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9 April 1943

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 ANDREWS:

*Ralph Pulsifer*  
 RALPH PULSIFER,  
 Colonel, AGD, Adjutant General.

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) WILLIAM D. COX

Signed *William D. Cox*

Rank SST ASN 34132640

Date 11/18/43

Unit 95th Airborne 335th SSG

Witness *Walter G. Jones*

(2)

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MOST SECRET - BRITISH  
MIS (X)

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. VINCENT, J. COY-34132640
2. Decorations. NONE
3. Unit or Squadron. 335<sup>th</sup> SQ.
4. Division (Army) or Group. 95<sup>th</sup> GR.
5. Date of Birth. NOV. 26, 1913
6. Length of Service. AUG. 18, 1940
7. Private Address. 450 JONES BLVD, PASADENA MISSISSIPPI
8. If in A.F., on what operation were you engaged? State place, date, and time of departure. Where and when did you come down? 7119 meters  
Were aircraft and all instruments and papers destroyed? NO  
SE 499 UABT - SEPT. 6, 1945. - DEPT. 6 O'CLOCK. NO  
NORTHERN FRANCE - SEPT. 6 38 mi N of Rheims Foreham  
DON'T HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT WAS DESTROYED
9. What was your position in aircraft? TAIL GUNNER
10. Were you wounded? NO
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? NO
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? NO
13. Did you have Identity Papers? YES
14. 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? YES - AUTORTIES IN GIB.  
NO
15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? NO
16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? - YES.
17. Date of arrival in Spain. OCT. 29, 1943
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. NOV. 12, 1943
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or (air) GIB. NOV. 12, 1943
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K. PORTWROTH. NOV. 18, 1943

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E & E REPORT NO. 219  
EVASION IN FRANCE

(Date)

VINCENT J COX S/SSE. 34132640  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

335- (Squadron) 95- (Group)

AGE: 29

LENGTH OF SERVICE: ABOUT 3 YRS.

HOME ADDRESS: 456 JACOBSON AVE.  
PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI

MIA: SEPT. 6/1943

Arrived in Spain:

OCT. 29/1943

Arrived in Gibraltar:

NOV. 12/1943

Arrived in UK:

11/18/43

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

*See Ransom (163)*

Official Narrators  
Disposition Disposition

- PILOT 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. G.F. Ransom EYE - ENGLAND
  - CO-PILOT 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. T.J. CLOWELL - MIA Believed to be P.O.W.
  - NAVIGATOR 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. HUBERT. GREGG - MIA NO INFORMATION
  - BOMBARDIER 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. MURRAY. EYE - ENGLAND
  - RADIO OPERATOR T.SST. C.B. PERCOCK - MIA Believed to be dead in mountains
  - TOP TURRET GUNNER S/SST. KNOTTS - MIA IN PARIS
  - BALL TURRET GUNNER S/SSE. J.W. BERTHMAN - MIA NO INFORMATION
  - WAIST GUNNER T.SST. R. F. HOUSER - ENGLAND
  - WAIST GUNNER S/SSE. P.J. DEL VENTO - ENGLAND
  - TAIL GUNNER S/SSE. V.J. COX - ENGLAND
- NARRATOR

Were you wounded?

NO

*Use Murray's 295 or 296 for crew list*

Cox

after order to put on chute I went to waist - didn't jump at once -  
explosion - We jumped - Peacock House Delouto - 2 last -  
made a delayed jump arnd 14000 - to 5000 ft & dived head  
1st - splinter caught me - sensation of rising - tumbled &  
spinning all way - saw 4 chutes open & opened mine -  
saw a camp & saw dark land - saw people hiding  
behind bushes & I hid ground & pressed button to chute off -  
before chute could cremp - 3 Fr. women had it & were  
running & others came up to me & picked me up -  
& carried me into bushes on hill - girl took clothes - was  
gone 5 mins - they took all my clothing - auto clothes &  
They took all my stuff - tore up my photos & took them out of  
my hands to do it - didn't stop him - we stayed hidden  
until sun came not watching thru fld glasses - a  
Fr boy leading me - Fr couldn't sp. a word of English - Boy  
asked if Am. airman - "yes" - gave me back Air. Bk & map -  
G.I. shoes - went to road 200 yds away - Boy wanted me to  
hide quietly once he went away - in ditch - 15 mins later  
<sup>Henri</sup> boy back with bike - instructs to follow him - good man &  
went to woods - told me to ~~stay~~ stay in path - not hide -  
gave me signal - told me at ? to go up hill & listen for time -  
at sundown I shot out to find someone coming - heard time -

