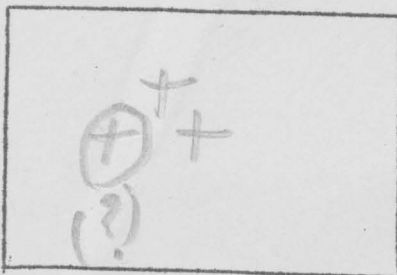


NAME William C. Howell RANK 3/5gt ASN 34315087 REPORT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SQ 5337 GROUP 38164 A/C NO. T Letter T Load ? Date 21 July 43



Position in formation.  
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing: NO -

Enemy Fighter Tactics: Head on - Attack.  
Markings:

Our Tactics:

Our Fighter Support: NONE -

<u>Flak</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
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Technical Failures

Motors:

Armor:

Armament:

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

I don't know what happened -

Major [redacted] called in reply to a request from your office on information concerning a plane, with a number ending in "928" - It might be the following one:

#42-29928 which went down on 4-7-43  
381 Bomb Group

Crew members:

O M Ballinger  
P H McConnell  
J N Carrah  
G C Williams  
J K Lane  
B J Gromstal  
A G Wackermann  
F E Owens  
H W Bauscher, Jr  
W C Howell

EYE 248  
" 380

EYE 328

~~25~~

~~See  
log 380~~

See crew of

log 380

Check status before  
doing tags

380 is done!  
Lynch & [redacted]

is Britton  
see 055

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

William C. Howell - S/Sgt. 34315087

Unit:-

381st B. Sq. 533rd Bomb Sq. A-1

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? yes-
- (b) If not, had you one on you? yes-
- (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.

Horlicks tablets. -

Chocolate. -

Milk (tube). ?

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). yes- (5)

Halazone tablets (water purifier). no-

Matches. -

Adhesive tape. -

Chewing gum.

Water bottle. -

Compass. -

- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? one compass  
If so, in what respect? wasn't correct
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? hid 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?

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? yes - black  
If so, state COLOR. RED - BUT IT  
In NOT, State why not. Had only 1500 francs
- (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.

Maps. Which ones? France -

Compass. I carried compass in my pocket - I had three.





SEE E+E 248

I was tail gunner, in the plane of which Lt BALLINGER was pilot. (See E&E 248.) After some nose attacks I heard an explosion in the waist. It did not sound like a 20-mm. ~~to me~~. I was pushed up against the armor-plating. ~~The/boat~~ After the explosion the radio operator and the two waist gunners failed to report. My oxygen system was shot out, but I did not realize it until I turned around and that saw Sgt BAUSCHER had been hit. I started to black out, and changed my oxygen connection to the other side, but it was gone to. I was getting pretty punch drunk. We were out of formation, and German fighters came after us. I shot back and forth with them. I think I got one, and I saw another go down in smoke, but I believe he pulled out. I heard someone say, "Let's get out of here." My left gun was not working, and the tail was pretty badly shot up. I was not on interphone and did not hear the alarm bell. Just as I kicked off the escape hatch, a 20-mm hit my ammunition can and exploded it. I went on out.

BAILED OUT

I had to rip my chute open with my hands. I saw three chutes come out, and we must have hit within a mile of each other. The plane banked down under control and crashed about half a mile from the place where I landed. I heard it explode.

I had a couple of hits on my head, some on my hand, one on the arm, and several on the legs. I was not much bothered, but my head bled a good deal on the way down. I sprained my back a bit when the chute opened. I pulled off my heavy shoes

WOUNDED

, emergency oxygen bottle, and mae west on the way down, as an evader who lectured at our group spoke of doing, so that I would be ready to move as quickly as possible. I rolled up my chute and hid it. I wished that I had left my heavy shoes on so as landed in some woods, to cushion the shock of hitting the ground. I rolled up my chute and hid it, took off my heated suit, and started away. I found a stream and managed to get my head to stop bleeding. Then I headed south by a compass from my jungle kit.

HEADED SOUTH BY COMPASS

In about an hour I was exhausted and pretty dopey, so I lay down under some ferns and took off my shirt. I was dressed in an OD shirt and khaki trousers, with long underwear underneath. I had no shoes but my flying boots, and I certainly missed a good pair of shoes. While I was resting, I took out my escape maps

RESTED - LOCATED SELF ON ESCAPE MAPS

and located myself.

