

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

E & E REPORT NO.  
EVASION IN

(Date)

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

(Number of Missions)

94 Bomb Group

MIA: 14 October 1943  
Arrived in UK:

(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-797491	2d Lt	Sherman M DODGE	KIA	
CO-PILOT	0-680405	2d Lt	John T CHANDLER	INTERNEED	2205
NAVIGATOR	0-681260	2d Lt	James Dean K BECKER	INTERNEED	2206
BOMBARDIER	0-747087	2d Lt	Frank O FRANCIS	MIA	
RADIO OPERATOR	34425437	S/Sgt	Douglas McCLENDON, JR	INTERNEED	2207
TOP TURRET GUNNER	32498839	S/Sgt	James V FESTA	INTERNEED	2208
BALL TURRET GUNNER	12144418	Sgt	Louis J BUONAROBO	MIA	check spelling of name.
WAIST GUNNER	19179204	Sgt	James MENDAL	KIA	
WAIST GUNNER	39831659	Sgt	Warren G BUTTERFIELD	KIA	
TAIL GUNNER	392525985	Sgt	Robert THOMAS	P/W	

Were you wounded?

Check files  
for Francis &  
Buonarobo

S/Sgt. Douglas McClendon

Our plane was hit in the Sweinfurt raid of Oct. 14, 1943. I baled out at 15,000 ft and landed in a woods about 5 miles from Toul (M & M). I hid in the woods until the next day at 3 PM when I took to the road. I declared my identity to a man and woman working in a field. An old lady, a freind who spoke English, was called and she hid me in the woods. That night they returned giving me food and advice. I left on the march, going through 2 or 3 small villages and in the early morning sought sleep in a haystack near a farmhouse. In the morning I declared myself at the farmhouse. I was fed and clothed and stayed there all day. In the meantime Res. men were contacted who called for me in the evening and took me to Toul. Here, Pierre Mathy, restaurant owner of Toul, took me in a truck to Fernand, another restaurant owner of Toul. From Fernand's, that night, a local Doctor took me in his car to his office where he and another Doctor treated my leg wound. I stayed at Fernand's until Oct 21. Mme. Krieg a woman in the French Intelligence living at Toul then took me by train to Belfort. Here we were met by a man with ~~XX~~ a buggy who took us to a farmhouse on the French side of the frontier near Delle (Ter. de Belfort). At 18.30 Mme. Krieg and I, escorted by 2 frenchmen, crossed the frontier, changing guides midway across. We stopped at a farmhouse near Delle. This farmhouse was in part a small store. The next day, the 22 Oct, a Swiss came and talked with MME. Krieg who left shortly after. The Swiss Police arrived at 15.00 and took me to the hospital at Porrentruy where I met Lt. Becker, Lt. Chandler and Sgt. Festa. I was evacuated from Switzerland on the 13 Sept. 1944.

R. Sarant  
2nd Lt. AUS

2207

MCCLENDON, DOUGLAS S/SGT 34425437 94TH GROUP 8TH  
Name Rank & Serial No. Organization & Air Force.

Shot down: OCTOBER 14 1943 NEAR NANCY, FRANCE  
Date & Approximate location.

Experiences after being shot down: I WAS SHOT IN RIGHT LEG BUT  
RECEIVED MEDICAL TREATMENT 1 DAY AFTER COMING  
DOWN. I WAS IN FRANCE 1 WEEK AND CROSSED  
INTO SWITZERLAND. THE FRENCH PEOPLE WERE  
VERY GOOD TO ME.

Status: Escapee - ~~Evader~~ - Internee.

Date of Escape: 21 OF OCTOBER 43

Date of Arrival at <sup>ANNECY</sup>MAAF: SEPT. 13

Physical Condition: FAIR, I WAS WOUNDED IN RIGHT LEG  
BUT AM O.K. NOW.

