

List of crew members

PILOT	GOOCH	2nd Lt.
CO-PILOT	UNKNOWN.....	
NAVIGATOR.....	PHIPPS, Rupert L.....	2nd Lt.
NOSE GUNNER.....	UNKNOWN.....	
ENGINEER.....	UNKNOWN.....	
RADIO OPERATOR.....	UNKNOWN.....	
TOP TURRET GUNNER.....	UNKNOWN.....	
BALL TURRET GUNNER.....	UNKNOWN.....	
WAIST GUNNER.....	ANGOT, Tom.....	Sgt.
TAIL GUNNER.....	UNKNOWN.....	

EVASION IN HOLLAND

MAP USED:
GSGS 4042
Sheet 2A & 3A

RUPERT L. PHIPPS, 2ND LT., O-707437
NAVIGATOR

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REACHES AMERICAN LINES 11 MARCH

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HELPERS

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These two persons took PHIPPS to a house where he spent three weeks with W. KROL (72, bald, former Commodore Holland American Line, address SOMMERGEN WEG, E. ROTTERDAM) and his wife. They had daughters ANNE, 26, and HELEN, 19. PHIPPS was treated very well here.

On 14 March PHIPPS, LT. WALTER and six of his crew traveled to HENDRICK-IDB-AMBACHT (D 8665) by horse and wagon. Here they were helped by DEREK POWELL (33, medium build) and JAN both local policemen.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office, Washington

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

6 August 1943

KLS/el-2B-939 Pentagon

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.

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) PHIPPS, RUPERT L Signed R. L. Phipps
Rank 2nd LT A. S. N. D-70743 Dated MARCH 19 1945
Unit 449 SQDN 4157th GRP Witness R. H. Jones, 1LT, CDC.

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(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVADED CAPTURE/~~ESCAPED~~ FROM (Name of Country) HOLLAND.For All Personnel.

1. No. 0-707437 Rank 2-Lt. Name PHIPPS Robert Lee.
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 12 missions.
3. Were you wounded? Give details No.
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 749 Sqn 457 Gp
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 8 USAAF 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Navigator
7. Date of Birth 22 Apr 24. 8. Length of Service 2 yrs 9 mths
9. Peace time occupation Patt. maker 10. Private address 1244 W. 38th St.
Norfolk,
V.A. U.S.A.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dog tags A.G.O. card.
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No.

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

13. No. and location of O.T.U. ---
14. No. and location of Conversion Unit ---

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPSWHO BALE OUT

15. Post in Crew Navigator.
16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.
N.B.—Airborne and Parachute Troops: list below names and units of other occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.
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- BOMBARDIER FLOWN WITH THIS CREW AND THE NAMES ARE THEREFORE NOT
- RADIO OPERATOR KNOWN TO HIM.
- TOP TURRET GUNNER ---
- BALL TURRET GUNNER ---
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) ---
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) ---
- TAIL GUNNER SGT(?) TOM ANGOT(?) Evaded capture
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure Bombardier a/c nr PETERBOROUGH 26 Sep 44 0700 hrs
18. Where and when did you come down? nr BRAASSEMER LAKE (OSGS 2541 sheet 1 - 884050)
26 Sep 44 approx 1600 hrs.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Helpers took them away.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? a/c believed completely wrecked.

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)
EVASION CAPTURE ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) HOLLAND

For All Personnel.

- 1. No. 0-107157 Rank S-1st Name THOMAS SPURD LEE
(U.K.: Acting Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 12 missions
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details No.
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 7th Sqn 457 GP
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 87th Div
- 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Navigator
- 7. Date of Birth 22 Apr 21 Length of Service 5 yrs 9 mths
- 8. Private address 1244 W. 30th St. Toronto, Ont. Canada
- 9. Peace time occupation 1st Lt. Navigator
- 10. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Log book, A.C.G. card, etc.
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- BALL TURRET GUNNER
- WAIST GUNNER (R.)
- WAIST GUNNER (L.)
- TAIL GUNNER --- (S-1st. Tom Baker)
- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure ---

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 18 Mar 45

Attached: Appendix "B" How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and line? ---

Appendix "C" ---

Disposal: to PARIS.

BRIEFLY INTERROGATED.

