

31 Aug 1944

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1st Lt DON W. VOGEL, 0886206
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2d Lt LAWRENCE R. CASEY, 0695154
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2d Lt WILLIAM E. GIFFHORN, 0747691
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2d Lt ARNOLD LEHTO, 0745425
2d Lt MARVIN R. LONG, 0681141
2d Lt RALPH C. MANN, 0704701
2d Lt MALVIN T. RITCHEY, 0689273
2d Lt DAVID SHOSS, 0684993
2d Lt WILLIAM A. THURSTON, 0701697
2d Lt ROY E. WALLER, 0697749
2d Lt ABRAHAM WISEMAN, 0757861
2d Lt PAUL L. WOLFF, 0732477
F/O WILLIAM E. ADAMS, 10601540
F/O FRANK A. J. CHAMP, TL23005

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1st Lt STANLEY L. CANNER, 0796286
1st Lt FRANCIS L. ESHELMAN, 0758969
1st Lt LOY N. GALLOP, 0689226
2d Lt GEORGE W. HOLLAND, JR, 0763199
2d Lt WAYNE E. PHILLIPS, 0766678

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1st Lt HAROLD H. FREDERICK, 0812408
1st Lt FERRALL K. GOODRICH, 0755324
1st Lt CHARLES B. HOCHADEL, 0796143
1st Lt JOHN P. SMITH, 0809748
2d Lt FRANK J. BORYCZKA, 0696995
2d Lt JOHN H. GARCIA, 0749840
2d Lt STANLEY A. MAW, 0704608
2d Lt OSCAR C. SAMPSON, 0748805
2d Lt HAROLD T. J. SPENCER, 0818770
2d Lt HENRY STEVENS, 0754685
F/O HAROLD R. KURRUS, T2078

Asgd to
393d Ftr Sq
47th Ftr Sq
322d Bomb Sq
404th Ftr Sq
585th Bomb Sq
407th Bomb Sq
362d Ftr Sq
573d Bomb Sq
83d Ftr Sq
377th Ftr-Bomb Sq
506th Bomb Sq
534th Bomb Sq
352d Ftr Sq
597th Bomb Sq
848th Bomb Sq
496th Bomb Sq
378th Ftr Sq
407th Bomb Sq
23d Ftr Sq
496th Bomb Sq
418th Bomb Sq
365th Ftr Sq
845th Bomb Sq
544th Bomb Sq
449th Bomb Sq
12th Replacement Control Depot
534th Bomb Sq

12th Tactical Rcn Sq
355th Ftr Sq
493d Ftr Sq
428th Ftr Sq
392d Ftr Sq

336th Ftr Sq
322d Bomb Sq
506th Ftr Sq
322d Bomb Sq
509th Ftr Sq
407th Bomb Sq
7th Bomb Sq
407th Bomb Sq
322d Bomb Sq
402d Ftr Sq
322d Bomb Sq

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(SO 244, European T of Opns USA, 31 Aug 1944, contd)
(Par 11, contd)

TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement not to exceed \$4.00 per day is atzd if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta, and alws of \$1.25 per day is atzd if govt messing facilities are not available. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

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Sgt GORDON B. LONG, 15097529		749th Bomb Sq
Sgt JOHN M. MILLER, 16074005		749th Bomb Sq

	<u>27 Aug 1944</u>
T Sgt DANIEL J. MERTES, 6858285	449th Bomb Sq
S Sgt WAYNE M. GREER, 17047652	449th Bomb Sq
S Sgt EUGENE B. KLINZING, 16020091	585th Bomb Sq
S Sgt WALTER E. SATTERFIELD, 13014557	449th Bomb Sq
S Sgt JOHN E. VERBOUT, 16019656	598th Bomb Sq
S Sgt DAYLE A. YODER, 39272678	845th Bomb Sq
Sgt THOMAS W. HUME, 39198466	573d Bomb Sq
Sgt JOSEPH M. PERRY, 39044095	848th Bomb Sq
Pvt WILLIAM T. LEPPANEN, 31013588	331st Bomb Sq

	<u>28 Aug 1944</u>
S Sgt JACK H. CHIDESTER, 39843984	451st Bomb Sq
S Sgt ROBERT H. COOPER, 34393410	546th Bomb Sq
Sgt JOSEPH A. BUSKIRK, 12064124	669th Bomb Sq
Sgt JAMIE E. HAY, 14142496	669th Bomb Sq
Sgt LOUIS T. RAONA, 36129012	573d Bomb Sq

