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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

TARGET:

Date mission in action: 25-6-44

Date arrived in UK: 16-8-44

HOUGHTON, K.L. 1/LT 0-806987  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

20 (No. of missions)

418 100  
(Squadron) (Group)

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

Indicate what  
happened to each man  
and how you know.

PILOT HOUGHTON, K.L. 1/LT. - EVADED

CO-PILOT BLINE, T. 2/LT. - - EVADED

NAVIGATOR GREEN, S. 2/LT. - LAST HEARD OF WITH "RESISTANCE"

BOMBARDIER LICHTEN STERN, W. 2/LT. - UNKNOWN

RADIO OPERATOR DEATRICH, L. T/SGT. - EVADED

TOP TURRET GUNNER MARION, J. T/SGT. - KILLED DUE TO PARACHUTE MALFUNCTION  
BURIED AT CEMETARY IN NOCE (ORNE)

BALL TURRET GUNNER UNKNOWN - (REPLACEMENT)

L. WAIST GUNNER ECKLEY, M. S/SGT. - EVADED

R. WAIST GUNNER NONE

TAIL GUNNER MOORE S/SGT. - UNKNOWN

Decorations: AIR MEDAL W/CLUSTERS

Date of Birth: NOV. 9, 1917

Private Address: 1040 FULTON ST. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Length of Service: 2 YRS.

Job as Civilian: SALESMAN

From what field did you take off? Take off time. 03:30 (3903 B.GRP. BASE)

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? YES TO MY BEST KNOWLEDGE.

Were you wounded? Give details. RECEIVED BACK INJURY AND CRACKED RIBS IN PARACHUTE JUMP.

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?

YES

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?

YES

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When?

YES

Date of arrival in Spain: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: \_\_\_\_\_

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. AUG. 16, 1944

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

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



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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) HOUGHTON, KENNETH L.  
Rank 1/LT A. S. N. 0-806987  
Unit 100th Bomb. Grp. 418th Sq.

Signed Kenneth L. Houghton 1/LT AC.  
Dated AUG. 17, 1944  
Witness Miss H. Paul J. Caple

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E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA) / 8/89 / 507

TOP SECRET.  
I.S.9 (WEA)

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) France

For All Personnel.

E + C # 1003

1. No. 0-806987 Rank 1/Lt. Name KENNETH L. HOUGHTON.  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 20 missions, Air medal with clusters.
3. Were you wounded? Give details back injury and cracked rib in jump.
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 418 Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 100th Gp.
6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) LST PILOT.
7. Date of Birth 9 November, 1917
8. Length of Service 2 yrs.
9. Peace time occupation salesman
10. Private address 1040 Fulton St.  
San Francisco, Cal.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? dogtags, escape photos.
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 TROOPS

WHO BALE OUT

15. Post in Crew PILOT.
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 narrator.  
CO-PILOT LT. T BLINE-with Resistance Rtd  
NAVIGATOR LT. S GREEN -" " "  
BOMBARDIER LT. W LICHTENSTERN- unknown, baled out successfully.  
RADIO OPERATOR T/SGT DEATRICH-with Resistance  
TOP TURRET GUNNER T/SGT JAMES. B. MARION-killed due to parachute malfunction  
BALL TURRET GUNNER Replacement-unknown, baled out successfully  
WAIST GUNNER (R.) None on this mission  
WAIST GUNNER (L.) S/SGT M. ECKLEY -evaded.  
TAIL GUNNER S/SGT W. MOORE, parachuted successfully.
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17G, from 390 Gp. Base, 25 June, 0900. 0330
18. Where and when did you come down? Near NOCE(Orne), 25 June, 0900.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? hid in forest.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes.

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I came down near NOCE (Orne) 25 June, 1944, 0900. I stayed in the NOCE area until 27 July, getting good help from the Resistance there. As not much was happening to bring me to our own lines I left for ORLEANS, BUT ABOUT 3 August I was brought to the FORET DE FRETEVAL. From there on my story can be found in E. E Report No. 8/61.

7. Date of Birth	8 November 1917
9. Peace time occupation	Seaman
10. Private address	1040 Wilton St.
8. Length of Service	2 yrs.

15. 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

N.B.—Airborne and Parachute Troops: list below names and units of other occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.F.

total time

PILOT

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 15 August 1944

9. How did you dispose of your postgraduate harness and

RICHARD H. DANA  
2nd/Lt., CAC

Attached:

## Appendix " B "

“C”

“ D ”

**Disposal:**

Returned to unit.

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APPENDIX "B" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA) 8/89/507

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. 0-806987 Rank 1st/Lt. Name KENNETH L. HOUGHTON.

Date of interview 15 August, 1944

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

- (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?

1. There is reported to be a strong fortified line along the SOMME, going E. from ABBEVILLE. The French say that it is on this line that the Germans intend to make a stand.

2. The Resistance in the area NOCE, BELLEME were very good. They picked up supplies dropped very fast and guarded them efficiently.

Evaluation of informant's credibility.

Key.

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

HEARSAY.

OBSERVATION.

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

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APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)8/89/507

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

No. 0-806987 Rank 1st/Lt. Name KENNETH L. HOUGHTON.

Date of Interview 15 August, 1944

DR. LEON GIREAUX at NOCE helped us a great deal. I was there June 25 to July 27.

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If any further information is required concerning this report detailed application should be made to I.S.9 (WEA) G-2 Div S.H.A.E.F. giving the E and E Report No.



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(less App. "C" & "D")	
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**CERTIFIED THAT:**

No. 0-806988 Rank 1/Lt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) ICENNETTI L. HOUGHTON

Unit 418 Bk Sq, 100 Bunk Sq

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 15 Aug 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

*Richard H. Davis*  
2/Lt, IAC Major. 7 of

**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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CERTIFIED THAT:

This Officer/W.O./N.C.O. has special information on the following subjects:—

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) *None*

Unit *1st Airborne Div*

has been fully interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.2.9 (WEA) on 12 Oct 44

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should not be re-interrogated.

*Break St London*

*to 63*

*request*

*2/ returned to U.K. this officer is to*

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