

SECRET

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

E & E REPORT NO 809
EVASION IN

28 JUNE 1944
(Date)

MONROE J. HOTALING 1ST LT. 0563353 TARGET: NANCY
(Name) (Rank) (ACR)

7 (No of Missions)

Date Missing in Action: 4-25-44

Hqs. 457 BOMB Grp. (H)
(Squadron) (Group)

Date Arrived in UK: 6-28-44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Indicate what happened to
each man
and how you know

PILOT CAPT. BENDER (CAPTURED)
CO-PILOT MAJOR T.L. FRANCIS (Grp. LEADER) (ESCAPED)
NAVIGATOR CAPT. A.T. CAYANAUGH AND 1ST LT. EARL WOODARD
(ESCAPED) (ESCAPED)
BOMBARDIER 1ST LT. FULLER (CAPTURED)
RADIO OPERATOR T/SGT. L. MAHAN (ESCAPED)
TOP TURRET GUNNER T/SGT. FREE S (CAPTURED)
MID TURRET GUNNER S/SGT. (CAPTURED)
WAIST GUNNER S/SGT. (CAPTURED)
WAIST GUNNER 2ND LT. (CAPTURED)
TAIL GUNNER 1ST LT. MONROE J. HOTALING (ESCAPED)

Were you wounded? YES, 1ST AND 2ND DEGREE BURNS
ON FACE - ABOUT EYES.

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO. 809

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 ON PARACHUTE JUMP.*
- 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? *YES*
State color of stripes and letters. *RED - F, G, B*
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? *YES*

(over)

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

Maps. Which ones?

Compass. *none*

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money? *FRENCH FRANCS*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

TAKEN BY FRENCH CIVILIANS.

TAKEN BY SPANISH MILITARY AT FRONTIER

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 3*

b. Did you use them? *3*

5. LECTURES

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

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

L. LATTON - ENGLAND

LT. WORTMANN - LT. BATTLE

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?

TOP SECRET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

MONROE J. HOTALING 1ST LT. 0-563353 28 - JUNE 1944
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)
HQDS. 457 BOMB GP. (H)
(Unit)

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

28, JUNE 1944 - 11:30 LE SAP FRANCE

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

Was it on fire, etc?

RIGHT WING + ENTIRE PASSENGER FROM BOMB BAY
REARWARD WAS INVOLVED IN FIRE.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 21,000 FT

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

I WAS SEVERELY BURNED ABOUT THE EYES BEFORE
BAILING OUT

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

ALL BAILED OUT.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? UNKNOWN

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

4 OTHER CREW MEMBERS SEEN.

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.

INFO. FROM FRENCH CIVILIANS TO EFFECT
THAT SIX CREW MEMBERS WERE CAPTURED.

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 CAPTURED BY GERMANS

1/10/45

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "B" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 809

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.,.....)

French couldn't understand why jet propelled boats not been used.

Scanned French waters in 1944 with a reef stage at Cherbourg.

7 towns made station - left side tracks - saw quite a few installations
hills etc.

Bonny - 2 planes ^{12/1/45} until 4 May - then all leave
Only a few.

S & W of Toulon on day 0/P - FW, Me

Vermont made by jets - E of Laigle - 7/21/45

c 17-18 May

Dress - marketing of lot - near good T

Large formation near Toulon - hit at hit although
battered - even

Juvis - well bombed - S may big bldgs been burned
Some houses on track hit, also few on hill

The the 100 - Town in 1945

One more near Bonny - valley E of it - not far
St. Andre - c 12-15 km

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) MONROE J. HOTALING Signed Monroe J. Hotaling
 Rank 1ST LT A.S.N. 0-563553 Date 26 June 1944
 Unit HQ 457 BOMB G.P.A. Witness H. W. Forster

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

Then last bear sleep - out main entrance door.
Barked out sleep on floor - out of control.
Pulled up yard early - heard 4 or 5 see men - sleep
as usual twice -

Through 8/10s entrance - 5-600' - leading for sleep of
wood - pulled to it - heard in yard - M Margalit -
close to Marmar (S) raises deer houses - lived in
Algeria -

But rolled, untroubled dit - ran. Alfred Margalit
came through - said come with me. The 11/10 said
but - took by arm - ran along by beam. Point
direction ^{span bridge} - Took down lane - through pasture -
under culvert - into wood - hoisted in up a tree.
Indicate return - open to + and point - missed stuff for
twice.