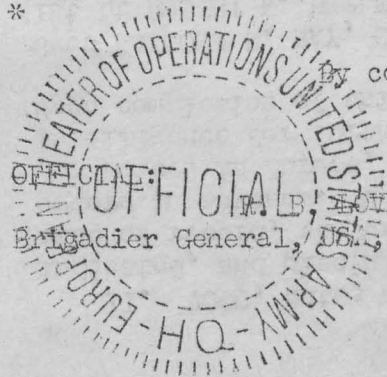
	<u>29 Aug 1944</u>
T Sgt GEORGE SOLOMON, 16150721	548th Bomb Sq
S Sgt RALPH F. CRAWFORD, 37473383	524th Bomb Sq
S Sgt WILLIAM A. FANN, 18117515	322d Bomb Sq
Sgt ALFRED H. CAMPBELL, 15171172	534th Bomb Sq

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By command of General EISENHOWER:

R. B. LORD,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL: L. B. JOHNSON,
Brigadier General, USA, Adjutant General.

R E S T R I C T E D

I jumped on 13 August
and got out towards Chartres
as I knew the American lines
were heading in that direction. I met
two Frenchmen on the highway
between Nogers ^(Eure) and Elbeuf
(Seine Inf.) and, when we went
into the woods, they gave me a carbon
shirt and took me into Elbeuf.
I spent the night in the house
of one of these men, Pier P. Baron.
We went to a restaurant in
Elbeuf for coffee, and the owner, a
member of the Resistance, gave
me a pair of pants. After visiting
two more "Resistance" restaurants
we went home again.

I gave him some money
and he left me with some neighbors
while he went to get food. After he
left the police came by asking for him.
Twenty minutes later two men from
one of the restaurants came for
me. They introduced me to Marcel
Morin, who gave me shoes and
clothes because I was wearing
all that Baron had. Morin then
took me to the cemetery of St Jean.

near the R.R. He is the caretaker here.
I used to hide in the chapel from
0600 hrs to 2200 hrs daily.

On 17 August a girl, who
spoke some English, came & gave
me a shirt, jacket and a book.
I heard on the radio of a budgeted
at Vernon and decided to stay put.

On 21 August Prof Kenny took
me to lunch at his home in Elberf,
and to get a haircut. I met a
Lancaster navigator who was hiding
with him. ~~The~~ ^{professor} ~~was~~ shot by the
Germans that night, for ~~not~~ supposedly
for displaying the curfew.

On 22 August Mack, a British
Intelligence agent came with books, socks
tooth brush and tooth paste. He
said there were two Americans hiding
in bouwers and he would collect
as all when the Americans arrived
on Thursday. The night of 24 August
the sleeping was very heavy and
the Americans arrived the afternoon
of 25 August.

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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

Alexander W Calder 1st Lt 0717592
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

24 (No. of missions)

322 91
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: *Port of Bordeaux*
Date mission in action: 13 August 1944
Date arrived in UK: 27 May 1944

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT	Thomas P. Smith Jr.	—	Saw him bail out
CO-PILOT	?	—	
NAVIGATOR	Alexander W Calder	—	Saw either Copilot or Engineer bail out also
BOMBARDIER	— Bell	—?	
RADIO OPERATOR	Delmar C Spears	—?	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	Charles Sturgeon	—	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	Jess W Britton	—?	
WAIST GUNNER	Calvin Seiler	—?	
WAIST GUNNER	— None —	—	
TAIL GUNNER	Leonard (WMI) Rogers	—?	

Decorations: Air medal (1 clusters)

Date of Birth: 10 December 1923

Private Address: 519 E Genesee St Fayetteville, N.Y.

Length of Service: 1 year 9 months

Job as Civilian: Student

From what field did you take off? Take off time. Bassingborne 0915

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

All papers that I had on myself were destroyed.

Were you wounded? Give details.

Cut on left thumb either flak

or exploding oxygen bottle.
Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? No

Do you speak FRENCH? SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE?

Did you have identity papers? No — Identification Tags + bracelet.

(over)

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?

Yes Lorient, France Capt LURIA

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 London 28 August 1944

Date of arrival in Spain: _____

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: _____

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. Air 27 August 1944

Lorient, France

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

None

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

None

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.,.....)

