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101, 0-687573
852/491 B. Gp

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PL. Between Beaumont & Chantilly

I landed in a field
near an aerodrome. I ran
around an asphalt factory in a
clump of trees to a horse
drawn wagon with a tool box
attached beneath it. I got into the
tool box to wait before the Germans
arrived. There was at 2100 hrs
Twenty hours later a Frenchman
looked in. I put my fingers on my
lips and he shook hands, returning
soon with wine potatoes bread and
eggs. Then a friend of his came
with a note to say that I would be
down in Paris that night. I had
I was given civilian clothing
people, I found, lived on a
canal boat. At dusk they took
me across the river in a boat
of Roger Loudest who had lived in America.
He had an American wife, and
lived home in Chantilly and Paris.
He owns the night club - Le Can
Can in Paris. He took me home
of shame and then to his apartment
in Paris (near Blvd & Grenelle).
Here I met "Wally" Terry
a bartender who had been in America.

M. Marcel, a private detective, and
a chief of Police. Condert's son had
recently been taken to Germany for
forced labor. I lived in the apartment
for seven days. Then Mme Condert
was coming back to Paris and it
was not thought safe as she is
watched because she is American.

I moved to a poorer
man whose first name is
Emile. He is an electrician
in Paris Power and Light. His wife
and two children were in the country.
I stayed here five days. Then I
spent two days in the apartment
of "Wally" Terry which is opposite
a moving picture house. (Perambulant
2 Blvd des Capucines?) M. Marcel
and Roger Condert then drove me
to a rendez-vous outside town.
We were met by a car, and a truck
boring another car.

I rode through
Pothuviere to a large sugar
factory. I was to meet three
comrades here. I was taken to
the canteen. Here I met a
Dutchman from Gand who

had been in America. We waited
here for three hours. M. Lucien
arrived. (Got first finger on one hand,
moustache, wavy hair Moroccan type
- now held by FFI for disclosing names
of members), He wanted to take
me to Paris. I told him I had
just left it, so he took me
to Louvre () & Cateau-la-Pommeraye.
There I met Mme. Thérèse
Hedin, whose husband
is in the secret service and goes
under the assumed name of
Deschamps. The men who had
been in the car, left as here,
and Lucien and I went on to
Robert de Foucauberges. near
Nizlaur S.E. Orleans. He lived
on a farm estate with his wife,
mother-in-law, two children
and a M. Martial of Sully
who had refused to go to Italy.
I was here six days. Lucien said
he was going to take me out by
car. On the fourth day he
said this was impossible,
but invited me to dinner
the following day and I met him

in the woods at 29.00 hrs. He took
me through Sully to Gasson on
the Loire. Here we met
Roger, a married man and two
women, a blond and a Brunette of
about 26 yrs. At 21.00 I was to
meet M. de Foucamberges where
I had met Lucien that morning.
These people insisted I spend the
night, and while I worried it was
of no avail.

The next morning we sighted
a wagon maker from Sully. I
decided that Lucien was queer
and talked to much. I finally got
back to M. de Foucamberges. That
afternoon his sister and niece
came visiting. That night
someone came to say that Le
Gestap had Lucien. M. de F
was worried and packed me off
to the woods with some blankets.
At midnight M. de F returned with
his daughter Elizabeth & said
that Lucien had been killed
because he wouldn't talk. He
took me to another woods that
was off his property.

The next morning Elizabeth brought food and said that they were finding a place for me. That afternoon I cycled to the home of M. Charley (sic) in Cerdon. He is the local garage man. That night Charley and M de F took me to the chateau of the father-in-law of Dr Robert Bellot à Paris dentist who is in the army.

The next afternoon M. Charley returned and told M de F Bellot that the Gestapo had taken M de F to Orleans so I was moved to the woods again and stayed there three weeks. M de F went to Coulons and through the pastor, contacted to FFI. On 15 July I joined to FFI between Cerdon and Coulons.

They took me to the farm on a farm 3 mi SW Coulons and I was here one month. Jacques Henri, 17 yrs old, father has connections in Orleans, communist, was messenger. Ernest Beldstein, German teacher in the high school at Gien (was to chief).