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: 706 CENTRAL AVE. GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

Departed MAAF Hq.: \_\_\_\_\_

S/ Sgt. McClendon, Douglas

*14 Oct. Switzerland*

I baled out at 15,000. I saw plane crash. A 110 buzzed me but I landed safely in the woods about 5 Miles from Toul (M & M). My chute caught in a tree so I ditched it. First night I spent in the woods. The next day I bandaged my wounded leg and stayed in a ditch until 3 P. M. . I then got up and walked along the road. I declared myself to a man and woman working in a field. An old lady friend of theirs spoke to me and had me hide in the woods. That night they brought me food and advice. I then left on the march, going thru 2 or 3 small towns. I finally went to sleep in a haystack near a farm. In the morning I declared myself at the farmhouse. I was fed, given clothes and stayed there all day. In the meantime they contacted an Org. and men came for me in the evening and took me to Toul. There Pierre Mathy, Restaurant owner of Toul took me in a truck to Fernand, another restaurant owner of Toul. That same night a local Dr. drove me in his car to his office where he and another Dr. treated my leg wound. I stayed at Fernand's in bed until the 21 Oct. and then left with Mme. Krieg for Toul (French Int.) by train for Belfort. Here we were met by horse and buggy and taken to a farmhouse on the French side of the front near Delle. That night at 6.30 left with Mme. Krieg and 2 French and crossed the Frontier, changing guides midway across. We stopped at a farmhouse near Delle. This farmhouse was combined farm and small store. The next day, 22nd Oct. a Swiss man came and talked to Mme. Krieg who left shortly after. The Police came at 3 pm and took me to the Hospital at Porrentruy. Here I met Lt. Becker, Lt. Chandler and Sgt. Festa. I left the hospital on about the 28 Oct. and went to Berne under Military escort. I was taken to a guardhouse first and then to a Tourist Home where I stayed overnight. ~~XXXXXX~~ I had been trying to get in touch with the M.A. office but with no success. The next day we went to Mil Police Hq. where we were interrogated. Sgt. Festa and I spent the night in a Swiss Mil Hospital. The next day we went to the Mil Police Hq. where we met Lt. Rexford and Col. De Joong from the M.A. office. They sent us to the Victoria Hospital where we stayed a week and then left for the Gurtin Kohlm Hotel. We left here on the 9 Dec. for Klosters where we stayed at the Silveretta Hotel. On the 1 May were transferred to the Hotel Des Alpes at Glion where we stayed until the 13 Sept. when we were evacuated.

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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) MCCLENDON DOUGLAS

Signed Douglas McCleendon

Rank Sgt A. S. N. 34425437

Dated 26/2/44

Unit 94TH BOMB GRP 331ST Sqr

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SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

Unit:-

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".  
*HIDE IN WOODS FOR 2 DAYS*  
Horlicks tablets.  
  
Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *ATE IT*  
Milk (tube). *ATE IT*  
Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *USED*  
Halazone tablets (water purifier). *USED SOME*  
Matches. *USED*  
Adhesive tape. *USED*  
Chewing gum. *USED*  
Water bottle. *"*  
Compass. *"*  
Sewing kit. *"*
- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *NO*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *AT THE FRENCH, I LEFT IT THERE.*
- 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? *NO*

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? *NO*

(over)

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

THE ONE OF FRANCE.  
Maps. Which ones?

Compass, YES

File (hacksaw). NO

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money? NO

d. How did you dispose of:- I LEFT ALL OF THEM AT THE FRENCH HOME WHERE I STAYED.  
Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? YES TWO  
EXTRA COMPASSES.

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? YES  
If so, how many? 2

b. Did you use them? YES

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? YES  
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM AT MY BASE.

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.

SECRET

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

TARGET:

McCLENDON, DOUGLAS SSGT 34425437

(Name)

(Rank)

(ASN)

Date mission in action: 01.14.1943

Date arrived in UK: 9/19/44

1 (No. of missions)

331ST  
(Squadron)

94TH  
(Group)

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

Indicate what  
happened to each man  
and how you know.