- 1) Civilian morale is fairly high. Majority of the French have radios which work until we bomb out their power plants.
- 2) V-1 flew directly over Elbeuf from 2130 on until around 2400. Generally 2 or 3 within five minutes every half hour or 45 minutes.
- 3) All AA batteries that I know of have been captured now or blown up by P-47.
- 4) The enemy is split on moral. Some think it will be over in 2 weeks and another group want to fight all the way to Berlin. - The surrender tickets are very helpful - In fact one German asked my friend if he had a ^{round} surrender ticket that he could use. This German was going to stay under cover until Americans arrived.
- 5) Germans are very ruthless and ask no questions if they have any suspicions. This limits a lot of help by the French. Nevertheless they are willing to keep you hidden.

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 0717592 1st Lt Alexander W. Calder

Unit:- 322 Sqdn 91st Bomb Grp.

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. *While walking.*

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *During MORTAR shelling + Tank fire*

Milk (tube). *Had none*

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *didn't use*

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *didn't use*

Matches. *wouldn't light at all.*

Adhesive tape. *For blisters + on thumb*

Chewing gum. *to keep teeth clean*

Water bottle. *didn't use*

Compass. *For walking - used sun mostly though.*

Sewing kit. *had none*

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *matches.*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *used most + gave souvenirs to those that helped me*
- 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?

(1) I had 2 Ribs; one would have been enough - razor or even just razor blade would help. - adhesive on box would be enough in most cases.

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *Yes (2) a comb would help a lot*
State color of stripes and letters. *F, 2 stripes red*
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.

How did you spend the money? *French 2000 Fr. 1900 Fr.*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *Souvenir to helper*

Compass. *Souvenir to helper*

File (hacksaw). *still have it*

Surplus currency. *still have it*

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

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

If so, how many? *Yes don't know 6 or 8*

b. Did you use them? *No*

5. LECTURES

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

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

Kearney, Kans. May 1944

Basingboine June 1944 by S2.

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?

(1) *American cigarettes are better than money as a bribe*

(2) *The French-English language card proved to be very poor help. Wrong words -*

Numbers can be written or fingers used, and save that space for various nouns food - direction - Friend - where are we going etc.

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Alexander W. Calder 1st Lt 077592 28 August 1944
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)
322 Sqdn 91st Grp Bomb
(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. 1300 13 August

1944 - Pont-de-l'Arche France area

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

ON Fire - Many PLAK hits - Chin turret + Nose

at approximately what altitude did source bail out? 20,000

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? Not that I know of.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? Pilot + either Engineer or Co pilot - I saw one chute after

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? I opened mine. Didn't see it hit the ground.

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. but never

was told that 3 airmen were picked up on 13 August near where we jumped & that they were hiding in Louviers.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition? No

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.

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

Believe that possibly 3 other members may have been in Louviers. - Also believe that one may have been captured for he didn't delay opening his chute at all.

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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) Alexander W Calder
Rank 1st Lt A. S. N. 0717592
Unit 91 Rcp Bomb 322 Sqd W

Signed Alexander W Calder 1st Lt A.C.
Dated 28 August 1943
Witness Stacy C. Smith Capt W.D.

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civilian prints. To 2 more restaurants
also resistance + home again.
Gave him money, he went for food
Went over to neighbors. While he
was gone Police came asking for him
(2 room flat) Twenty men later 2 from
Restaurant came for me + introduced
a 3rd who gave shoes, boots & clothes
as aid to helpers on other boat.
So I & caretaker of St. Jean by RR
and hid me in his home.

7 AM to 8 PM in chapel must be
very quiet said note 6 AM
of 10 PM in chapel.
15th G. inapt here for military
funeral almost spotted and heard
we move away very suspicious then
said no help.

16th ditto PH 70 dive bombed
bridge and Elboeuf.

17th girl came some Eng. food
of dirt & book.

In night radio to follow
progress decided to stay here
at bridgehead at Vernoy.

21st Prof Kenny took me

with Noget & Gross & Taval
Capt Lucia with info
U.K. 2^{9th}

12 U.S. & 1 Brit here
Peers
but names of half only

One is James Lindeman

MIA 22 June 44
(Lib)

Machine gun ground fire and we
pown but too low to go
down much time

Told by prof of U.S. gunner
standing near burning A/C
with broken leg, & tossed
them under plane's couple
miles off.