

MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE
AMERICAN CONSULATE
GIBRALTAR

20 February 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

1st Lieut. ELTON HOYT III, A.C., O-731872,
has been designated as Courier Officer for the purpose of carry-
ing one package which bears the signature of the undersigned and
is addressed to A.C. of S., G-2, Hq ETOUSA, APO #887, U.S. Army.

This package is exempt from censorship.

HORACE W. FORSTER,
Colonel, G.S. ..
Mil. Lia. Officer.

Reed Re Above Package

Elton Hoyt III 1st Lt A.C.

1st Lt A.C.

AG 383.6

Hq ETOUSA

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.
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 EISENHOWER:

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

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) Elton Hoyt Signed Elton Hoyt
Rank 1st Lt. A.S.N. 0-731872 Date Feb 19, 1944
Unit 545 Sg. 379 GP Witness Ann. W. Smith
Col GSC

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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.

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Name (Print) Elton Hoyt III
Rank 1st Lt. A.C. A. S. N. O-731872
Unit 545 Sg. 379 GP.

Signed Elton Hoyt III
Dated Feb 25 1944
Witness Donald Emerson 1ST LT AUS

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Recd

G-2 ETOUSA

hak _____

Sig _____

Rank _____

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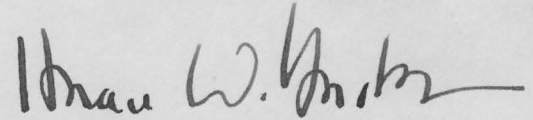
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SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
PW and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No.
Elton Hoyt III 1st Lt. A.C. 0-731872
2. Decorations.
AIR Medal with 3 clusters - Silver Star
3. Unit or Squadron.
525 Sq - 379 Gp.
4. Division (Army) or Group.
379 Gp.
5. Date of Birth.
Jan 7, 1920
6. Length of Service.
2 years
7. Private Address.
Southdown Farm, Mentor, Ohio
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?
Nantes, Sept 16, 1943 Approx Time of Depart was 10:30 AM
9. What was your position in aircraft?
Pilot
10. Were you wounded?
slight repeat injury to jaw in parachute
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much?
NO
12. Do you speak French? Spanish?
French slightly - 1 Set French Made pygmy
13. Did you have Identity Papers?
yes - I carried wallet by mistake with Ago pass, Inst. Card, etc.
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? *Spanish border authorities at Jaca, Spain. No account given as to experience in evasion - At Madrid to British Interrogator at American Consul. - British interrogators at "b.b."*
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? *At Gibraltar Feb 19*
17. Date of arrival in Spain.
Feb 10, 1944
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar.
Feb 19, 1944
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.
Feb 23 Gibraltar by air
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
Bristol Feb 24, 1944

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E & E REPORT NO.
EVASION IN FRANCE

(Date)

Elton Hoyt III 1st Lt 0-731872
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

525 379
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 24
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 2 yrs
HOME ADDRESS: SOUTHDOWN FARM
MENTOR, OHIO

MIA: Sept 16, 1943

Arrived in Spain: Feb 10, 1944

Arrived in Gibraltar: Feb 19, 1944

Arrived in UK: Feb 24, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with FWIB)

PILOT Elton Hoyt III

1st Lt

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

Official Narrators
Disposition Disposition

Were you wounded?

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E & E REPORT NO. 409
EVASION IN FRANCE

(Date)

Elton (NMI) HOYT III, ~~1st~~ Capt, O-731872
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

525 Bomb Sq, 379 Bomb Group
(Squadron) (Group)

~~AGE: _____~~
~~LENGTH OF SERVICE: _____~~
~~HOME ADDRESS: _____~~

MIA: 16 September 1943

~~Arrived in Spain: _____~~

~~Arrived in Gibraltar: _____~~

~~Arrived in UK: _____~~

24 February 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	O-731872	Capt	Elton (NMI) HOYT III	NARRATOR	
CO-PILOT	O-522490	1st Lt	Norman C SCHROEDER	E&E #329	
NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER	O-731497	2d Lt	Louis H GLICKMAN	E&E #370	
NAVIGATOR	O-670094	2d Lt	William J COOK, JR	E&E #410	
RADIO OPERATOR	39097706	T/Sgt	John F THOMAS	MIA	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	19971371	S/Sgt	Harry L MINOR	E&E # 421	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	36341183	S/Sgt	Herbert W DULBERG	E&E #390	
WAIST GUNNER	39531040	T/Sgt	Russell H ELDRIDGE	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	33365620	T/Sgt	William J MILLER	MIA	
TAIL GUNNER	35384298	Sgt	Edward R SHAFFER	MIA	

*Saw: 2-3 pchts shaffer
MILLER safe in France*

Were you wounded?