PILOT 2ND LT. SHERMAN M. DODGE, CHUTE FAILED TO OPEN, CONFIRMED  
BY COPILOT.  
CO-PILOT 2ND LT JOHN T. CHANDLER ESCAPED MET IN SWITZERLAND.  
NAVIGATOR 2ND LT. FRANK J. FRANCIS, CHUTE FAILED TO OPEN CONFIRMED  
BY BOMBARDIER.  
BOMBARDIER 2ND LT. J.K.D. BECKER, ESCAPED MET IN SWITZERLAND  
RADIO OPERATOR S/SGT DOUGLAS McCLENDON  
TOP TURRET GUNNER S/SGT. JAMES V. FESTA, ESCAPED MET IN SWITZERLAND  
BALL TURRET GUNNER SGT. LOUIS J. BLONARDO, DIED IN PLANE.  
WAIST GUNNER SGT. WARREN G. BUTTERFIELD, DIED IN PLANE.  
WAIST GUNNER SGT. ROBERT M. THOMAS, POW  
TAIL GUNNER SGT. JAMES MENAUL, DIED IN PLANE.

Decorations: NONE

Date of Birth: AUG. 11, 1921

Private Address: 706 CENTRAL AVE. GREENVILLE, MISS.

Length of Service: 2 YEARS

Job as Civilian: INTERIOR DECORATOR

From what field did you take off? Take off time. BLURY ST. EDMONDS  
10:00 A.M.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? YES

Were you wounded? Give details. YES RECEIVED 20MM. SLUG IN RIGHT  
LEG BETWEEN KNEE AND THIGH.

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 OFFICE OF THE MILITARY ATTACHE BERN SWITZERLAND  
ANNIECY FRANCE*

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

*SAME AS ABOVE*

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

*SAME AS ABOVE*

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

*SAME AS ABOVE*

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. *SEPT 19 FROM*

*ANNIECY FRANCE, BY AIR*

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

*~~NAME~~ SGT. ROBERT M. THOMAS*

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

TOP SECRET

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APPENDIX C. TECH. SHEET

1. Did you jump or crash land? *JUMPED*
2. What was the town or village nearest to which you jumped or crash landed? *TOLL NANCY*
3. How long was it before you got help? *2 DAYS*
4. List the people who helped you and the location (city, town, or village) in which you were with them, including addresses where possible. After the name or description of each person with whom you stayed give the approximate dates between which you were with him. *TOLL, NEAR NANCY. PIERRE MATHY, TOLL. I STAYED AT TOLL FROM THE 17TH OF OCTOBER TO THE 21.*
5. List other American and British evaders whom you saw during your evasion and state where you saw them. *~~ALLIES~~ NONE*

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)  
(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.

OCTOBER 14, 1943 NEAR TOLL FRANCE

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

2 ENGINES ON FIRE AND GOING DOWN.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 15,000

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? YES

SGT. W. G. BUTTERFIELD

SGT. J. MENAUL

SGT. LOUIS J. BUONARRO

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

PILOT, COPILOT, NAVIGATOR, BOMBARDIER, ENGINEER, LEFT WAIST GUNNER. PILOT'S AND NAVIGATOR'S CHUTE DID NOT OPEN

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

NO IT JUST BURNED.

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

COPILOT TOLD ME ABOUT ALL MEMBERS OF CREW THAT WERE DEAD

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. NOT IN WATER

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

BUTTERFIELD, MENAUL, BUONARRO WENT DOWN WITH THE PLANE. DODGE, FRANCIS, CHUTES FAILED TO OPEN. THOMAS POW. CHANDLER, FESTA, BECKER ESCAPED TO SWITZERLAND.

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.,.....) *GAVE ALL TO MILITARY ATTACHE IN SWITZERLAND.*