and amounts): 2000 Fr. France

How did you spend the money? Tobacco in the main

d. How did you dispose of:

Map: To the French

Compass:

File (hacksaw): Didn't have enough

Surplus currency:

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? No

4. Passport size photographs

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? Yes

b. Did you use them? Yes

5. Lectures

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? Yes

State WHERE, WHEN, AND by WHOM: At station 130

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 escapers? Yes - Shoes are needed
List all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop concentrations, coastal and interior defenses, all batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of Allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc., etc., etc., etc.)

Between 1645-0 E/A (Ju 88 - Me 110 - Me 109's) came over La Landelle (Oise). Every night between 10-12 heading West. Beauvais Airport was used by the Germans until 5 days before the English tanks arrived.

A component (100 men) of the Adolf Hitler Division was in ONS-en-Bray (near Beauvais) on August 16th.

There was an ammunition dump in Forêt de Lyons, near where I parachuted. (7.5 miles South of La Feulle)
Pilot, 0-747374, 1st Lt, Charles P. Blackwell
B./O., 0-755624, 2nd Lt, Theodore R. Baskette
Nav., 0-694581, 2nd Lt, Irving H. Meyers
Bomb., 0-755071, 2nd Lt, Verne M. Boon
B.O. 12055480, T./Srq., Edward (NMI) Nabozny
T.B., 17045077, T./Srq., Thomas W. Howard
B+/G 12180963, S./Srq., Thomas G. Leahy
W.G. Narrator
W.G. None
T.G. 32672266, S./Srq., Sylvester C. Kuraszkiewicz

437 Bp - 14June
QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

 TARGET:
Date mission in action: 6-14-44
Date arrived in UK: 7-5-44

Francis W. McCall
(Name)

(M) 2 A
(No. of missions)

157th
(Squadron)

H.57
(Group)

PILOT Blackwell, Charles, 1st Lt.
CO-PILOT Basquette, Theodore, 2nd Lt.
NAVIGATOR Meyers, Irving, 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER Bann
RADIO OPERATOR Nabozny, Edward, T/Sgt.
TOP TURRET GUNNER Howard, Tom, T/Sgt.
BALL TURRET GUNNER Leaky, Thomas, T/Sgt.
WAIST GUNNER McCall, F.W., T/Sgt.
TAIL GUNNER Kowalski, S.C., T/Sgt.

Decorations: Air Medal / 4 Clusters

Date of Birth: 9-4-08


Length of Service: 2 years 3 mos.

Job as Civilian: Production Coordinator, Radio Mfg.

From what field did you take off? Take off time.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

Were you wounded? Give details.

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much?

Do you speak FRENCH? SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN?

Did you have identity papers?

(over)
Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?

No

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?

No

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?

No

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When?

Yes - 63 Brooke St. London

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air: 9/5/44 - West Berlin - by RAF "Dambuster"

List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans.

List names of American or British personnel believed to be evading:

F/O George Heath, RAF
My ship was hit by flak on June 14, 1944 and we bailed out. I landed in a meadow in the Foret de Lyons (EURE). I evaded Germans who were shooting at me and E SE of Rouen I met a farmer who advised me to go to Beuvain (OISE). I walked, receiving food from helpers on route, until the following day when I met a young farmer. He gave me clothes and took me to his farm at Boschyons, 5 km SW of Gournay (S INF.) where I spent the night. The next day I reached le Coudray St. Germain (OISE). I declared myself to a man who took me to the home of Jean Quiertant, a Resistance man. He gave me clothes and after staying with him about a week, the local chief M. Thibeau, took me to the home of Mme. Yvonne Windels in Lalandelle (OISE). Mme. Windels was an active Resistance agent. She claimed to have helped a British agent, George Darling, who was killed about a year ago in a nearby forest. I was provided with an identity card and I stayed there until August 22nd. Then, because a Belgian woman suspected of being a collaborator, Mme. Derienck of Lalandelle, got news of my whereabouts, I was moved to Ons-en-Bray (OISE) where I stayed at the home of M. Fontaine. He was engaged in helping evaders and his son Roger was an active member of the Resistance. I stayed here until American troops arrived on the 30th Aug., and then I returned to Mme. Windel's where I stayed until I was evacuated on the 2nd Sept.

R. Sarant
2nd Lt AUS
Hit by flag over Paris Le Bourget, unloaded, hit by flak out of formation, made for coast. Pilot ordered bail out. I baled out at 3000 landed at Foret de Lyons in a meadow. Headed west after ditching chute and west. Was spotted by Germans who fired at me. Lost them, cotaeted farmer (E. S. E. of Rouen) who advised walking to Beauvais. Walked all day all night and following day meeting up with farmers enroute who fed me. Met young French farmer he gave me some clothes in Boscheylous 6 Km S.E. Gournay. Stayed night at his farm. Left next day for vicinity of Beauvais. Reached le Coudray S. Germer W. of Beauvais. Citizen stopped me in town took me in and contacted local Rés. He was Jean Quiertant a Rés. The agent of the local chef (Thibau) who one week later transferred me to la Landelle where I stayed in house of Madame Yvonne Windels and was provided with a Carte stayed there until Aug. 22. Collaborator activity forced them to transfer me to the home of M. Fontaine in Oms-en-Bray. (Yvonne active agent in Rés. She claims to have helped George Darling a British espionage agent whom she says was killed in nearby forest about a yr. ago. A Maxima by name of Madame Deriencks of La Landelle picked up gossip of my whereabouts and as she was suspect I was moved out. I don't know if Fontaine was active in Rés. but was actively engaged in helping parachutists. Thibau seemed to be working for the money he could get out of it. Maxima Fontaine's son Roger was an active member of the resistance. American arrived on the 30th Aug. Thibau escorted me to Trieu-Chateau where I met U. S. 1st Lt. who commandeered trans for Beauvais. Stayed night at Beauvais at house of Eng. local light co. Next morning departed FFI car Oms-en-Bray. Travelled la Landelle and stayed night at Yvonne’s. Rested next day. Next day went to Triex Chateau. Br. Truck to Mns
Got ride on Br. truck to Mons. Contacted only American officer other Lt. Laurence Kelly of 532nd Ord. Co. Stayed the night his section. Returned Beauvais next day. Interviewed C.O. 532 Ord. who sent me to Br. Air Port at Beauvais 122 ? Hq. Stayed there a day when trans. was available for trip to England.
SUBJECT: Amended Instructions Concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War, to Include Evaders of Capture in Enemy or Enemy-Occupied Territory and Internes 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 internes 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 internes 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 internes 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.

1. 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.

2. 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.
   (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. 4.
   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.

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) FRANCIS W. M'CALL
Signed FRANCIS W. M'CALL
Rank S. S. F. A. N. 1609/1937
Dated 6-29-43
Unit 750 B. Sq. 457 Bomb. Gr. (H)
Witness C. P. L. (H)
8th A.F.