Pretty soon I heard someone coming, so I pulled myself up and started away. Fox hunting used to be my favorite sport back home in North Carolina, so I borrowed a couple of the fox's ideas and started back-tracking and reversing. I learned later that several of my crew were also walking around in the woods, but I did not see any of them. I came to the edge of the woods and suddenly saw two German soldiers on a path with another German about 400 yards away. I hit the ground immediately, rested, and then crawled away from them. I am pretty sure that they did not see me. I was beginning to get terribly thirsty. I came to a dried up ditch and crawled through it around another German guard. I came out of the woods only to discover another German guarding a gate about 100 yards away. I had heard quite a lot of shooting in the woods, no doubt an effort to frighten us, but for some reason this German did not fire. Perhaps he did not recognize me in my long underwear and khaki trousers. I started back to the woods, and I think this German began to get suspicious, but for some reason he did not give the alarm nor run after me. Perhaps he had been ordered to guard that particular gate and was afraid to leave it. Soon I had to duck from another German in the woods. I walked back to the path where I had first seen the two German guards. Crossing this path seemed my only avenue of escape, so I crawled over it on my stomach. They did not notice me. I walked on through the woods and came to a pasture or field on the hill side. When I had walked about 150 yards into it, I suddenly discovered two Germans sitting on a fence. Again my clothes seemed to have deceived them, for I walked within 200 yards of them, and they made no movements toward me. I crossed to some woods on the other side of the field and started off at top speed. After I walked for some time, I thought I could hear some one coming after ~~me~~ me. I ~~then~~ turned around and thought I saw two Germans a couple of hundred yards behind me. Maybe I was seeing things, for by that time I was walking about 50 feet, falling down, and then pulling myself up to keep on. At any rate no one caught up with me.

About 1900 I came to a main road. I saw German guards on it about a mile

LESSONS IN  
FOX-HUNTING

DRESSED IN  
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& KHAKI TROUSERS

GERMANS  
GERMANS  
EVERYWHERE

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OUT OF THE HAT

LOST COMPASS

AND SO DIRECTION

I walked all day. The last part of it I just went in a circle. Finally I got so I could not walk any farther. I had been stopping at farmhouses all day hoping to get help, but the farmers only gave me food and sent me on. I came up to some men <sup>near a house</sup> and asked them for something to drink. I was feeling pretty sick. One of the men gave me a couple of shots of some really potent stuff that must have been cognac, and it really fixed me up. I asked the men ~~if~~ whether they knew any place where I could stay. One man motioned toward the town. I started walking away. When I had gone about 100 feet, a lady ran out and told the man to bring me back. She asked me whether I was hungry, and gave me some bread and butter. Soon their son came in from work; he had been a soldier in the French army in 1939. He tried to check whether I was an American. I think I really proved myself by showing the people an American penny.

HELPED AGAIN

AMERICANS HAVE PENNIES

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BIVOUAC

JOURNEY ARRANGED RECEIVED MEDICAL ATTENTION

From there my journey was arranged. Twice in my journey I was treated by a doctor. Once I was operated on by a

apart. I crossed the road, and the Germans apparently spotted me, for they started after me. I am certain they saw me lie down under a large tree; perhaps they thought that I was giving up. I began to wonder whether they were really trying to get me. I don't think they saw me crawl away though. / I walked on about 15 minutes and came upon some water. I thanked my lucky stars and began to feel better at once. I was ~~care~~<sup>to</sup>ful not to drink ~~so~~<sup>+</sup> much water ~~as~~<sup>+</sup> to make myself sick. I walked ~~on~~, feeling tremendously encouraged and came to a road through the woods. German soldiers were standing on it at intervals of about 100 yards. I crawled up behind a German soldier to hide. He was on the road, and I was in the bushes. I figured that since he did not hear me approach he would never search the bushes right where he had been standing. I must have slept. Every\* thing went black. When I woke up, I felt pretty sick and realized that I needed some medical attention.