10-15 min had someone approach - 3 to passed within 50' -
one with submachine gun - other 2 just obs.

Then 2 hrs.

Alfred's sister by the motion in out of tree - gave
to by black descent -

Through pasture - to road - Alfred speak essentially -
took cover in culvert - told Buck coming - told full
1st - to 2d - Not more than 2 mins - 15' - 16' away -
Mantle out⁺ - I shot 1st to 2d - both dead shots

Took bodies to camp hole end of pasture - he took belts,
holsters, pistols, & in a cross - weigh bodies with scales
Then - part - left

To farmhouse - by left

P 20 min winter take to house - took clothes off

Left and winter flying suit - gear clothes food

Then lay on couch. Yvette awake & take to barn

Had motorcycle - into yard - here to

15 go into house - then into barn - Alfred & Marguerite

with them. Alfred notices gun - but to wait

the while - missed her - but broke his

neck (went home at 11th time)

Alfred take to house, He took motorcycle away

c 2000 met ^MBondelet - sent to Mayor St Erroult

P. d. Dark - off on bike with v - to St Erroult

to home of Bondelet - to the Simone Sicard take

to the house - put to bed, he had 11/11

next am Mayor in with Boudon ^{Rogers}

Told would leave that night - met roadside - live -

works

Casualty data to Alfred M.

Boudon took dog tag

That we - Bondelet & I followed Alfred - on heavily

traveled road to M Lucien 'Legende' - Woodart there

Committee Marcel Lanné took to his home in woods - gave

shot gun & rifle

Boudon husband school teacher base - food etc

Boudon being Mahan & Cluter - gave 3 of us 38 six

shooters & some hand grenades

Boudon was Canadian came to
Cluter () - blond - 19 - 19 - 19 - 19

was a
new name

Cloter leave next day - return - by Bardon water
 line was - went in bike to Bardon's home near
 Echafon. Bardon I/P. you were with him -
 Bardon introduced me to 9 young French kids - some from
 a French camp.

1 boy & I got 4 sticks dynamite from him -
 Bardon took me and ran over and - to W. of Echafon
 Bardon, Cloter, 9 boys & I slept in one of James's houses
 4 gas 95 automatic. Early next morning for Belfast
 Raymond ^(not in E) took me to home M. Barton (?) near Lisai -
 S. of Aubin

Took to him in fields - full ammunition - had ammunition
 That night staying Bardon.

Mlle Nouvelle - met with Cloter in Echafon - ran
 cafe where many beat -

To him I met who befriended Maban

That night 2 hours drug - 10 tons ammunition

Some 40-50% is there

Young man who been with Bardon gave brassard of
 Combat Francais - said would have 4 comrades.

But to 1st aid supplies

Told next day to go with Raymond back to Legende's -
 to give damn bring Cloter back.

next pm Raymond took Cloter & me to Legende's

Bardon said us to go to Paris then - Le Havre - boat

Had 12 engines - helped 50-75 altogether

Next day Woodard & Francis & others at Leguiche
We slept there. Marcel & I slept in tent. ^{Clémentine}

All the small houses in town - all with 5 ton guns

Talked I into staying at home - as a field O

Days on Raymond & a big fellow + Marcel - t N
& W St. Germain - destroy four powder - pylons
all under Bondon's command

8 May Bondon says we are to go with Raymond that at
Marcel's log guard observation tower - Mays & I
Others unload

Riddled up to that date - next day 15 look
portays - but ran to back things up

One at Marcel took me up to GMA - been tilted up

next 3-4 days with Marcel leaving front trails -
we expected invasion.

Bondon & Nouvelle at Leguiche - are making arrangements
go Paris

Bondon's word with a traffic to be stopped on roads -
also has impossible get out by boat - but people in
Paris probably get a hit

One stopped in Echelon by 15 - showed 9/10

Five days later saw 30 pellets (not clear people & material)
I start mopping up in manufacturing

Mahan & I over to Alfred's

John Vally over - took pictures & info - to search house (3 May)
But Mahan - called under hot line

Mrs M. & I to plan in woods - Raymond L. comes - you
all leaving - got Mala

Valley then with Bernard Neumiller - left
Met Mg, Coyt, Woodard - to St Mart - de Binford
Next day to Montreuil - then through Orbec - met
M Stahlhand (?)

