

Went out + hit ground near village of  
FRESNICOURT. Took to clime + took it to  
La Dolmen par HOUBAIV.  
bush + put it in thorns. Some French people ran

M. + Mme  
MARCEL  
GOUBELLE

up + took clime + m.w. + one of them told me to  
hide. I couldn't understand. He took me into  
gully + told me he'd be back. I hid elsewhere  
where I could watch him. About 2300 hrs  
he came back with some food. He then took me

M. JEAN

M. COIN

at FRESNICOURT

to FRESNICOURT to 2 of his friends, one about  
45 or 50 who spoke a little English. He told me  
Germans were around. They made me spend  
night in field. Next morning the ~~first man~~ <sup>M. COIN</sup> returned  
with his friend + gave me a bag + with it I  
followed them to another hiding place. At  
2330 hrs he returned + said Germans had come to  
his house that day + so they put me in haystack  
for the next night. At 0400 hrs M. COIN  
woke me up. He had brought Raymond  
BIZART. They took me about 5 miles  
to HERITRE to Victor Leroy's house. Hogan  
was there.

TOP SECRET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

DONALD E. COLE 1ST LT O-692948  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

SEPT 6 1944  
(Date)

391 BG 573 BS  
(Unit)

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

MAY 28 1944 Near Freshnicourt France (2030)

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

Was it on fire, etc?

One engine out and possibly slight damage to the other.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

4000 and 5000 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?

All members. all parachutes opened.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Yes.

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

Yes. After 3 days. I contacted S/SGT Hogan

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.

Two members were captured one day after the crash. Informant had no knowledge of their rank. Two members hid for 2 months and later captured. Informant had knowledge of names.

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?

Prisoners. Told by French

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 0-692948 DONALD E COLE 1ST LT

Unit:- 573 BS. 391 BG.

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? *I RECEIVED HELP VERY QUICK*
- 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? *NO*
- 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*  
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? *NO*

Compass, *11*

File (hacksaw). *11*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money?

d. *SPENT PART OF THE MONEY (TOBACCO)*  
How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *SUPPOSED - TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY FRENCH*

Compass. *NOW POSSESS COMPASS*

File (hacksaw). *11 FILE*

Surplus currency.

*1200 Francs*  
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 4*

b. Did you use them?

5. LECTURES *YES*

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

*MATCHING GREEN APRIL 1944*

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?

*NO.*

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

DONALD E. COLE 1ST LT. 0-692948  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

24 (No. of missions)

573 391  
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: Marshalling yards  
at Amiens

Date mission in action: MAR 28

Date arrived in UK: SEPT. 6  
1944

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

Indicate what  
happened to each man  
and how you know.

PILOT HARRY PORTER 1ST LT. ✓  
0-731656 P/W

PRISONER ✓

CO-PILOT DONALD E. COLE 1ST LT. ✓

NARRATOR - R+D ✓

NAVIGATOR

TOLD BY FRENCH  
PEOPLE

BOMBARDIER W. CARMICHAEL 1ST LT.

PRISONER

0741234 P/W ✓

RADIO OPERATOR R. HARRIS S/SGT ✓

PRISONER

13102001 P/W ✓

TOP TURRET GUNNER E. KESSLER

PRISONER

5159T 36447728 P/W ✓

~~TAIL TURRET GUNNER~~

~~WAIIST GUNNER~~

~~WAIIST GUNNER~~

TAIL GUNNER JOHN J. HOGAN S/SGT - 1549 ✓

Decorations: AIR MEDAL

Date of Birth: Feb. 14. 1917

Private Address: 3735 EATON

Length of Service: 3 yrs.

Job as Civilian: DEL. CLERK

From what field did you take off? Take off time. 1800

MATCHING GREEN

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? YES

Were you wounded? Give details.

SMALL CUT ON NOSE

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much?

Do you speak FRENCH?

NO

SPANISH?

GERMAN?

ITALIAN?

OTHER LANGUAGE?

Did you have identity papers?

YES.

(over)



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

*No*

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?

*No*

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

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

*AMIENS FRANCE SEPT. 5 AIR*

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

*LT. PORTER*

*SGT. KESSLER*

*SGT. HARRIS*

*LT. CARMICHEAL*

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

SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "B" 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.,.....)

Many Germans were pulling out with horse & wagons bicycle or any possible transportation. Ammunition was destroyed by the Germans before leaving. The French people are very afraid of the Germans and usually speak of them as savage.

1548

From :- Main Headquarters, No. 83 Group.

To :- O.C. R.A.F. Station, *Down Ampney*

Date :- 5th September, 1944.