HOW TO MISS GERMANS

I walked to the road and discovered that the Germans had disappeared. I lit up a Chesterfield and walked down the road through the woods. I heard later that the French had had 40 of their men hunting for us in the woods, but I saw none of them. After I had walked for some time, I met an old Frenchman and tried to ask him ~~if~~<sup>if</sup> whether he could help me. He lead me to an awfully dirty shack, ~~and~~<sup>and</sup> ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> ~~he~~<sup>he</sup> offered me some fish which I could not eat, and gave me cider. I drank about ~~two~~<sup>two</sup> liters and got ~~very~~ sick. He and his wife picked me up and put me in bed. The next day I was so stiff I could hardly move. They took me to their hay-loft, and I stayed there all day and all night. They brought me some bread and cider, and I managed to get a little of it down, but I was so sick I was not very hungry.

HELPED

The next morning I tied my flying boots on my feet, and started off. I gave the old man 100 francs from my escape purse; afterwards I wished I had given him more. I went to a place where I had hid my escape kit and ~~box~~ compass when I saw the old man coming, recovered the equipment, and started walking south again by my compass from the jungle kit. It rained all day, and I was wet and miserable. The metal in my skin started to fester. In the later afternoon I found a ~~the~~ barn, grabbed some turnips and some cabbage leaves, and hid in the hay loft. Soon some farmers started unloading hay. A boy started moving the hay in the loft. I stayed very

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CONTINUED SOUTH BY COMPASS



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PARTICULARLY  
ROUGH  
PYRENEES  
CROSSING

I think we had an especially rough Pyrenees crossing. ~~/I had shoes~~ We made three separate and exhausting starts. The first time the guide got so tired we had to carry him back. The second time our guides <sup>e</sup>were taking us north instead of south and would not pay any attention to us when ~~we~~ told them they were going in the wrong direction. The third time one man dropped out twenty minutes before the frontier and said that he absolutely could not go any further. A German outpost was not far away, and we were a little worried about leaving him in such a dangerous position, but there was no chance of carrying him with us, and no use in ~~our~~ all staying behind. One man stayed back with him, and finally the two of them did get into Spain. I was in pretty bad shape; my shoes were too small and my feet were pretty torn up, but with that Spanish border just 20 minutes away I knew I had to make it. We had drunk some wine and water mixed, and that made all of us sick. I fell flat a couple of times, but I managed to get up and keep going. I wanted to smoke but my guides would not let me. I decided afterward that they were right, and it is a good piece of advice not to smoke while crossing the mountains.

Once we got into Spain we somehow felt better, and we hobbled along less painfully. When we had some food at last things looked decidedly better. I had some bananas, the first I had had since I left the United States. Once I got warm things did not seem bad at ~~all~~ all.

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Appendix B

1. The following informatin has been obtained in an interview with a sergeant who evaded capture by the enemy after ~~being down~~ being in enemy occupied territory.

2. <sup>F</sup>urther circulation of this information may be made, but in that case it is important not to divulge any details about the source.

Statement of inform

period from 4 July 1943 to  
5 January 1944

a. Informant ~~X~~ was told ~~that~~ that the Germans intend to use an airfield near PERPIGNAN as a ~~base~~. Eight Ju-88's are supposed to be stationed there.

b. Informant was told that gasoline for the Germans is carried out of Spain in tanks underneath truckloads of oranges.

c. Informant ~~was told~~ <sup>saw</sup> in ~~November~~ December that Ju 88's and Me 210's were stationed at the training field at JUVISSY mentioned in ~~previous Appendices~~, the Appendix B of previous E&E reports. He saw that two former dirigible hangars at the field were being used as airplane hangars.

d. In December informant saw Ju 88's at an ~~air~~ <sup>air</sup> field south of TOULOUSE.

e. Informant was told in November that the Germans are using the Paris sewage system for troop and supply movements.

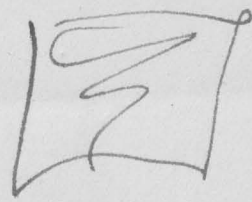
(Sgt HOWELL has further information about the gasoline and ammunition dumps reported in Appendix B, E&E 248 (Lt BALLINGER). However, since Lt McCONNELL, navigator of the same crew, is supposed to have the best information of the three, no changes will be reported until Lt McCONNELL is interrogated. He is now in Spain.)

f. In PARIS in September informant saw movies showing a multi-barreled rocket gun in use on the Russian front. The movies also showed an American plane toggling out its bombs, apparently on non-military targets, while it fell out of formation. Some bomb wreckage in NANTES was also shown.