Then to see the picture - met Chef de Province - (95-guy)
to plan, clay features - sides not right

M B. Buffet present

Through Lisieux - Lorient to Stahlhand, then to
Bou - not out main hotel - all - to's half hour

Next on to St Gaudry - S - B. & Chef go to Pau
with us - stay Re de Sures

Buffet to Re de Sures

Chef got Lorient

Frages or Frayes can & left

Black land days 26-27

told Mg & me to give compliments to

also follow escape from Orbec

Armand Armandet

known by J.P.

Armandet - in Lisieux

Stahlhand by water - or

women physics

To meet with Buffet, chef, & good looking Black land fellow
Mixed (Armandet)

Hermi give toilet. Chef from Lisieux leave

André
Hermi & Buffet go to Tarbes

L with Cav, Woodard, & Water

Cafe eat - women talk to Francconi

Ross, Turbington, & Co.

Left in 1st app.

(Copley that Prisco gave nothing I could get for
Prisco)

1st. did have - on 15th

2- 2d can't leave - try to Maguire camp.
Encounter with Ivestays

Off to woods - contact Maguire - on to camp.

Off with poor guide

Wood Mag, & 2 others - to Spain - left then to go -
also to find contact

Not in there but they shut them out

On - to start -

7 days 10 ^{Seagrove}
2 weeks, Viella, Sant, Lerida, ⁷⁻⁸ Alhama,
Madrid, Sib.

Pull out from for Civil Islands

Ask when full - Res.

We will be captured by 15 - all tell drift plan
No way to cut border - many in 12.

We will be captured by 2 men - think secret police of Spain

Ask when full - how many
Only part of travel (not brief & rapid
In Viella

4

In Nevada Com / Police made detailed report.
Save Bomb Exp (bringth all around &
not wanted)

Buy in at Site.

Frazier

Alvin Brandon

waited radio msg.

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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.

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) MONROE J. HOTALING Signed Monroe J. Hotaling
Rank 1st LT. A. S. N. 0-563353 Dated June 29 1943
Unit H.Q.S. 457 BOMB Exp. (H) Witness W. L. Mearns 1574 M

AG P BR HQ SOS 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

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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

MONROE J. HOTALING, 1st Lt., AC, O-563353

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.

Monroe J. Hotaling

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:

Solon J. Boydston Jr.



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The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as MONROE J. HOTALING, 1st Lt., AC, O-563353 (Headquarters, 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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MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATRE 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. MONROE J. HOTALING 1ST LT. 0-563323
2. Decorations. AIR-MEDAL + CLUSTER, AMERICAN THEATRE, PACIFIC THEATRE
EUROPEAN THEATRE, VICTORY MEDAL, ARMY OF OCCUPATION IN
GERMANY, GOOD CONDUCT, ALLIED SERVICE.
3. Unit or Squadron. HQDS. 437 BOMB GP. (H)
4. Division (Army) or Group.
5. Date of Birth. APRIL 8, 1902
6. Length of Service. OVER 5 YEARS.
7. Private Address. 1922 GRANVILLE AVE. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.
8. Job as civilian. OFFICER - LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPT.
9. From what field did you take off? GLATTON - ENGLAND.
10. Take off time.
11. Date and target. 25 APRIL 1944 NANCY - FRANCE
12. Where did you land? MONNAI, LE DANE, FRANCE.
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?
14. What was your position in aircraft? TAIL GUNNER + OBSERVER
15. Were you wounded? YES - 1ST + 2ND DEGREE BURNS
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? —
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? A LITTLE OF BOTH.
18. Did you have Identity Papers? YES DIG TAGS 1 HP
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?
By BRITISH INTELLIGENCE AT GIBRALTAR ON 27 JUNE 1944.
20. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? SAME.
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when?
YES, ALHAMA - SPAIN and GIBRALTAR
22. Date of arrival in Spain. 29 - MAY - 1944
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. 26 JUNE 1944
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. 27 JUNE 1944 FROM GIB.
BY AIR.
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. 28 JUNE 1944 BRISTOL

