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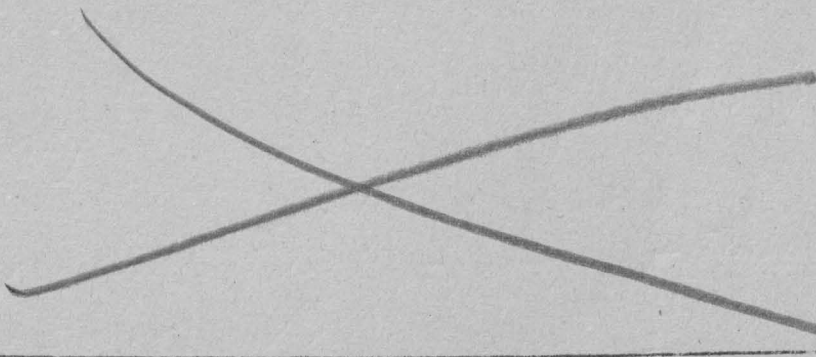
REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Francis W. McCall, S/Sgt - 16096957 9/6/44
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)
750 B. Sq. 457th B. Gr. (A) 8th A.F.
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT
CO-PILOT
NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER
RADIO OPERATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER
BALL TURRET GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER



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

6-14-44 - 0700 hours - 30 Kilometers SE Rouen

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

No. 4 prop ran away - #3 gas tank leaking badly pilot feathers
#3. Nos 1 & 2 damaged & throwing oil.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 3000'

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 towards 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.

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 16096957 - S/Sgt. Francis W. McCall

Unit:- 750 sqd. 457 B. Gp.

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*

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *No*

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *No*

Matches. *yes*

Adhesive tape. *No*

Chewing gum. *yes*

Water bottle. *No*

Compass. *yes - No good*

Sewing 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?

Maps. Which ones? *Map of France*

Compass. *ye*

File (hack saw). *No*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *2000 Fr. Francs*
How did you spend the money? *To bacco, in the main*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *To the French*

Compass. " " " "

File (hack saw). " " " "

Surplus currency. *Didn't have enough*

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*
If so, how many? *6*

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

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.,.....)

Between 10 & 50 E/A (Ju 88 - Me-110. + Me 10'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 OMS-enc Bray (near Beauvais) on August 25th.

There was an ammunition dump in Foret De Lyons - near where I parachuted. (7 K. south of La Feuille)

Pilot,	0747374,	1st Lt,	Charles R. Blackwell	RTD
Copilot,	0-755624,	2d Lt,	Theodore R. BASKETTE	RTD
NAV,	0-694581,	2d Lt,	IRVING H. MEYERS	P/W
Bomb,	0-755071,	2d Lt,	VERNE M. BOON	P/W
R.O,	12055450,	T/Sgt,	EDWARD (NMI) ^{NABOZNY} NABOZNY	RTD ⁵⁷⁰
TtG,	17045077,	T/Sgt,	Thomas W. Howard	P/W
BtG	12180963,	S/Sgt,	Thomas G. Leahy	P/W
WG.	NARRATOR			
UG.	NONE			
T.G.	32672266,	S/Sgt,	Sylvester C. KURASZKIEWICZ	P/W

457 bp - 14 June.

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Francis W. McCall S/Sgt 16096957
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: 6-14-44

29 (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: 9-5-44

750th (Squadron) 457 (Group)

~~See crew~~ ~~890~~ ~~disposition~~

MEMBERS OF CREW: (Please list names next to positions)

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT	Blackwell, Charles	1st Lt.	?
CO-PILOT	Basquette, Theodore	2nd Lt.	Landed by parachute saw walking towards plane
NAVIGATOR	Meyers, Irving	2nd Lt.	?
BOMBARDIER	Boon	2nd Lt.	?
RADIO OPERATOR	Nabozny, Edward	T/Sgt	Jumped from plane
TOP TURRET GUNNER	Howard, Tom W.	T/Sgt	?
BALL TURRET GUNNER	Leahy, Thomas	S/Sgt	Jumped from plane
WAIST GUNNER	McCall, F.W.	S/Sgt	
WAIST GUNNER			
TAIL GUNNER	Kuraszkiewicz, S.C.	S/Sgt	Jumped from plane

Decorations: Air Medal, 4 clusters

Date of Birth: 9-4-08

Private Address: 2517 So. ~~Jefferson~~, Jefferson, Saginaw, Mich.