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SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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



E & E REPORT NO. 328  
EVASION IN FRANCE

JAN-18-1944-  
(Date)

William C HOWELL S/Sgt 34315087  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: Le Mans-

533 381  
(Squadron) (Group)

MIA: 4 July 1943  
Arrived in UK: JAN-17-1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-736459	1st Lt	Olof M BALLINGER	EEE No. 248	
CO-PILOT	0-737353	2d Lt	John M CARAH	In neutral country	
NAVIGATOR	0-796562	2d Lt	Paul H McConnell	<del>MIA</del> / In neutral country	
BOMBARDIER	0-735008	2d Lt	George C WILLIAMS	MIA	
RADIO OPERATOR	34207244	T/Sgt	John K LANE	P/W (wounded)	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	39242710	T/Sgt	Byron J GRONSTAL	P/W	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	39103466	S/Sgt	Albert G WACKERMANN	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	33303393	S/Sgt	Francis E OWENS	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	35661197	S/Sgt	Harry W BAUSCHER, JR	MIA	
TAIL GUNNER	34315087	S/Sgt	William C HOWELL	NARRATOR	

Were you wounded? yes

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

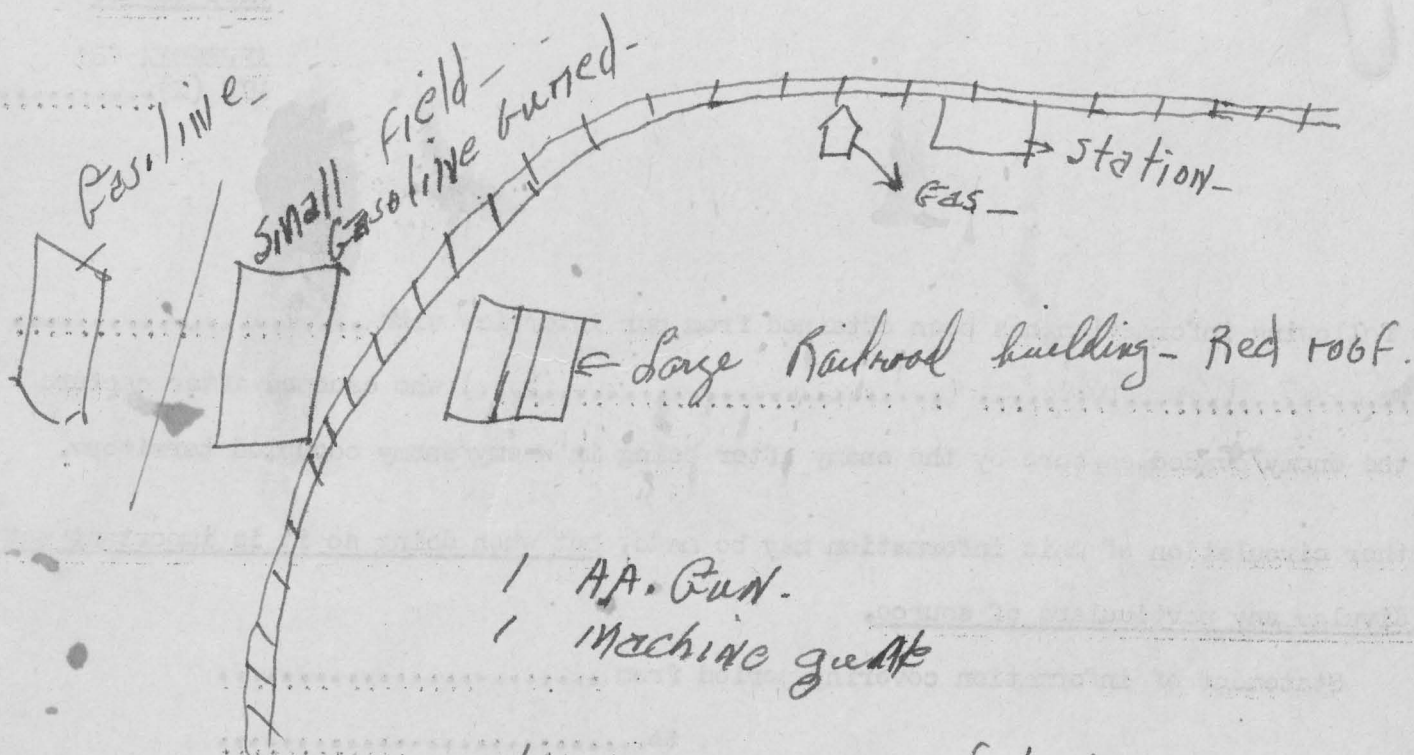
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Statement of information covering period from .....