Hevson: none

1800 Deputy leader for Nuts - last ship about - we heard
trouble making rendezvous because of overcast - thick
clouds - N not back properly lifted - and lot of trouble
in making rendezvous - Sp. better for us - take our best
shot N. 3 last element - powder to the coast.
Not sure how soon the hit - the cover to coast - up -
ground rendezvous made - not starting

1810 Hit checked by the - not sure is in front; clear - stayed
way out - 8 ft. way to rear - TT 6 & PO report
No talk of rockets at time - explosion @ 1200 and
not hear the flash - and tail - close to lead ship.
Low in immediate flash. Too intense explosion to be flash.
1 hit under left wing - believe 1 & 2 in file - wing - (from
rear man - in good) Die reported - left side
On good food N. 3 engine hit - know 2 engines with back
save 0 put on pellets

1820 Couldn't keep up - decided bail out - pull off to it
1830 Had trouble holding it - believe in our way - from bailed
out

1840 Had trouble finding point - that sat it - reach - have
trouble hold plane. 1850 FCB out.

1860 Went out nose - saw nose in plane.
1870 Finally saw by without 02 - had 1 chute - said go
out - but no,

1880 Don't remember delving chute - but remember just
when open - but came out next to body - Schwaben on
Dulby.

1890 Watched ship go down in smoke - flame. Pretty fast
saw 3 ft. plane fly. 1900 Lady - fat & back.

1910 Drifted with him - area 1800 ft.
One man looking at me with considerable doubt in
eyes - "Somebody" People came from all sides soon.

1920 Confusion - no one doing anything about getting me out - little by
up - took me to old woman peasant's house close to

1930 Saw his wedding ring & family ring.
1940 Told them to get rid of it.

1950 Asked if he wanted my top - yes - picture - that he
was

1960 Somebody took picture, Lamer, MW. 02. much, but
Between time out for a left 1st house gave wallet in.

1970 Few minutes Dulby in - already in peasant's clothes
Saw everything but socks, shoes, underwear for peasant's
wear. 0 shoes with buckles.

1980 But people to show us N. 1000 ft.
1990 B. 3 old men with me eye to woods - great steward on 2nd line
yell little E - in ditch

2000 Met with Miller girl before arrived ditch with

After dark girl & father Lucienne - asked if
friends in town, said hope so.
Asked when wanted to go - said Spain - 'Impossible' -
too many Is.

Said she could hide us for few days. Took us with
father & little man - across fields - met one eyed
man - he seems to be waiting
1/2 & girl took us to family - Sh road truck picks us - richly
girl & one eyed man. To mill c 50 min
Miller next door - not know name. W. in stable
Wife, girl
Miller never had gun scared.

Put us in barn where S O's barn - nearby -
Miller, Dulbey, I. 1 W man then going to Paris - seem to
be house. That's it Miller figure S Laffer - he been in -
mid in public

3-4 days. Then to Miller's house
Young German who said pilot invited - he said we leave by
plane - blond hair, nose looking yellow c 5'10" well
dressed c 25-30.

Miller's little friend - carpenter in town - in with wife
Yellow with red hair or could contact E - 30-35, c 5'9"
L Been soldier - thick thighs - don't shut O

Saw Curé - one Gork knew - Bukowski with him.

3d morning S truck's looking for radio - beat to woods

4-5 days my nts in town - day in barn or elsewhere

Lucienne came with another girl - has this - something about SS.

M Pansard answered + couple friends working with him

Albert - M P's brother in law

On bus: Brihten, Mirror, Kovalt, + my app. - to St Malo -
to residence of M Pansard.

People say we leave by boat almost immediately

Frenchman the who wait escape - Michel? - but Zagre

c wk & 1/2 M Pansard reached city

Man with dark hair cut - glasses - looked c 40, German

Supposed to go to Warsaw and then - but not work.

Then he 2 shifts to momentary - Dianson - sev days then

Buckings - last saw J Miller, Shaffer, Dulbey, Kovalt

Things & stay there, Bisher & Brihten elsewhere.

2 nights to with Miller near Dianson - 1st

Priest take us there - ~~about~~ c 5'8", light hair, wore glasses

Head salesman for Renault garage - take us to Priest - who going to
Paris get orders on us.

Next another 3 people around with - wife of Miller frightened.