Georges Donmauro was second in command, were all hero. Others were Henri Deslages math instructor at Gien, Robert Couges gymnastics instructor, M. Aubert of Coullons, and Jacques Brunet of 2 modes Epoinelles Blois. We did about 300,000 francs worth of looting, post offices and ~~shops~~ shops being the principle victims.

I drove the car one day when we picked up two Gestapo agents Serge and Ernest. I knocked Serge out when he put up a fight, George & Jacques dragged Ernest from his home. Two days before this Lucien was caught at Coullons. The Gestapo had never had him at all and we suspect he just sent a false message. He is supposed to have betrayed M de F. Lucien was not a bright type. He often posed as chief of the ~~FTT~~ FTT in the Loire. There was another

man S. Love who worked with
Luccer claiming to be FFI.
As soon as he got a group
around him, he would expose
the members to the Germans.

Sometimes he worked on
the farm to make time pass.

About 15 August I went
to Clatsop and Clamps where
I met M. Dusselene (husband
of Mme. Dusselene). There was
a large magazine store here.
Here I met F/O Harper F/lt
mason F/O W. Walton and
Lt Childs F/O Rft #4. From
here on my way to he came as
D Childs.

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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Evans, William J. 1st Lt 0-687573
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Aug 23, 1944
(Date)

491st Bomb Group 852 Bomb Squad
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT
CO-PILOT
NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER
RADIO OPERATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER
BALL TURRET GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. *Ref Baumont & Charlier
Boulet.*
JUNE 2, 1944 2000 o'clock Center of Boueou Androme - North of Laos

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
No 1 + No 4 engines were completely out of use. Yes. No 4 engine caught fire.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 4000 ft. to 2000 ft

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? No

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

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? Yes. It was a terrific explosion.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?
No

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise. Yes. Five others were reported in the hands of the French people. 3 of these were reported captured, one was reported dead. Killed by ground fire while falling.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?
No - but saw, felt, & heard the explosion of the plane when it crashed

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

No -

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

I escaped to French hands.
3 taken prisoner
1 killed by gun fire of enemy ground forces. No identity or names were given.
Above was reported by French people to me.

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

TARGET: Airdrome - Paris

Date mission in action: 6-2-44

Date arrived in UK: 8-23-44

William J. Evans 1st Lt 0-687573
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

1 (No. of missions)

852 491
(Squadron) (Group)

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

Indicate what
happened to each man
and how you know.

PILOT	Evans, Wm. J. - <u>NARRATOR</u>	6 of 6 were put in the hands of the French people. 3 These were taken prisoner. (1 one) Has shot + killed in parachute. The above is the report of the French people. I saw none of my crew after paring out.
CO-PILOT	Krasnow, Norman	
NAVIGATOR	Blue, Malcolm	
BOMBARDIER	Tickner, Russell <u>E-1006</u> <u>U.K.</u>	
RADIO OPERATOR	Brush, Milton	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	Blair, Clair <u>E-1008</u> <u>U.K.</u>	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	Lemay,	
WAIST GUNNER (Eng.)	Reedy, Edw <u>E-1007</u>	
WAIST GUNNER	Freil, Edw	
TAIL GUNNER	Countryman, George	

Decorations: None

Date of Birth: July 31, 1919

Private Address: 2005 West Fall Road. Brighton, New York

Length of Service: 3 years 7 months

Job as Civilian: Dairy man - Horse training

From what field did you take off? Take off time.

Goodman (Met Field, England) 1630

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

Were you wounded? Give details.

Yes. Glass Flying into face + hands

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? No

Do you speak FRENCH? No SPANISH? No GERMAN? No ITALIAN? No OTHER LANGUAGE? —

Did you have identity papers? No

(over)

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?
Yes, 9th Air Force H.Q. Capt. Arnold.

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When? *No*

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? *No*

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When? *Yes 9th Air Force H.Q. Aug. 23, 1944*

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air.

Aug. 23, 1944 Laval, France
List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans.

Names Un Known.

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

None

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.,.....)

3rd Army H. Q.