to.....

3 places on the western ft. side  
of Dompfont. 2 places the tanks are  
buried. the other is a large tank  
covered by a straw hut. About 2  
kilometers north of Dompfont is another  
depot of gasoline hidden in the woods.  
a ammunition dump in Forêt  
Grand forest near Fleury. 2 main  
power plants on Cherbourg Peninsula.  
Ammunition dump 2 Kilo. from  
Pavillon sous Bois. Using sewerage  
system in Paris for Troop & supply  
movement.

# Gasoline Depot in Domfront.



2 Kilo North Domfront -



out they not wanted. Walk 15 min - found water - lucky stars - helped in -  
nearly. Can't read through woods - 9000 ft about or 100 yds - looks falling.  
Crying behind 3 soldiers - 2 road - 1 back. Must have slept. Length of  
blow - sick. knew needed attention. Walked to road - no 15. Laid up

Cherterfield - walk - down road through woods.  
met old 22 - most wild & loud. He took me - I not hurt in high jumps  
again. To check - dirty - nasty. Drank 2 litres cider. Felt 2 weeks in  
eat. Got awfully sick - they picked me up - by then in bed.

Each called wounds;  
Slept at 1200 next day - legs in bed. 1 day more next day. To by left  
Threats & idea - manage get little down. Is had exploded bombs on  
ship - seemed short night &  
day.

Man seemed to death - want no leave.  
2d morning - tried shoes on feet - gave 150 francs - with me.  
Went back & got congress, essay hit box I'd hid. Walked all  
day. Sky congress. Rained all day - I wet. Metal in skin getting  
festered.

Found bean left - grabbed few turnips & cabbage leaves - by in by left.  
The unloading, by in it. Kid c 15 but not moving by - can't move  
with pitch fork - scared him.

Was head & side - but no sleep all night. Got it off to drink next morning -  
at head. Got lost congress in by.

Arbitration @ my 2 - walk all day - in circle last part of day -  
to point just couldn't go further. Can't even - ask drink. I have  
stopping at farmhouse all day - by help - get food & m.

Feeling pretty sick - got cough & short of breath - really fixed up.  
Ask pleat it - I not in to turn - 2 M walk. c 100'. Lady told him  
call to back, ask if by way - eat head & butter. Don't in from work - had  
been any 39 - seemed gone by Am penny.

He took me to his house c 100' away - with 2 child. Just hot meal - cognac.  
For 2 hrs he picked metal which I getting tight. Put me to bed c 1000.  
next day c 1300 something to eat. Altered several times - not let him bother  
head.

Next day M to see man Chermel (?) That night this man came -  
pencil paper to give materiality & what I write. Wrote Am as shot 4 yds.  
Want get help to by. Took me to dr La Jerte-Maci. Has in bag  
send outfit. missed car - to M Chermel. Took to woods - tent &  
sleeping by - 2 days there - rained. Wild boars around - not sleep at  
night w/ of day - shot 1 shot in wood.  
T. Dr. M C's house - dig 3 francs congress

Howell.

Nox attacks - led explosion in waist - not seen 20 mm to me - push me up to armory lat -  
B call for reports - N TT - not RO - BT + 1 amon 2 WC7 hit. I report explosion  
in waist, GP ask me look and. My O2 shot out - not realize till then avoid - saw  
WG bear hit - not Owers. Things turning black - changed O2 - it - T hit gone -  
I punch drunk - report both here look.