Ref :- 83G/S.2405/INT.

Lt. Donald E. Coles O-692948, 3916p-573 *9th 28 May*  
 Staff Sgt. John J. Hogan 11015495 "  
~~F/O. A.T. Laidlaw, J.85994.~~

The above officers have returned to our lines having evaded capture by the enemy. In view of the difficulty of returning them to the forward base of M.I.9 on the Continent, they are being returned direct to the United Kingdom. It is requested that you will facilitate their journey to London where they are to report to M.I.9. Dept. War Office.

Sgt DALE W. BROTHERS, 17062888

MIA 8 July 1944

322 Bn Gp 450 Sg

9th AF

*Wk.*  
 Air Vice Marshal, Commanding,  
No. 83 Group, Royal Air Force.



1549 1548  
S/Sgt. Hogan and Lt. Cole.

Hogan and Cole came down on 28 May. Hogan landed in the village of FRESNICOURT-LE-DOLMEN (PAS DE CALAIS). M. COIN, leader of the resistance in FRESNICOURT, hid Hogan at once and sent RAYMOND BIZART who gave Hogan civilian clothes and took him to the home of VICTOR LEROY in HERIERE. After two or three days Lt. Cole was brought in here.

Lt. Cole came down near FRESNICOURT. M. and Mme MARCEL GOUBELLE hid him, brought him food and clothing, and took him into FRESNICOURT to M. JEAN COIN who hid him in the fields for two nights, and then with RAYMOND BIZART took him to VICTOR LEROY'S HOME IN HERIERE where he found Hogan. They were then taken to the home of ANTONE BRUZI, CHEMIN DE PERNIS, DIVION. They lived here for a month. Then for two weeks they lived with the maquis in the wood near DIVION. During this time M. HANDOUCHE, a wealthy man in CAUCOURT, helped them with supplies. On 4 September British tanks under the command of BRIGADIER FRIEDBERGER of R.A. 53, Welsh Division came into the region. The brigadier fed the two Americans, and sent them back to an advanced air field whence they were taken to AMIENS. Thence they came by air to U.K. on 6 September.

*Akermas*

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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) DONALD E. COLE  
Rank 1ST LT A. S. N. 0-692948  
Unit 391 BG 573 BS

Signed Donald E. Cole  
Dated Sept 6 - 1944  
Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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HUGH MAURITHO SGT 6271871  
(Name) (Rank, (ASN)

TARGET:

OCT. 14, 1943

Date mission in action: ~~OCT. 14, 1943~~

Date arrived in UK: SEPT. 5, 1944

1 (No. of missions)

547

(Squadron)

384

(Group)

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

Indicate what  
happened to each man  
and how you know.

PILOT WILLIAM KOPH

MIA

CO-PILOT MASSEY

KIA

NAVIGATOR

SCOTT MIA

BOMBARDIER EUGENE CONNOR

Int

RADIO OPERATOR HERBERT E. YERYAR

Int

TOP TURRET GUNNER HUGH MAURITHO

BALL TURRET GUNNER SMITH

KIA

WALST GUNNER PERONI

MIA

WALST GUNNER BUDDY MEYER MIA

TAIL GUNNER

Bernard KIA

Decorations:

Date of Birth: OCT. 4<sup>th</sup> 1918

Private Address: 21 N. BELMONT AVE.

Length of Service: 7 YRS. 9 MO.

Job as Civilian: NONE

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

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, 11:30 AM.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? YES.

Were you wounded? Give details.

YES. 20 MM. FRAGMENTS IN HEAD & RIGHT HIP.

RT. EAR DRUM BROKEN LEFT FOOT SWOLLEN TO WHERE

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much?

YES. 1000 FRENCH FR. ~~1000 FR. FR.~~ SHOE WOULD NOT GO ON.

Do you speak FRENCH?

SPANISH?

GERMAN?

ITALIAN?

OTHER LANGUAGE?

YES, NOT FLUENTLY.

YES

Did you have identity papers?

YES, FRENCH.

(over)



Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?  
YES. GENERAL LEGGE. MILITARY ATTACHE BERN, SWITZERLAND

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?  
YES. BERN, SWITZERLAND. NOV. 8, 1943

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?  
YES, BERN, SUISSE. GENERAL LEGGE, (WRITTEN REPORT)

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When? YES. Foggia ITALY 12 AAF HQ.  
SEPT. 15, 1944

Date of arrival in Spain: — — —

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: — — —

Place and date of departure for UK. By ~~sea~~ or air. FOGGIA AIR BASE  
FOGGIA ITALY.

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.

LT. BENTZ

F/O LEE

LT. LARSON