Length of Service: 2 years - 3 mos.

Job as Civilian: Production Coordinator - Radio Mfg.

From what field did you take off? Take off time. station 130 - 0400 - 6-14-44

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? ?

Were you wounded? Give details. No.

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? No.

Do you speak FRENCH? No SPANISH? No GERMAN? No ITALIAN? No OTHER LANGUAGE? No

Did you have identity papers? No.

(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 Beauvais -
By RAF "Dakota"

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

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

F/O George Heath, RAF

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14 Jun - 5 Sep

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 dhooting at me and E SE of Rouen I met a farmer who advised me to go to Beauvais (OISE). I walked, receiving food from helpers en 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. Germer (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. Deriencks 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.

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2nd Lt AUS

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Hit by flak 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, contacted farmer (E. S.E. of ~~Rouen~~ 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 ~~Boschouy~~ Boschouy 6 Km S.E. Gournay. Stayed night at his farm. Left next day for vicinity of Beauvais. Reached le Coudray S. ~~Germer~~ Germer W. of Beauvais. Citizen stopped me in town took and he gave me more clothes me in and contacted local Res. He was Jean Quiertant a Res. The agent of the local chief (Thibeau) 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 Ons-en-Bray. (Yvonne active agent in R's. She claims to have helped George Darling a British espionage agent whom she says was killed in nearby forest about Belgian a yr. ago. A ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ by name of Madame Deriencks of la Landelle ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ picked up gossip of my whereabouts and as she was suspect I was moved out. I don't know if Fontaine was active in R's. but was actively engaged in helping parachutists. Thibeau seemed to be working for the money he could get out of it. ~~HXXXX~~ Fontaines son Roger was an active member of the resistance. American arrived on the 30th Aug. Thibeau 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 Ons - en Bray. Travelled la Landelle and stayed night at Yvonne's. Rested next day. Next day went to Triex Chateau. Br. Truck to M ns

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Got ride on Br. truck to Mons. Contacted only American officer
ther Lt. Laurence Kelly of 532nd Ord. Co. Stayed the night his
section. R_e turned Beauvais next day. Iinterviewed 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 .

lost them, contacted farmer (L. S. E. of Kinn Koen) who advised me
going to Beauvais. Stayed all night and following day

meeting with Kinn Koen who led me to young French farmer
he gave me some clothes
in Beauvais Beauvais 2 km S.E. journey. Stayed night at his farm.

lost next day for vicinity of Beauvais. Stayed in Courcy 2

farmer, farmer W. of Beauvais. Citizen stopped me in town look
and he gave me more clothes
me in and contacted local. He was Jean Guillard a local.

The agent of the local (Thibaut) who one week later transferred

me to La Landelle where I stayed in house of Madame Yvonne Wintals
and was provided with a bicycle
I saved there until June 23. Collaborator actively forced them to

transfer me to the house of M. Fontaine in Gue-Bray. (Yvonne active

agent in G. E. She claims to have helped escape during a flight

escape from work and was killed in nearby forest. Found
bicycle

4 km ago. A flight by name of Madame Fontaine of La Landelle

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she was suspect I was moved out. I don't know if Fontaine was active

in G. E. but was actively engaged in helping guerrillas. This man

seemed to be working for the money he could get out of it. XXXXX

Fontaine and Roger was an active member of the resistance.

Fontaine arrived on the 25th Aug. This man seemed to be from Beauvais

where I met W. E. 1st Lt. who commanded transport for Beauvais.

Stayed night at Beauvais. I passed on 1st. local light co. Next

day we departed for Gue-Bray. Arrived in La Landelle

and stayed night at Yvonne. Stayed next day. Next day went to

Yvonne Fontaine. She stayed to me

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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-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 supercedes 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.

GERTIFICATE

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. McCALL

Signed Francis W. McCall

Rank S/ Sgt. A. S. N. 16096937

Dated Sept 6, 1944

Unit 750 B. Sq., 457 Bomb. Gr. (H)

Witness Adjutant Gen. T. A. W.

8th A.F.

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