Met St Paris's  
Aron - in Paris  
Must be pilot but can  
it in Paris capital times.

Out of front in - attacks. Got back's feet - got 1 in mark - not in go down.  
Got smoke from his replacement - but I pulled out  
Saw No 2 on fire - thick - coming over flash replacement - Now give heading 300° -  
thick gas from No 4 on way. Someone on left 'get out place'. Left gun at -  
thick with hit. Tail shot up. - Pulled off helmet. Not hear bell on O/P  
Kicked off door 20 mm hit ammunition case when I half way out door. I went  
on at.  
Had my chute in hands - 3 chute out: W. all hit within mile feet  
other. I lean forward down under control. <sup>exploded.</sup> Plan crashed right below.  
TT or WG shot down <sup>out of</sup> FW which came in later attack. Plan crashed right below.  
I landed not more than 1/2 mile away from plan.

4 Wms chute ejected in ship - from Nav.  
2 hits head, 3 head, 1 arm, several legs - nothing broken - thick oxygen  
little. I head' bleed on way down.  
Pulled off chute. I had OD shirt - kakis pants - took heated flying suit.  
Pulled off long shoes, MW on way down - emergency O2 bottle. Got head  
staying bleeding from stream.

I headed S by compass from jungle hit  
C in exhausted - lay under ferns - took 1/2 shirt. I had some coming - up &  
any. Could hear dogs barking. Used ideas from fox hunting -  
favorite pattern spent - back tracking.  
W. all walking in woods - I not see others. Can't edge of woods -  
saw 2 to soldiers on path - another on other side - c 400 yds apart.

Down - rest - crawl away from them. Thirsty - to edge of ditch -  
around another to ground. Can not 1 woods within 100 yds of  
got at gate. I to not shoot - grant lot shooting in woods. But  
Be not make alarm - am reason. Thick woods - another 4.  
Back to path when 2 5 yds - crawled across on stomach - to position - kill with  
field. Not more than 100 yds - 2 5 soldiers on fence - not see them till  
toward - walked across field within 200 yds - had kakis trousers -  
kakis trousers - in bed 40 there in after 5.

Across wheat field all right - two woods 2 walk c hrs - saw 200  
yds behind 2 5 - a ch 1 in after 5. I then walking c 50' & fill.

To main road c 1900. 5 c mile apart. Has crossed road. Saw me -  
closed. Saw saw on by under tree. They seem that I give up -

Scattered up on  
- my.



On. Started toward <sup>2</sup> Le Verts Man - under Dr's care for 5 days - in house.

On Dr killed by J - I had to kill. I went to professor's house every block any - 5 days then - M. Clemat took me. Saw me in plane at 5. Two ladies in coat took me to mother's place - on bridge - to Domfront - M. Andre Rogeron's house - N with his aunt. Had quilt party - c/5 days then. Then joined McConnell at R's aunt's house. M.C. say he had visited Brit. show.

Not realize might take long time get help. After 40 days R get papers.

Paraphrase - blabbing - think Ovens & Ballinger with him. To Champseant - suggested go fishing. When Masso fall to swimming pool - pictures with you for me.

I had told P that we you - keep him from talking. Visited place, not at lady's house. Next day Domfront Then 58 days - no action - Andre R's father owns lot I had around. Swick with on bad eye out from Paris, c 35. Another guide richly - sph

5. Lady - dead hair. Took by train to Paris - we stayed. for 2 days - we sph - other 2

Take M. Lancel & me to Paris - Lady left us. Man took us to get - RBI - 'Chief' already in bed - partly bald. Up c 1300, 'Chief' carry us - met 2 young women - took us to Drang N

Submits - To call Maurice Drang - capt resist movement. met - I home to house for meals - sleep at cafe. 2 taking blocks & blocks (what you're doing - just get [ ])

Had MHP

Previous was 1300 - M.C., Nov 1 - Domfront - Pierre ... [ ]  
Told learn in 10 days. American lady - over in 1917 with Dr husband. Mother

showered. Ran cafe. La Chavalier Daugherty's  
Tell us taking P & R men first. Then 2 more, Healy, Meats over 5/100  
the.

My head bad - Lady sleep. They decided quite. Surgeon came.  
small, also nurse. Took metal out.