(1)

On way to target an AA shell knocked
out #1. We had 8 hours fuel. Got away by
navigator, 2 men later we lost #46 fuel. We still
had the bomb load and were going 1000 ft down.
We were getting more & more flak. Dived down
& saw Paris but broke in overcast got over
Beaumont at 5000 ft & realized
couldn't make clearance. Tiller - Can.
But Bombardier in waist came forward
told him to get crew out & raise alarm
to pilot. They all went out. Co-pilot
had to fix harness ~~still~~ ~~to get~~
~~my chute~~ ~~Mistake~~ Stood in Bomb bay
looking at waist co-pilot in
latch from flight deck. Saw shroud
line on a bomb. Released shroud
line & found it was my chute that
had opened. Released & fell out
bomb bay. Co-P followed in wheel.
Got in middle of large field
of 1st fall was situated in corner between
gravel & trees. Then ran toward trees
no people about although gun fire on
way down. More gun fire so
fell flat. Looked about and
saw that aerodrome was on
other side of field. No one
in accurate range so ran flat

in clump of trees was a factory
(asphalt) with horse drawn
wagon behind. 2 ft x 2 ft box fence
it attached to underneath of building
doors & both ends had box fence
looked around no one. 500 ft
to box. 5 min later G. Patrol

looking to me. 2100 hrs. Patrols
passed all dark but never
came to box. Next A M more
G on road every 1/2 hr. Mines
after 20 hrs in box but behind so
could not see. Doors opened

F 2 men looked in I put fingers
in lips, shook hands, asked
for food. Met with wine potatoes
bread of C. Had been eating

F 2 men brought friends
that brought with saying man
would drive me. Arrested
me. These people

that small boat of head on it
that night at dusk took
me across river in boat to

Man who had lived in U.S. of land
American wife. Homes in Canada
& Paris. Feeders had collected

Mean
Blond
29 Greenell
2 black W. Br.
7 feet apt across street
Happened at night club
Le Can Can in
Paris street (2)
me he took me home of Charles
Lévy, share of 200 Paris of his
apt.

People met there
"Weakly" Terry - bartender had been in army of P/W
M. Mareel - a private detective
a chief of police

Coudert's son recently taken off
work here in apt 7 days
at last time? in poorer section
because M. Coudert's wife returning
of Paris is watched as American
while an electrician in Paris Power
Co. light. Wife & 2 children in country

Here 5 days. Then to apt of
"Weakly" Terry opposite a moved
probably Garand on 2 Blvd de
Capucines there 2 days
Then sent by car to

a rendez vous outside town
driven by Mareel & Coudert
Met another car & truck towing
another car. Rode in free
car through Pélissières. Here
went to Dore sugar factory. Told
that I would meet these comrades
But I took me to canteen in
factory where met some of

Dutchman from Grand with
somebody had been in U.S. there
3 brothers of me & 2 officers
^{now held by FBI for disclosing name of their men}
^{one of the officers of one of the (M) Maroc type}
of the me & Paris told him
I had just left. He took
me to town of Louis E
Chateaufort. There met a
woman married to a man with
assumed name of Duschene / real
name Hader - (mole) husband
in secret service. There left 2 men
who had been in the car
of Lucien & I went to M. de
Robert de Fourcambert near
Villainville ^{SE Orleans} on from estate
wife mother in law two children
and M. Martiel of Sully which
was being bombed. There 6 days
Lucien to take me out by air.
on 4th. he said impossible to
visit me to see following day
to be in woods at 0900. He
took me to Sully & Gasson on
the Loire there met ~~the~~ Pagen

Next A M met wagon maker w-
Gully Lucien ^{quar} talks a lot

3
married & 2 other women of
26 years too blonde black hair
Went to rejoin M. de F. ^{capt in army} ^{Oran} ^{ambulance}
that night at 9 where had met
Lucien in morning. They insisted
I spend night. I was worried but
no avail. Met M. de F. next AM.
M. de F.'s sister & niece came ^{with} ^{her}
that afternoon. That night I

someone came to our Gestapo
head Lucien. M. de F. very worried
and me to woods with blankets.
Midnight he sat with daughter
Elizabeth & said they had killed
Lucien cause he wouldn't talk. Said
I must move on property & took me
to another woods. Next A M Elizabeth
with food said find place for me.