C. Kelly
Major S. *FLW*

APPENDIX "B" TO E. & E. REPORT No. IS9WEA/1/313/2401

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

No. 0-707437 Rank 2-Lt. Name PHIPPS Rupert Lee.

Date of interview 18 Mar 45.

N.B.—It is of the utmost importance that when giving information on the above subjects you state clearly:—

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- (2) Was it the result of personal observation or a report by someone else?
- (3) If not from personal observation who was the source (*i.e.*, waiter, farm labourer, hearsay, cafe rumour, etc.), and how accurate do you estimate the source to be?

Maps used - HOLLAND 1:100,000 sheet 4.

Evaluation of informant's credibility.

Key.

- 1.—Reliable.
- 2.—~~Credible.~~
- 3.—~~Questionable.~~
- 4.—~~Undermined.~~

1. 17 March 1945.

HENDRIK IDO AMBACHT (870660)

Considerable movement of German horse drawn transport carrying miscellaneous equipment, principally beds and bed rolls. Direction of movement not identified. Personal observation.

2. 17 March 1945.

SLIEDRECHT (955620)

Convoy of approximately 15 horse drawn transports with three German soldiers to each (believed WEHRMACHT) seen moving North through the town. Equipment carried was principally beds, bedding and suitcases. Personal observation.

With the exception of items.....above, information herein has been given verbally by E. & E. to.....

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If further circulation of this information is made, it is important that its source should not be divulged.

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Date of Interview 18 Mar 45.

BOARD & LODGINGS.

VAN DEN MEER
ZUIDENDE 31,
ROELOFARENDSVEEN

28 Sep - 12 Feb 45
19 weeks.

... ANEMAET
Instructor in Dutch Army (retired)
ROTTERDAM.

12 Feb - 19 Feb 45
one week.
Narrator and three others.

W. KROL (Commodore of Holland - American
line (retired))
SOMMERENWEG,
E. ROTTERDAM.

22 Feb - 15 Mar 45.
21 days
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LT. PHIPPS.

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HELPERS, CONT)

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On March 16 the party of eight moved to PAPENDRECHT(D9502) and on to SLIEDRECHT(D9503), guided by JAN PAP(tall, slim). Phipps and five of the crew rowed to meet JAN PAP and the other two on the river that evening and finally the party of eight reached allied lines at 0200, ^{HAS} (March 17) at LAGE ZWALUWE(D9150). ~~Eight boatloads of Dutch followed the American party, but were a separate group, following the Americans to find the best route through.~~

LT. PHIPPS, CASUALTY INFORMATION.

LT. PHIPPS was navigator of a B-17 hit by flak between AMSTERDAM and HAARLEM, HOLLAND on September 26, 1944. The plexi-glass nose was blown off and both PHIPPS and the chin gunner were dazed. The pilot left the formation and turned S at 18,000 feet, losing altitude. PHIPPS piled up ammunition boxes to cut the wind from the nose and aided the chin gunner to get his chute. PHIPPS saw the pilot attempting to open and navigator's hatch. All communications were out. The pilot called to bale out and went out himself. PHIPPS left next, landing at 1630, 26 September, 1944 at ROELOFARENDSVLEEN, HOLLAND (Y8705).

LT. PHIPPS was new to this bomb crew and remembers only the following:

PILOT-2nd LT. GOOCH-seen to bale out, reported by Dutch safe with underground January 1944.

NOSE GUNNER* -ready to bale out as PHIPPS left plane

ENGINEER -crew member ANGOT reported to Dutch that Engineer was wounded and did not bale out.

WAIST GUNNER- SGT TOM ANGOT-Dutch report him safe in hands of helpers January 1945.

no DSC

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5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 8 USAAF 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Navigator
7. Date of Birth 22 Apr 24. 8. Length of Service 2 yrs 9 mths
9. Peace time occupation Patt. maker 10. Private address 1244 W. 38th St.
Norfolk,
V.A. U.S.A.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dog tags A.G.O. card.
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No.

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

13. No. and location of O.T.U. ---
14. No. and location of Conversion Unit ---

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPSWHO BALE OUT

15. Post in Crew Navigator.
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18. Where and when did you come down? nr BRAASSIETTER LAKE (GSGS 2541 sheet 1 - 884050)
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EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) HOLLAND

For All Personnel.

