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

E & E REPORT NO 807
EVASION IN

June 28, 1944
(Date)

Arthur T. Cavanaugh - Capt. O-729604

TARGET:

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

9 (No of Missions)

Date Missing in Action: April 25, 1944

750 457

Date Arrived in UK: June 28, 1944

(Squadron) (Group)

Navigator

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWLB)

Indicate what happened to
each man
and how you know

- PILOT Capt. B.M. Bender - P.W.
- CO-PILOT Major R.L. Francis - Evaded Capture
- NAVIGATOR { Capt. A.T. Cavanaugh - "
 - Lt. E.E. Woodard - "
- BOMBARDIER Lt. E.K. Fuller - ?
- RADIO OPERATOR L. Mahan - Evaded Capture
- TOP TURRET GUNNER J. Free - ?
- MID TURRET GUNNER M. Wyorka - ?
- WING GUNNER 4. Sarico - ?
- WING GUNNER ? - P.W.
- TAIL GUNNER Lt. M. J. Hotaling - Evaded Capture

P.W.'s Seen on Station Platform + described by
Friend to me. Others Reported by Friend as captured
but not proven. 8 chutes seen

Were you wounded?

Bruised Hip.
Scratches on Face + Head.

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) Arthur T. Cavanaugh Signed Arthur T. Cavanaugh
 Rank Capt A.S.N. 0-729604 Date Nov 26, 1944
 Unit 457 CP - 750 Spcn Witness Horace W. Forster

HORACE W. FORSTER,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
U. S. Mil. Lia. Off.

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E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Arthur T. Conroy, Capt. O-729604
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

June 28, 1944
(Date)

457 Gp - 750 Spdn.
(Unit)

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

April 25, 1944 - 1130 AM. 4 KM NW. ST. EVROUVE N.P. d.B., France.

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

Was it on fire, etc? On Fire - Very Extensive. Right wing, Bombay, etc.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

20,000'

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

No - Not to my knowledge.

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

Saw 7 chutes other than my own.

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?

Yes. R.O.G. + 5 days later Co-Pilot. Other Nav; Radio Operator + Tail Gunner.

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.

French said 6 were prisoners, none shot in hands.

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?

5 Escaped -

6 Prisoner (French Informants)

APPENDIX "B" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 807

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.,.....)

Capt. Cavanaugh

But the point near St. Albans - main part between
coast road track.

Benardis road to E.

W. of Versailles a factory well hit.

shattered - under flight up

South part of Le Havre mid - center last

just rear.

Tom B. from front zone - Lisieux - am cars there

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-- Arthur T. Cavanaugh. Capt. O-729604.

Unit:-- 457 Bomb Gp - 750 Sqn.

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 in Parachuting*
- 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

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

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

(over)

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?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

If so, how many? *No*

b. Did you use them?

5. LECTURES

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

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

Group Intelligence cc-457 Gp - England:

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

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

Warn them about Spain -

Money is of No Value in France - Natives won't let you spend it. Should you have to provide your own money there is not enough in the kit for many days.

Tell you to keep trying to cross Spain by plane - a mistake.

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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 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.

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) Arthur T. Covanough
Rank Capt. A. S. N. O-729604
Unit 750 Sq. da 457 Gr.

Signed Arthur T. Covanough
Dated June 28, 1944
Witness W. L. ...

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. *Capt. Arthur Thomas Cavanaugh - 0-729604..*
2. Decorations. *Air Medal*
3. Unit or Squadron. *750 Bomb Sq. Det.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *457 Bomb Grp.*
5. Date of Birth. *June - 13, 1918*
6. Length of Service. *2 years 6 Mos.*
7. Private Address. *402 Pearl St. Wayne, Nabr.*
8. Job as civilian. *Underwriter - (Insurance)*
9. From what field did you take off? *Glutton*
10. Take off time. *0600*
11. Date and target. *Apr. 125, 1944 - Nancy, France -*
12. Where did you land? *4km NW. St. Evroult N.D. du B.*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *Yes.*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *Navigator*
15. Were you wounded? *Slightly*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *No*
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? *No I / / P.*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *Yes - French. (014705)*
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?
British Intelligence - Gibraltar
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? *Alahmd d Aragon, Spain*
22. Date of arrival in Spain. *Gibraltar*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *May 29, 1944*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *June 26, 1944*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *June 27, 1944 - Air*
Whit church near Bristol. June 28, 1944.

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

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DATE: 28 June 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, SOLON J. BOYDSTON, JR., 1st Lt., AC, O-755166

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

ARTHUR T. CAVANAUGH, Capt., AC, O-729604

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.

Arthur T. Cavanaugh Solon J. Boydston, Jr.

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



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The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as ARTHUR T. CAVANAUGH, Capt., AC, O-729604 (750 Bomb Squadron - 457 Bomb Group) previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

J. F. Carroll
J. F. CARROLL, SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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