Renault salesman took a farm in other side of Dianson -

Ren is peasant, wife - & man in city - proprietor

One week exactly - big very large men from town visit us -
35-40

Re-salesmen & others took us to town of Dinan - to home of
man who had come with German looking man -

Pansart, Gilbert, print from monastery, & his fellow there
John & Bielstein arrived - pictures taken

4 of us in truck by Littleman & home - think -

Met Emile Guerin - supposed to take boat out - think
area Quimper

To chateau with Jean Bar where Cook staying - first led
see John

Blanchard RO, one BTG - flying in TG - 25th raid, think
other BTG - not responsible - misunderstanding

Downs said in Spain that Kovatt picked us up

Boy from Brest came with a note from Françoise of the
Black market place at Rennes.

C 5'8 1/2" - straight - good looking boy - black curly hair
canid gun

Spk of

Think mention sister

Bogard & Burkowski at Charenton place - school -
when we left Paris

Mrs. Dora Anne Kee Hanson

Alice & Maud know him also

Guinone told me about prison near Paris

Guinone been up to visit in Paris - fellow of lunchers
house in Dinan

By agent apprehended sandy money - tried - supposed
to have talked - M Pansart hiding, little fellow taken

Jean & Jean & Michelle say the Guin in Paris - C Chris

Jean & Michelle say they were when we first came
to Paris because woman contact with

Simone said guide with Dorene & Ericson son of Agnes
Andrade

Produce patrol
Dorene asked me when we were in France - how to
when I said "When in France decide to go to Spain"
Ask if had guide -

[Briefed to say that escaped P/W - think not helped to
admit with guide.

Civil authorities ask some questions - asked
when arriving Spain -

asked for
Civil ask questions about plans & equipment - but I am
believed above.

Ask only

Quarantined at ^{our} by taller civilian.

Anna Ross at site ask about going - not tell.

Need ration tickets to travel with in "Cante d'Idaho"

15-20 people picked for train - Toulouse area
Some of American

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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.,.....)

*5.10.44
Thurs 10.30*
The most tangible report I received in France ~~was the~~ concerned the results of the AAF bombing in Paris of Dec 31, 1944. I observed the raid and was informed by the French that a ball-bearing plant was completely demolished near Paris. There were other factories demolished whose the function of which I do not know. However, my informer assured me it was a fine bit of work. The civilian casualties were low comparatively.

Nantes, of Sept 16, 1943, has been a "pain in the neck" to all of us during our entire visit. According to all the French nothing was hit of military value, and hundreds of civilians were killed. - In other words it was a fine basis for anti Anglo-American propaganda. I can read several references of an uncompromising nature to the the raid and raids on Nantes in Clandestine papers. - The actual results of the raid I do not know. -

Villa Coublay is in operation again according to reports from an American 1st Lt. Wayne Bogart who visited the field. -

Civilian morale continues well, although the French are occasionally impatient. They believe the English & Americans advance too slow. and that the lateness of the debarkment is responsible for much loss of French life. They have attached too much hope to various radio messages and speeches by Mr. Churchill

in references to the time of the debarkment. Each French man I saw asked me when I thought they would debark. - That was upper most in everyone's mind. When it did not come last fall when they expected it each day, they were very discouraged. - Last fall I even heard rumours of a civilian revolution in the large cities if the invasion did not take place before winter. - Later, having been in Paris and seen the situation, I disbelieved this entirely. Things aren't too bad in Paris - There is enough to eat and one can buy anything if he knows the places and can pay the exorbitant black market prices. - However, the "raffles" are often and far-reaching. Papers are checked often - although mine were never checked in France. - The ^{news} papers threaten the curtailment of subway travel if the Parisians are not more careful in respect to private consumption of electricity.

Many trains are reported to carry A.A. guns on a flat car.

There is a large flying school near Pau. - Elsewhere in France very little ^{German} aerial activity was observed by me. -

Rumour reported many less soldiers in Paris this winter to previous periods. - To the uninitiated there seemed to many -

Thruout France there were many complaints as to the unscrupulousness of allied air attacks in regards to civilian ~~at~~ losses and unnecessary civilian losses - Reports of German morale differ. - Certain German individuals believe implicitly in a new secret weapon - having to do with rockets. - Others are reportedly discouraged -

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(Date)

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(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

525 Bomb Sq, 379 Bomb Group
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: *NANTES*

MIA: 16 September 43

Arrived in UK:

Feb 24, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWID)

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Were you wounded?