17 kms ESE of LAON STERME + A. mifontaine? 7 miles SE of  
 caused him - led me into clearing + gave me food -  
 + led me down road - carrying axe - entered into clearing in bushes  
 he left me - someone came on bike - heard someone calling  
 boy - didn't understand - heard tune - 3 men - one was  
 Peacock - on a blonde man - walked 2 miles - dark -  
 Demourgen passed - took loads series - led - to house  
 near village <sup>Peacock, Delvaux</sup> (10 miles from Stermer) - stayed night - Berry search  
 of houses - into woods - Sgt/Houser brot in oyl - then Sgt -  
 Delvaux left by bike - all met at white headed boy's house -  
 Stayed an hr - waiting for man with truck - moved Peock + I to  
 a little town 2 miles away "Ajistan" - Stayed with M + Mme  
 Mueller - 7 Sept to 16 Sep - on 16th man with truck took us back  
 to white headed man's house - gave us I C's - gave us clothes  
 next day - nurse from PARIS to take Knott, Peock + self to PARIS  
 on 17 Sep - Knott elsewhere - Peck + I stayed from Sat till  
 Mon with woman who ran candy shop - so Paris - Hancost  
 Hambley stayed here later - on Mon Lady in Blank + Mme Blondie  
 came to take us to Asnières - Stayed with Pauline Hargues -  
 from 19th Sept to 22 Oct - on 22nd Oct left - boy in neighborhood,  
 Lucien Demourgen took us to train - J. Mme Blondie met us at  
 station - got a 2nd man as a guide - joined St Johnston -

I was usually at front of party but went back to walk with Peacock  
 who was exhausted - had been with him a few minutes before he fell exhausted  
 urged him on - helped him - we fell behind party gradually + when  
 several hours out of Andorra on last hillside we lost party + I  
 left Peacock on a rock with instructions to wait for me to return -  
 I searched for stay with him till a.m. + then went in search of trail -  
 came back for Peacock but he would not move - told him to stay  
 until got help - walked to Andorra to meet guide on way - she went  
 to get Peacock but never found him - never saw guide again -  
 with day in Andorra before going on + had no more of Peacock -

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Delayed  
Jump

I was on my feet as soon as possible and ~~had~~ pressed the chute release which caused the harness to fall away. Before I could get to the <sup>chute</sup> silks three women had it and were running toward the bushes.

Immediate  
HELP

Several other trenchmen grabbed me and carried me bodily into the shrubbery on a hillside. While I was trying to talk to one of the men a girl disappeared but, in less than five minutes, she returned with

civilian clothing. I was surrounded by Frenchmen who, instead of letting me change my <sup>own</sup> clothes, they all insisted ~~upon~~ helping me. Everything I had was taken away from me - all my papers were destroyed - and before I could stop one man, he had torn my escape photographs into small pieces.

Escape photos  
Destroyed by  
Accident

Gradually the crowd began to wander off but several men stayed with me and pulled me down into the bushes where we ~~waited~~ until they were sure we were not being watched by Germans with field-glasses. Eventually these men left me with a French boy who led me cautiously around the side of the hill. None of the French had been able to speak a word of English but I understood the boy ~~when~~ <sup>who</sup> asked if I were an American Parachutist's. When I answered, "yes," he gave back my Aids Box, money and G.I. shoes.

RECOVERS Aids Box,  
PURSE AND G.I. SHOES

We ~~walked~~ <sup>sneaked</sup> through ~~undergrowth~~ <sup>the hillside</sup> to a road. The boy motioned quickly for me to hide and ~~he~~ disappeared. I lay in a ditch for half an hour before he returned, with a bicycle. A man had joined the boy and I followed them into a wood. We went along a path for some time before they stopped and got me to understand I was to wait there until 1900 hours. Then I was supposed to walk up a hill and listen for a tune which they taught me to whistle.

I waited until sundown before starting up the hill. About half-way I heard the tune and answered. It was the boy again, ~~and he had~~ <sup>with</sup> brought food. We ate some sandwiches and walked down a road, both <sup>of us</sup> carrying axes. I was taken to a house where I met Sgt Delventis and Sgt House. From there my journey was arranged.

JOHN'S CREW MEMBERS  
and  
JOURNEY ARRANGED

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SECRET  
EQUALS BRITISH

MOST SECRET

APPENDIX "B".  
NIS(X).....

The following information has been obtained from our interview with  
..... ( ..... ) who escaped  
after capture by the enemy/evaded capture by the enemy after being  
in enemy/enemy occupied territory.

Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so  
it is important not to divulge any particulars of source.

Statement of information covering period from .....  
to .....