That afternoon made by bike
of Cordon to home of M. Charley ^{pic}
garage man there. Dinner left
to them with Charley & M. de F. to
chateau of father. In saw of
Robert Billot / ⁱⁿ ^{army} I fought in
Paris. This a sad night.

Next afternoon M. Charley came
told M. Billot that Gestapo
had taken M. de F. of Orleans

to woods after. I in
woods for 3 weeks. I ended
of move on no were
of sand me elsewhere
So when we went to Coullons
I then pastor of church contacted
FFI of area. On 15 July I
them about Coullons 1 mile
or of highway. Took me
to H. D. in woods on farm 3 miles
SW Coullons. Here one month
Jacques Henri ^{communists} messengers
Ernest Beldstein ^{chief} G teacher in H. School
at Glen. It is a priest & 5 =
Georges Demaire ^{2nd in command}
Henri Deshayes ^{male instructor} of Glen
Robert Couger ^{gymn instructor}
Jacques Bruneau 2 were des
Effraim Blons was in OCS
M. Aibel of Coullons
and others less important
Much robbing of
Post offices & tobacco
shops 300,000 francs
worth of loot.

Also stole bikes preferably
loaded with meat. Bought
autos & buses. Took
good escape, a couple from car
drove car on but up the light
couldn't reach him but I knocked
him for hitting on head with m.
gun then off ducking & convey
Serge was escape man then
the worst escape of Jack got his
assistance from his home.

Lucien who had really never
been caught at all just sent phone
messages & belief. Was also
taken 1/4 in Cullors 4 days
prior to Serge & asst ~~for~~ ~~bel~~ ~~in~~
suspicion of betraying FFI &
probably they made 7 members
Smothered man S of Louis worked
into Lucien & claimed to be FFI
& would oppose them as soon as
he got a big member in Lucien
with a eye type. Lucien opposed
a chief of FFI S of Louis
Also worked on the farm
& passing time
About 15 August went
of Clatons in Clamps Here ^{hid}

Mr. Dueselene (husband of woman & son)
Here large FFI #6: Q. N. Here
met Lt Childs F/O Harfee
F/Lt Mason F/O Walter

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 0-487573 1st Lt William J. Evans

Unit:- 491st Bomb Group 852nd Squad

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? Yes
- b. If not, why?
- 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. Did not use

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. My only nourishment for 20 hours of hiding.

Milk (tube). Did not use

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). Did not use

Halazone tablets (water purifier). "

Matches. "

Adhesive tape. Used to tape injured finger.

Chewing gum.

Water bottle. Did not use

Compass. Used very much for orientation

Sewing kit. Used " " " sewing cloths

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? No
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? Buried it.
- 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?

Attach Language Aids sheet + pencil

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? Yes
State color of stripes and letters. Red Mark III
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? *France*

Compass, *yes*

File (hacksaw). *No*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *France 1800 Franc*
How did you spend the money? *Food + Cigarettes*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *No*

Compass. *No*

File (hacksaw). *yes*

Surplus currency. *yes*

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? *yes*

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? *No*

If so, how many? *My photos were not yet developed*

b. Did you use them?

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *yes*
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

Goodman Field. U.K. May 29, 1944 Group Instructor

b. Did you find the lectures of value? *yes*

*On behavior & making
contact with others*

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

Never try to travel on your own.

Trust in the aiders.

Do try to avoid activities of FFI.

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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) William Joseph Evans
Rank 1st Lt A. S. N. 0-687573
Unit 491st RB 852nd B.S.

Signed William J Evans
Dated 24 Aug 43
Witness Batt. Capt WAC

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. Rank 1st Lt.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) WILLIAM J. EVANS

Unit 491st Bomb Sq. 852nd Bomb Sq.

has been ~~fully~~/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9 (WEA) on 22 Aug 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

Edward P. Arnold
Capt. A.C. Major.

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:—

contacts & operations of the MARGUI

M.I.5 ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.
AN OFFICER OF M.I.5 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OR PW. & X. DET.
THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)

Edward P. Mansel
Capt & Co.
IMPORTANT.