

19 October 1942

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By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

(signed) RALPH PULSIFER,  
Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

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Name (Print) VOLLMUTH JOHN CHRISTIAN Signed John Christian Vollmuth  
 Rank 2ND Lt. A.S.N. 0-753086 Date 6-19-44  
 Unit 457 GP 748 SQD. Witness Horace W. Forster

HORACE W. FORSTER,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
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Name(Print) FRANK J. Mc NicholSigned Frank J. Mc NicholRank 2nd Lt. A.S.N.0-691776Date June 19, 1944Unit 487 Bomb GrpWitness Horace W. ForsterHORACE W. FORSTER,  
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TOP SECRET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

McNichols, E.S. 2nd Lt 249776

June 24, 1944 (Date)

799 Sq - 417 Bombrgr (Unit)

#767

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

Feb. 25, 1944 - 12:30 PM

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.

Was it on fire, etc?

No 1 ENGINE FEATHERED - No 2 -  
Going bad - Engaged approx - 20 fighting - sent  
know extent of damage - Ball turret covered by oil from  
ENGINE

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

9000 feet

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

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

Bombardier, Navigator - Co-pilot - All parachutes opened

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

YES

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

SAW BOMBARDIER ALIVE

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

SAW parachutes back at what  
I thought to be cockpit - came through with  
Bomb

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

NO

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and 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?

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS  
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
P/W and X Detachment  
Military Intelligence Service

E & E REPORT NO 267  
EVASION IN

JUNE 24, 1944  
(Date)

McNichols, F.J. 2nd Lt. 0-691776  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
2 (No of Missions)  
748 457 Bomb Gp  
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: AUGSBURG

Date Missing in Action: FEB 25, 1944

Date Arrived in UK: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Indicate what happened to  
each man  
and how you know

PILOT CHINN, J.R.  
CO-PILOT COOPER, R.F.  
NAVIGATOR McNichols, F.J.  
BOMBARDIER Vallmuth, J.C.  
RADIO OPERATOR Mullins, Robt.  
TOP TURRET GUNNER PERAGINE, Vito  
MID TURRET GUNNER Rollison, JEREMIAH  
WING GUNNER ROSS, MARION  
WING GUNNER SULLIVAN, WILLIAM  
TAIL GUNNER Engdahl, Dillard.

Parachuted - How it was  
seen  
Parachuted  
Arrived in UK

were you wounded? No

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

Unit:-

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? *lost it. RUNNING FROM place where I hid*
- 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?

*Might put RAZOR BLADES + TOOTH PICK +*

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *No - lost in running*  
State color of stripes and letters.  
If NOT, State why not.

- b. Did you use the purse? *No*



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

Maps. Which ones?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.  
How did you spend the money?

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

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?  
If so, how many? *YES - 6*

b. Did you use them? *YES*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?  
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *STA - 130 - 457 Bomb Grp*

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?  
*JAN - 1944 - Division Intell. Officer*

SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH  
MIS (X)

HEADQUARTERS  
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
P/W and X Detachment  
Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. FRANK J. McNickel - 5074-009776
2. Decorations. None
3. Unit or Squadron. 748 SQ
4. Division (Army) or Group. 457 Bomb Grp (B)
5. Date of Birth. Nov 25, 1919
6. Length of Service. 5 3/4 yrs
7. Private Address. 4654 Hazel Ave Phila, PA
8. Job as civilian. Corp Sect
9. From what field did you take off? STA 130
10. Take off time. 0900
11. Date and target. Feb 25, 1944 - Augsburg - Messerschmitt Factory
12. Where did you land? Ardennes, France
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? YES
14. What was your position in aircraft? NAV
15. Were you wounded? NO
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? NO
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? FRENCH
18. Did you have Identity Papers? YES (French)
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?  
Interrogated - G. Bratter - M. G. S. - Berlin
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 - MADRID, JUNE 17 - G. B. JUNE 21
22. Date of arrival in Spain. MAY 15, 1944
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. JUNE 19, 1944
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. JUNE 23, 1944 - G. B. - AIR
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. HINDEN FELD - JUNE 24, 1944



OUTLINE FOR TALKS

1. Complete description of everything that happened in plane before jump.
2. Description of jump and landing.
3. Description of what you did with your equipment.
4. Tell story of experiences up to time you met the person who put you in contact with organization.

DO NOT GIVE THE NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO HELPED YOU AT ANY TIME.

DO NOT GIVE THE NAMES OF TOWNS.

DO NOT GIVE ANY ADDRESSES.

5. How you crossed Pyrenees (General Location)
6. Your experiences in Spain.

Suggestions for others.

If there is some helpful incident that happened after you were picked up, do not mention it until it has been discussed with U. I. S. Interrogator.



RICHARD R. NELSON  
Major, AC



SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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.,.....)

# RESTRICTED

## 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  
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Major General,  
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Name (Print) FRANK J. McNichol  
Rank 2nd Lt. A. S. N. 0-691776  
Unit 748 Sq - 457 Bomb Grp

Signed [Signature]  
Dated June 24, 1944  
Witness \_\_\_\_\_

AG P BR HQ SCS 2-44/2M/22472

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

DATE: 25 June 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, HARRY G. VAAL, 1st Lt., AC, O-753083

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hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

FRANK J. MC NICHOL, 2nd Lt., AC, O-691776

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.

Frank J. Mc Nichol

Harry G. Vaal

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



=====  
The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as FRANK J. MC NICHOL, 2nd Lt., AC, O-691776 (748 Bomb Squadron - 457 Bomb Group) previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

John E. Parish  
JOHN E. PARISH, SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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