B  
2 months  
there

Saw movies showing Wolferate on Russian front - show falling -  
to get in out hands - results of bombing of Nails  
Medic 6 J's

Am then - WG - 99 - red headed. Walked into barbershop of Ben from last war - staying in Paris.

Maurice Drang had sheets & me help. Father move. That night Pierre & M.C. & Maurice - met guide. To Dupin - loaded down train with trunks. Daugherty, Healy, Jim Amstrong, Terry. Sheets & other fellow next day. Met Matthews RAF - Lindsay - B.26. To house of Jacques Morley - rich - says - who motor cycle when

not allowed  
109 is - 1th ink. Bandages in front of house - that at front of house -  
On you to Cleopatra's house near jail. I supposed to leave 4 Nov  
by boat  
9th birthday - we not go Fan-Fan - short, - got on drums. By by men -  
evening - 40 of us ready to com. 3 days stay in house of Bartys Smith -  
peter front.

Along C 6 - back to Paris - all 10 I think. - Jan-Jan - Turned over to Mlle.  
Bogor (?) D, L, McC & I - but Terry & Herb. We in hotel  
7 days - Taken to old man in 50 km E of Paris - 3 Eng, Amsting.  
Frenchman. Told exercise for pygones - cut wood, walk, wollyball.  
21 dep.  
I got Paris with McC had work at castle take in. Sluts, Dogfitey<sup>oth m</sup> -  
together.

Mlle Bouchon arguing with us about split up with M.C. - to split of  
had who been to Paris 3 times. C time shorts speech.

not des  
c 6 Dec  
2 wk. Then taken when Buzenki was - my phone  
I supposed leave but not. Half by - half in take is down this  
journey - stay La Jere - any nice place. Buz & I - Schweder at day str.  
Then 8 days - supposed. - Say back that we not leave.

13  
10 80's, 2 10's toy field  
2 former Jui with loggers these weeks loggers  
Wanted calling me, to show small, blond, blue eyes - c 26.  
12 days all together - to Paris - but 1 half in - by log. Almost caught at station -  
to riding as she instructing us -  
Mullerland - 2 Roswell & Miller (?) we picked up. By train to town back in  
park. Taken

13  
Field at Ju 88's - saw 3 spirit fire finally in pretty good size S Tuben.  
To Puygignen - packages. Ready was on out shirts) at 5 PM - my shoes too  
met George Roswell & VIII Army - Serge.

To river - old Belgian guide totting before we got to river. Start across - wolly -  
c 20' from opposite side - had go other bank help him to - my & Miller did.  
Shot loggers - by 11 as best as could - Roswell Miller here part - Old man  
was arrested, birds start fire.

by river - by up. Guide leave - we that to go to better place was.  
We piled down by sleep - rain mess. Guide still not was. -  
Guide go back Puygignen that not.

Left <sup>old</sup> guide - 1st main road to Perpignan - c. 4 hrs walk.  
Had pair of cloth shoes - mine too large. On out skirts of P - my heels complete  
blister - my sock all torn up. Slept out on edge. Went in. On to my fellow  
us - had stay here ask for papers - no luck. On the mountain go - George  
& Miller.

To - Chief of County 1 - his shot with Petain - 2 or 3 days with him.

2 guides - Don & young son man. No 5 hrs.  
Start twice - but going N - guide down - no walk 12 hrs - 1930-0800  
going around in circle.

Went back to Perpignan - they ticket pass at that place. Much - milk & I  
to know of Senator's wife - husband Pasco - Admin of Sports for Petain -  
but she now married to her.

The Chris & New Year. Started out in mountain.  
4 Jan 3rd day - still had shoes too small. Feet failed, good shape.

Ready on - 2 guides - walk 3 hrs. To river - 5 hrs - by. Pugged  
country bright moss - not had this time. About my mile have cross creek.

10 hrs  
Went up in mt / st mt. Log up about dry break over looking mt.  
Start at next mt 1830 - fountain c 8000  
Mulholland gave up - <sup>completed at - 2200 mi from fountain - couldn't go. 95 part - not dozens  
- very new canyon</sup> my log. Rain in & using. <sup>spots left in  
shells.</sup>  
Drank urine & water mixed - sick in 100 yds.