- 1. No. 0-707457 Rank S-Lt. Name PHITS Herbert Lee.
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 12 missions.
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- WAIST GUNNER (R.)
- WAIST GUNNER (L.)
- TAIL GUNNER

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure

18. Where and when did you come down? Date 18 Mar 45

19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and map? Helpers took them away.

20. How did you dispose of your papers and equipment? Briefly interrogated.

Disposal: to PARTS. Major G. S. 1945

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- (1) Date, time and place where you obtained the information.
- (2) Was it the result of personal observation or a report by someone else?
- (3) If not from personal observation who was the source (i.e., waiter, farm labourer, hearsay, cafe rumour, etc.), and how accurate do you estimate the source to be?

Maps used - HOLLAND 1:100,000 sheet 4.

Evaluation of informant's credibility.

Key.

- 1.—Reliable.
- 2.—Credible.
- 3.—Questionable.
- 4.—Undetermined.

1. 17 March 1945.

HENDRIK IDO AMBACHT (870660)

Considerable movement of German horse drawn transport carrying miscellaneous equipment, principally beds and bed rolls. Direction of movement not identified. Personal observation.

2. 17 March 1945.

SLIEDRECHT (955620).

Convoy of approximately 15 horse drawn transports with three German soldiers to each (believed WEHRMACHT) seen moving North through the town. Equipment carried was principally beds, bedding and suitcases. Personal observation.

With the exception of items.....above, information herein has been given verbally by E. & E. to.....

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. IS9WEA/1/313/2401

If further circulation of this information is made, it is important that its source should not be divulged.

No. 0-707437 Rank 2-Lt. Name PHIPPS Rupert Lee.

Date of Interview 18 Mar 45.

BOARD & LODGINGS.

VAN DEN MEER
ZUIDENDE 31,
ROELOFARENDVSVEEN

28 Sep - 12 Feb 45
19 weeks.

... ANEMAET
Instructor in Dutch Army (retired)
ROTTERDAM.

12 Feb - 19 Feb 45
one week.
Narrator and three others.

W. KROL (Commodore of Holland - American
line (retired))
SCHMERENWEG,
E. ROTTERDAM.

22 Feb - 15 Mar 45.
21 days
Narrator and one other.

RESTRICTED

WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office, Washington

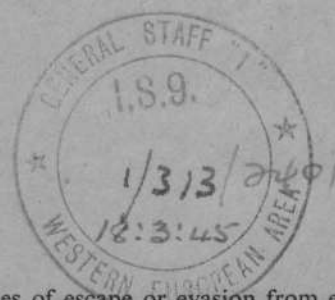
AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

6 August 1943

KLS/el-2B-939 Pentagon

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.

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) PHIPPS, RUPERT L Signed Rupert L Phipps
 Rank 2nd Lt. A. S. N. O. 709437 Dated MARCH 18 1945
 Unit 749 Agdn 457 3rd BTLAF Witness W. Bauman

RESTRICTED

(15) March. house all day. Germans into village. (4)
2 Germans asked to sleep in barn. we had to leave. we
opened door + air. night. Dept at his hand - party.

16 March - men from Slidrecht to get us left at 1600
crossed road to Papendrecht - walked to Slidrecht
(D9562)

(D9063
Jan Pap - very tall, slim.) right to house

on water to Lage ^{uwe} Zwalm (D9150). 6 of

us met 2 others - with boatmen. left 1900 -

met 2 in boat with Jan Pap. (+ food. In

one boat. got to Brits lines 0200. 8 other boats

ful of Dutchmen followed thru. Shouted for sentries

met Capt Huz. thus. Tilling.

Key:
 1. - Reliable.
 2. - Credible.

Phillips
~~11-11-10~~

(2) You state clearly:—

all large family knew I was there. village
 around village but never in it.
 Staked for day, tobacco from vicinity.

Head of village whole area? Books, 2 parties, 7 classes)
 near LISSE on front farm DECLARIE (Tall, some marks on face)
 (-18212) visited his house 2 nights.