French who work in factories have no  
shelters. Our bombing seems to come  
mostly about 10 or 12 when most Fr workers  
are there and on Monday Tuesdays &  
Wednesdays when Fr workers are there  
& therefore many are killed. These factories  
only work 5 1/2 days if we bombed Saturday  
afternoon or all day Sunday we could  
destroy the factories & German guards  
but spare the Fr workers. German 10 Oct  
from a worker -13

German 10 Oct that when the Spano Suija  
was bombed loss of Fr life was particularly  
heavy. Much of residential section  
& factory was not totally wiped out was  
holding a fair in less than a month.....  
German left debris all around building  
& threw it over a steel netting that  
was placed over the factory using this

Pile of debris as both roof and  
camouflage for the place looks a  
wreck while actually functioning  
as factory 19 Oct

Fn didn't seem to resent  
bombing of residential districts  
near factory.

Fn seem to have previous  
ready knowledge of allied raids  
Told reports day previous. ~~raid~~  
warned

Chenard & Walker cuts factory <sup>wreck</sup>  
A/c parts in same district as H-5 <sup>as merged</sup> but  
on opposite side - D.C. From sound  
of flak guns it is heavily protected.

~~Flak battery on top of hill in  
commercial school~~

Many U.S. buried at Cheny Cemetery  
are well marked & cared for by  
~~an~~ an Eng & a woman  
on their own.

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *VINCENT J ROY - S/SGT.*

Unit:- *335<sup>th</sup> SQDN - 95<sup>th</sup> GRP.*

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must 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, had you one on you? *yes; <sup>got</sup> immediate aid*
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.
- (i) Horlicks tablets.
  - (ii) Chocolate
  - (iii) Milk (tube).
  - (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue)
  - (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).
  - (vi) Matches.
  - (vii) Adhesive tape.
  - (viii) Chewing gum.
  - (ix) Water bottle.
  - (x) Compass
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? *ORG. TOOK IT.*
- (g) 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? *PUT IN 2 RAZOR & BLADES.*

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? *yes*  
If so, state COLOR.  
If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? *yes*
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
- (i) Maps. Which ones? *Nil needed -*
  - (ii) Compass.

- (iii) File (hacksaw).
- (iv) (Foreign currency) State countries and amounts. *How did you spend the money.*  
*FRANCE - 500 FRANCES; ORG. GIVEN SURPLUS* *Had 1800 francs in Purse*
- (d) How did you dispose of: ~~Personal Effects~~ *1400 to 800 francs*  
*To ORG.* *None had 2000 francs*  
 Maps. *ORG.*  
 Compass. *LOST*  
 File (hacksaw). *To ORG.*  
 Surplus currency. *To ORG.*

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+)

(\*Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.) *Not issued*

- (a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?  
 If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE
  - (i) Round compass. ~~Yes~~
  - (ii) Stud compass.
  - (iii) Swinger compass.
  - (iv) Fly-button compass. ~~Yes~~
  - (v) Pencil clip compass.
  - (vi) Tunic button compass.
  - (vii) Pipe compass.
  - (viii) Pouch ~~Yes~~
  - (ix) Special flying boots (and knife).
- (b) Were they satisfactory?
- (c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions which would improve the above equipment?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

- (a) Did you carry passport-size photographs?  
 If so, how many? *Yes; four.*
- (b) Did you use them?  
 State how. *NO rapped up by 1st helper who destroyed all identification, including dog tags.*

5. LECTURES

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape?  
 State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *954 gip. 3354 S90N. INT. OFFICER.*
- (b) Did you find the lectures of value? *YES & NO*

*Told to hide beside road. This only place Germans looked in my district. ~~Should climb trees.~~ Sometimes good cover can be found by climbing trees.*

NAME VINCENT 2 COY RANK S/Sgt ASN 34132610 REPORT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SQ 335 GROUP 95 A/C NO. 271 Letter B Load 3 TONS Date SEP 6 1943



Position in formation.  
Make Diagram

*Next position*

Observed results of Bombing:

Enemy Fighter Tactics: BLACK CROSSES x  
Markings: ATTACHED FROM NOSE, HIGH LEVEL; FROM  
WREST-DIVING, 2ND LEVEL, <sup>from</sup> tail-STEEL HT. ON.

Our Tactics:  
FLYING LEVEL & DIVING

Our Fighter Support: NONE

<u>Flak</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
<u>NONE</u>			

Technical Failures

Motors: RUN AWAY PROP. & ENA, SHOT AWAY

Armor:

Armament: NONE

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

None

E+E #219

(Sgt. Cox)

App. C.