Schwada left with  
water.  
R - Milk go back.

Sold flat - get y & go  
Older two made it.  
Woman's cat in sack.  
Don't smoke crossing mts

Sold better in Perpignan - 2 drinks left us - but back. Dribbled on to  
0800 - Log up. Food - bananas - sausage - Jui - cold.

To home 2230 - gear up 1/2 p & many, etc. Food. Slept in stone.  
Next night to Duna. - train. Car not used. Hit 4 ft - then 10 hrs - to farm.

Left alone for Barcelona on train  
Tall blond chap interrogate when been.  
Madrid, Gibraltar - train.  
Interrogated by Br Civ while Capt interrogate Schwada.

B | Had going to make Mr. Lane at Perpignan - 8 du 88's this

B | Son's wife tells lot of things from Spain - we took a truck) gas

SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

HEADQUARTERS  
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
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Military Intelligence Service

E & E REPORT NO.  
EVASION IN

(Date)

John M CARAH, 2d Lt, O-737353

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

533 Bomb Sq, 381 Bomb Group

(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET:

MIA: 4 July 43

Arrived in UK:

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition E&E #	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-736459	1st Lt	Olof M BALLINGER	248	
CO-PILOT	0-737353	2d Lt	John M CARAH	NARRATOR	Ret'd <i>Stretto</i> US
NAVIGATOR	0-796562	2d Lt	Paul H McCONNELL	<del>E&amp;E #380</del>	R+D
BOMBARDIER	0-735008	2d Lt	George C WILLIAMS	MIA	
RADIO OPERATOR	34207244	T/Sgt	John K LANE	P/W	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	39242710	T/Sgt	Byron J GRORSTAL	P/W	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	39163466	T/Sgt	Albert G WACKERMANN	P/W	
WAIST GUNNER	33303393	S/Sgt	Francis E OWENS	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	35661197	S/Sgt	Henry W BAUSCHER, JR	MIA	
TAIL GUNNER	34315087	S/Sgt	William C HOWELL	E&E #328	

Were you wounded?

Check P/W &  
KIA files for  
the 3 MIA's

only 2 TAG's

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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. *William C. Howell, Sgt. - 34315087*
2. Decorations. *None*
3. Unit or Squadron. *381<sup>st</sup> Bomb Grp. 533<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Sqdn.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *USAAF -*
5. Date of Birth. *Nov - 4<sup>th</sup> 1921*
6. Length of Service. *17 months -*
7. Private Address. *Rt. # 2 Goldsboro, North Carolina -*
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? Were aircraft and all instruments and papers destroyed?  
*Le Mans - 4<sup>th</sup> July - 1943 - France. yes -*
9. What was your position in aircraft? *Tail GUNNER*
10. Were you wounded? *yes*
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *No -*
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? *NO*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? *NO - DOG TAGS. French MADE*
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 - British Intelligence - Barcelona. British Intelligence. Gibraltar - 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 - Barcelona - Madrid - Gibraltar -*
17. Date of arrival in Spain. *3<sup>rd</sup> JAN - 1944 -*
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *14<sup>th</sup> JAN - 1944 -*
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *JAN - 17 - 1944 - Gibraltar (AIR)*
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *JAN - 14<sup>th</sup> 1944 - Portsmouth (P)*

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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  
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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) William C. Howell Signed William C. Howell  
Rank 3/357 A. S. N. 34315787 Dated 18.1.44  
Unit 3617 B. Inf. 533. 13th Inf. 2d Div. Witness D. C. Munn 1st Lt AUS

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19 October 1942

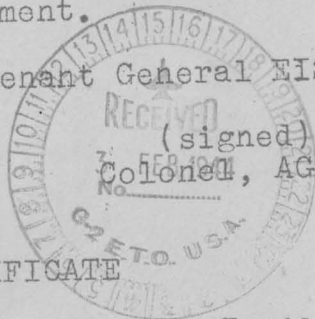
SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

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.
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By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

(signed) RALPH PULSIFER,  
Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.



CERTIFICATE

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 Unit 381st BMT Reg. 533rd B. Sqd. Witness Wm W. Smith  
Col G.S.C.