I did me myself safe.
 (i) Said good would not let ~~understand~~
 by helped now 44.
 in Leiden (17801)

that I see looking, nothing pleasant.
 is know I was there.
 had identical copies - had photos were O.K. 3/4 face.

~~These~~ Feb 7th - re Clarie + do of chance if I
 wanted. Family wanted to hide. I said "yes".

12 Feb left with Martini, Hend, Schuster. Tried to
Lisse. - (4 of us). Flat tires. 3rd zig route. got on
 ark - big river boat with 2/4 walters and crew.
 one Dutchman wader. left 0730. From The Hague

+ to Rotterdam - 1500.
 Passed my gemmas. To chief's house - (in 1 hr.)
 left with JO - Anemaet (son 24, small, mustache in photo exp'd)
 walters, Wouter, Benlandier. My record. True until Mon 19th
 at Rotterdam. (Page) copied then Rotterdam.

+ E. section 1 night other house

20th to church. Navigator & I with Daniels

21-22. Maria Louise Daniels (small reg Jack 21) pants, 2 top

Then met Jos Scheemaker (7 from Jozeph 17) 7 here - 15
very good helper Henry Hohenweg (father men of Hulst Kamp gin) (cousin that, strike, 27)

Jos Hen took us to house where we

we 3 weeks.

72 hotel Commodus Holland area here advised Sommeren weg, E. Rotterdam.

W. 1 coal & wife.

~~24 Feb~~ doctor anno * 26 -
Uden * 19.

24 Feb (Ashley & boy) (navigator) ?

+ parties. drank plenty. too parties. food low.

23 Feb to 14 March

14 March - 0845 met all of crew of other plane + me. back of wagen & horse. ZABA

Rotterdam to Hendrick - Idk - Ambacht (D 86 G 5)

To van for man. - den stud with pulvome. engine
stayed thought we under arrest. Both part for up
Derek POWELL (med, 33) also Jan (pulvomen)
great help. at Powell's house at drinks party. Thelst

on war affairs per black market. at farmhouse.

~~SECRET~~

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

Military Intelligence Service

E & E Report

No. 2872.....

Date. 19. March. 45

~~SECRET~~

Auth:
AC of S. G-2
Init: J4....
Date. 19. Mar. 45

Prepared by

PW & X DET

Escaper

Evader RUPERT L. PHIPPS, 2nd Lt. O-707437
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Unit

..... 749 Sqdn., 457th Grp.

Missing in Action.. 26. Sep. 44.

Rejoined Allied Forces. 17. Mar. 45.

At.. LAGE. ZWALUWE, HOLLAND.

INTERROGATOR

.....

DECLASSIFIED

E.O. 11652, Sec. 3(E) and 5(D) or (E)

745001

By 7 NARS, Date 11/2/78

~~SECRET~~

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVASION CAPTURE/RESCUED FROM (Name of Country) Holland

For all Personnel

- 1. No. 0-707437... Rank 2/LT... Name RUPERT L. PHIPPS.
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A A.F.: No. of missions).....
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details.....
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sq. (Air Force) 457 gr 749 Sqn.
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force)..... 6. Job (Pl.Cmd., Rfn., etc).....
- 7. Date of Birth 22 April 1924... 8. Length of Service 2 3/4 yrs.
- 9. Peace time occupation... 10. Private Address
1244 West 38th, Norfolk, Va.
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? A.G.U. dog tags
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language?.....

FOR R.A.F. ONLY

- 13. No. and location of O.T.U.....
- 14. No. and location of Conversion Unit.....

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS WHO BALE OUT

- 15. Post in Crew.....
- 16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.
N.B. - Airborne and Parachute Troops list below names and units of other occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.
- PILOT 2/Lt - Gooch - seen to bale out
- CO-PILOT.....
- NAVIGATOR VARRATO R. - seen to bale out behind baled out
- nose gunner - did not bale out - wounded - Capt reported to Dutch
- BOMBARDIER.....
- RADIO OPERATOR.....
- TOP TURRET GUNNER.....
- BALL TURRET GUNNER.....
- WAIST GUNNER (R.).....
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) ST TOM ANCOI - behind safe
- TAIL GUNNER.....
- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17, Glatton Field, England, 0700 26 Sept.
- 18. Where and when did you come down? 26 Sept, 1944 1630 ROELOFF-AREND - SVEEN
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and Mae West? Dutch Tech chute, harness. none (2A3A) 48705
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?.....