typed

Sgt. Cox came down on 6 September 1943 near ST. ERME (17 kms ESE of LAON). A ~~young~~ boy ~~named~~ called HENRI hid him and returned later with food. This boy ~~then led~~ that evening HENRI led Cox along a road and turned him over to two men <sup>(one a blonde)</sup> who had Sgt. Peacock with them. They then went to a house where they ~~found~~ joined Sgt Delvento. They spent the night here and the next morning were taken into the woods and hidden. Sgt. Hawes was brought to them here. Peacock and Cox <sup>(after stopping at the house of the blonde man ~~and getting papers~~)</sup> were then taken to AMIFONTAINE where they stayed with M. and Mme. MUELER from the 7 to the 16 September. On 16 September Peacock and Cox were taken back to the blonde man's house. Here they met Knotts. All of them were given identity papers, and the next day a Red Cross nurse from PARIS took Cox, Peacock, and Knotts to PARIS by train. In PARIS Peacock and Cox stayed three days with a woman who ran a candy-shop in the southern part of the city. (Hawes and Hamblin stayed at this place later.) ~~The Lady in Black and Mme Blo~~ The LADY IN BLACK and Mme. BLONDIE then took them to ASNIERES to the home of PAULINE HAGUES. They were here from the 19 to the 22 October. On the 22 October LUCIEN DEMONGEN, a young  
(over)

man who lived in the neighborhood, took them to the ~~the~~ railway station. Mme BLONDIE met them and turned them over to a guide who was leading Lt. Johnston. From this point to the Pyrenees their story is the same as that of Lt. Johnston.

In crossing the mountains Cox was usually at the head of the party, but he dropped back to walk with Peacock, who was exhausted. ~~Cox~~ Peacock soon collapsed, and Cox helped him and urged him on, but the two gradually fell behind the party and lost it altogether a few hours from ANDORRA. Cox stayed with Peacock until morning and then, telling Peacock to wait for him, went in search of the trail. When he returned, Peacock wouldn't move. Cox ~~therefore~~ therefore told Peacock ~~to stay where he was~~ to remain there until he could get help. Cox then walked into ANDORRA and on his way found a guide whom he sent to get Peacock. In ANDORRA Cox waited for a day before going on, but he heard nothing more either of Peacock or of the guide.

COX:APPENDIX B:

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- b. ~~The Hispano-Suiza plant~~ When the Hispano-Suiza plant was bombed a heavy loss of French life resulted. The plant was not totally wrecked and was in operation again in less than a month. The Germans piled all the debris on a ~~steel~~ steel netting over the plant as camouflage.  
Hearsay and Obs-19 October
- c. French did not seem to resent destruction of residential areas near factories if traiget was destroyed.
- d. French seemed to have radio knowledge of ~~radio~~ raids a day before occurrence. On ~~onze~~ occasion evader states he was warned of a raid to take place on the following day and such a raid occurred.
- e. Chanard and Walker auto factory makes aircraft ~~in~~ parts in ~~xxxxxx~~ part of ASNIERES district ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~Hispano-Suiza~~ but on the opposite side of the district from the Hispano-Suisa factory. From the ~~xxxxxx~~ sound of anti-aircraft guns evader judgeed this factory to be well-protected.
- f.

~~SECRET~~ - AMERICAN  
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Initials.....  
Date.....

*to be stored*

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335 Bomb Squadron, 95 Bomb Group

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29 October 1943  
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12 November 1943  
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18 November 1943

AGE: 29 years  
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 3 years  
HOME ADDRESS: 450 Jackson Avenue  
PASCASOULA, Mississippi

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT	0-735449	2d Lt	Glen F RANSOM	E & E Rpt 163
CO-PILOT	0-672324	2d Lt	Thomas M CLADWELL	MIA
NAVIGATOR	0-795229	2d Lt	Hubert C GAGE	MIA
BOMBARDIER	0-729480	1st Lt	Keith W MURRAY	E & E Rpt 196
RADIO OPERATOR	32385488	T/Sgt	Charles B PEACOCK	MIA
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BALL TURRET GUNNER	39252202	S/Sgt	John W BEACHAM	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	31104691	S/Sgt	Pasquale J DELVENTO	E & E Rpt. 184
TAIL GUNNER	34132640	S/Sgt	Vincent J COX	NARRATOR

DELAYED JUMP

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IMMEDIATE  
HELP

I was on my feet as soon as possible and pressed the chute release which caused the harness to fall away. Before I could get to the chute silk, three women had it and were running toward the bushes. Several other Frenchmen grabbed me and carried me bodily into the shrubbery on a hillside. While I was trying to talk to one of the men, a girl disappeared but in less than five minutes she returned with civilian clothing. I was surrounded by Frenchmen who, instead of letting me change my own clothes, insisted upon helping me. Everything I had

ESCAPE PHOTOS  
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RECOVERS AIDS  
BOX, PURSE, AND  
GI SHOES

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- c. French did not seem to resent destruction of residential areas near factories if target was destroyed.
- d. French seemed to have radio knowledge of raids a day before occurrence. On one occasion evader states he was warned of a raid to take place on the following day and such a raid occurred.
- e. Chenard and Walker auto factory makes aircraft parts in ASNIERES district but on the opposite side of the district from the Hispano-Suisa factory. From the sound of anti-aircraft guns evader judged this factory to be well protected.