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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
P/W and X Det, MIS
Military Intelligence Service

6 July 1944

E & E REPORT NO. 815
EVASION IN FRANCE

TARGET: MONT DE MARSAN

MIA: 5 March 1944
Arrived in UK:
30 June 1944

(2) (1)
Wladyslaw Raymond SERAFIN, S/Sgt, 12171902
(7 Missions)
715 Bomb Squadron, 448 Bomb Group

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT	0-745186	1st Lt	Willial O ROSS	E&E RPT 803
CO-PILOT	0-750844	2d Lt	Bernard L REED	E&E RPT 804
NAVIGATOR	0-690750	2d Lt	George W WENTHE	MIA
BOMBARDIER	0-686073	2d Lt	Richard H GRANT	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	12171902	S/Sgt	(Wladyslaw Raymond) SERAFIN	NARRATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER	16000220	T/Sgt	Arthur F. MEID	MIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	38263722	S/Sgt	Eddie J GUIDRY	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	37178337	S/Sgt	Norman C BENSON	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	32720096	S/Sgt	Charles SUSINO, Jr	P/W
TAIL GUNNER	6931747	S/Sgt	Jack M GARRETT	MIA

(See E & E
803, 804)

FIGHTER
ATTACK

When the fighters attacked, slugs went through my ammunition cans and my plexiglass turret disintegrated. My guns jammed soon after that, and I left the turret. As I knelt on the flight deck to put on my chute there were explosions in the bomb bays. I shut my eyes and curled up as a piece of shrapnel went through my leg, and everything around me seemed to fly loose. I tried to open the bomb bay doors, but just got covered in with hydraulic fluid. Finally, as the aircraft banked, I rolled out the nose and pulled my ripcord.

REALIZES
IMPORTANCE
OF DELAYED JUMP

I could see three chutes above me and two below. I started ^{ad}spilling my chute in order to catch up with those below. As an ME started circling to give our position, I realized that we should all have delayed our jumps. I landed softly in a back yard and was immediately met. I got out of my harness, mae west and flying boots, and handing them all over, motioned that they should be burned.

JOINS PILOT

I was taken to a house up the road and immediately given a shot of cognac and civilian clothes. As I changed ^{myself} my uniform was immediately burned, and I realized too late that my pictures had been destroyed with them. Lt ROSS (E & E Report No. 803) had now joined me and from there on I traveled with him.

Compiled by

Dorothy A. Smith
DOROTHY A SMITH
Capt, WAC

Approved by

W S HOLT
Lt Col, AC
Commanding

APPENDIX "B"

- a. At TRAIS in early May the informant observed red flares being shot from a patch of woods. After this heavy guns and machine guns opened up. Later in the day heavy mobile guns, camouflaged with brush, were towed down the road. The Germans on these maneuvers wore fatigues camouflaged by patches of paint. Hearsay that ROMMEL attended these maneuvers and that there is a second defense line in this area. No heavy fortifications were, (however) observed,

APPENDIX "D"

1. AIDS BOX: The milk tube was good and came in handy. I used the adhesive tape on my leg and the chewing gum to steady my nerves. The benzadrine was very helpful in the mountains. I used the water bottle as a tobacco pouch until I reached the mountains. The Halazone, chocolate, matches and sewing kit were also used.
2. PURSE: I carried a red purse and exchanged the francs for pesetas at the Spanish border.
3. PHOTOGRAPHS: I carried 3 photographs but they were accidentally ^{all} destroyed with my uniform and more had to be taken.
4. LECTURES: I was lectured at base in January by an evader. His advice was very valuable and his experiences only too true. On landing our nerves were pretty shaken, but parts of the lectures would keep coming back and help us. Later we always discussed the lecture before taking any drastic action and for this reason never went off on our own when we grew impatient, nor did we ever write down helper's addresses.
5. SUGGESTIONS: GI shoes are wonderful; however, I wish I had had mine waterproofed. There are many creeks to walk through in the mountains and the boots get hard when they dry out. Treat your parachute with respect. It is a life saver and throwing it around the way most men do can only damage it.