26 Sept. on way home. Between Amsterdam & Haarlem
 but plate from Haarlem. glass now blue off. I hooked
 down glass. Chin gunner dazed. Turned S. & left
 formation 18,000 feet. Lost altitude. Heavy wind.
 pulled up ammo boxes to cut wind. put chin gunner
 behind boxes. got his chute. Flew 5-10 minutes
 gunner O.K. Pilot seen to try to open navigates bench.
 Remnants out. metroned of Pilot out
 (seemed slightly wounded). I went out. Chin gunner
 O.K.

landed half on soft dirt 1630. I coasted
 down street. wheel + arm after me. 2 farmers came to
 me as I hit ground. Big weeds. on a spit of land
 water on side. S of us into road. Put on ^{dark blue} overalls &
 wooden shoes from Dutch man came up who spoke English
 (half Italian, 32, dark, slender med).

ANTOINETT - Dentist in R..... got local head
 underground commander.
 "BAAS" nickname.
 Thendrius Van der Meer (39, heavy, bald, married) moved
 to greenhouse + tomatoes. Put in tent, covered with vines
 Selastin Van der Meer (21, powerful, x-ray bro, ripe). To
 S. of R. met man called Han (25, med build, 5-9, blonde)

Han moved me to house near Dijpswatering (farmer
 Moore. (very old, wife, small hairy low hair.) / fed 1 out in haystack 1900.
 there until night 28 sept. Search did not get me.
 regular arm said not to care. Brugemaster said
 I dreamed in lake. No post near.

Men to Selastin's house ^{14 children} Van der Meer's house
 for 4 1/2 months. In R..... N. family. very good.
 Martini (26, bald, tall slender) Gerada Johanne (29, plump, brown hair)
 Valera (24, good figure, brown) nephew Cornelius Van BURKEL
 (13, - dark, med build). good.
 Mrs. Mrs. address ZUIDENDE 30. at R. van Burkel - mine's sister.

~~TOP SECRET~~

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P.W. & X Det

Enclosed herewith please find
Interrogation Report No. 2401 together
with Security and Interrogation Certificate

R. John Lewis
Capt. U.S.

Lieut-Colonel, G.S.

I.S.9 (WEA)
H.Q. 21 Army Group (Main)

B.L.A.
21 Mar 1945

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B.L.A.
21 Mar 45

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-707437 Rank 2/Lieut.
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) PHIPPS, Rupert Lee.
Unit 749th Sqn, 457 Gp, 8th USAAF

has been ~~fully~~/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 18 March 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should ~~not~~/be re-interrogated.

L. G. Bannerma
for Major. G. S. Fll.

IMPORTANT.

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)
AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF PW. & X. DET.
M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.



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SC 2822

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-707437 Rank 2/LT NAME (print) RUPERT L. PHIPPS

CLAIMS ASSIGNMENT TO FOLLOWING UNIT 749 Sqn 457 Gr.

has been fully/briefly interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9 (WEA) on 19 March 1945, has signed a Security Certificate, and is not considered suspect.

He ~~should~~/should not be re-interrogated.

Security reasons ~~do~~/do not/ exist preventing his return to combat duty.

He was a ~~not~~/EVADER/ for a period of 173 days.

R. H. Dene
1/LT, CAC

IMPORTANT:

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SEINE SECTION, COM 2
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
Office of AC of S, G-2/3
APO 887, U.S. Army

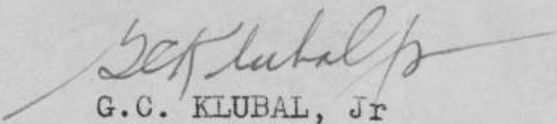
20 March 1945

SUBJECT: Identification of Escapers and Evaders.

TO : I.S. 9(WEA) HQ, MIS, ETOUSA, APO 887.

1. This will indicate that the following named United States personnel has been interrogated by this officer. His identity as a member of the United States Forces has been established:

Rupert L. Phipps, 2nd Lt, O-707437


G.C. KLUBAL, Jr
Captain, TC
CI Branch