*Song 2 on 3rd chute
Lt MILLER & SHAFFER LANDED SAFE
Repeat injury to jaw in parachute - Teeth are still out
of line -*

I was pilot of the crew from which Lts SCHROEDER and GLICKMAN and Sgts DULBERG have returned. (See E&E 329, 370, + 390.)

we used the radio a lot. On the way to the target German fighters attacked our formation but did not concentrate on us. The tail gunner and radio operator reported eight fighters way out to the rear. We were hit under the left wing, and I think numbers one and two engines were set on fire. Although there was no mention of rockets at the time, I thought that it was rockets which hit us, for the explosion was too intense to be flak. I could not keep up with the formation and decided to bail out, pulling off to the right. When the men bailed out, I think that we were on one engine. I was having trouble holding the ship. The AFCE was out.

When I jumped from the nose at about 20,000 feet, no one was in the plane. I don't remember delaying my jump, ~~but~~ ^{and} I received a tremendous jolt when the parachute opened. I saw two or three parachutes. I watched my ship go down in smoke and flame and saw three fighter planes fly by. I landed quite hard on my feet and back. A Frenchman was looking at me dubiously. I explained, "Je suis aviateur americain." People seemed to rush in from all sides. In the confusion no one did anything about getting me out until a little boy led me to a peasant's house. He started taking all of my things from ~~me~~ ^{me}, including my wedding ring and family ring. I thought that he was in an organization and asked him ~~if~~ ^{whether} he wanted my dog tags. He took them and almost everything else I had. Actually it was a great mistake to give these things up, especially the dog tags, as I realized later when I learned that the boy was not in an organization at all. Some one took my parachute harness, mae west, oxygen mask, and helmet.

In a few minutes Sgt DULBERG was brought in already dressed in peasant's clothes. I was given civilian clothes. People were brought to see us as if we were a prize exhibit. We were taken into the woods and hid in a ditch with another crew member. After dark some Frenchmen came and asked us whether we had friends in France. We said that we hoped so. When we where we wanted to go, we said Spain. We were told that it was impossible, ^{because} there were too many Germans a-

SEE E&E
329, 370, +
390

SHOT DOWN
BY ROCKETS

BAILED
OUT

Helped

MISTAKE!
GAVE UP
DOG TAGS

HID
WITH
CREW
MEMBERS

JOURNEY
ARRANGED

long the way.

~~In spite of their remarks~~

^{to Spain}

We were taken to a place from which our journey was arranged. In spite of these original remarks we went to Spain in the usual fashion.

Compiled by

D E EMERSON

1st Lt, AUS

Approved by

W STULL HOLT

Lt Col, AC

Commanding

Appendix B

1. The following information has been obtained from an officer who evaded capture in enemy occupied territory.

2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but in that case it is important not to divulge any details about the source.

Statement of information covering the period from 16 September 1943 to 10 February 1944

a. Informant ~~was~~ was in Paris during the American raid on 31 December 1943. He was told that a ball bearing plant was completely demolished and other factories as well. His source, who had seen the bomb damage, said that the raid was a fine bit of work and that the civilian casualties were comparative low.

b. Informant, who was shot down on the first NANTES raid on 16 September 1943, remarks that the NANTES raid had been 'a pain in the neck' to American evaders in France. "According to all the French nothing was hit of military value, and hundreds of civilians were killed. In other words it was a fine basis for anti-Anglo-American propaganda. I even read several references of an uncomplimentary nature to the raids on NANTES in the clandestine papers."

c. Informant was told by an American evader ^{who had seen it} in November that Villa-Coublay ~~is~~ ^{is} in operation again. air field is in operation again.

d. Informant saw a large flying school near PAU.

e. Throughout France informant met many complaints about the unscrupulousness of allied air attacks, referring to unnecessary civilian losses..

f. Informant reports that French civilian morale seems good although the people are getting impatient for the allied "débarquement". They believe that the English and Americans advance too slowly and that the delay in landing is responsible for ^{the} ~~much~~ ^{many} loss of French lives. They have attached too much hope to various radio messages and to speeches by Mr CHURCHILL. The French expected the landing each day last fall and were very disappointed when it did not come. In Paris in the fall of 1943 informant heard rumors of a civilian revolution in the large cities if the landing did not take place before winter.

g. Informant found that in Paris a man could buy anything if he could find the right places and would pay the exorbitant black market prices.

No., Rank, Name:-

14047

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". - ~~purse~~

Horlicks tablets.

No

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube).

Yes

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

No

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

No

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Yes

Compass.

Sewing kit.

Yes - one guide used it crossing mt. to check -

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?

No

e. How did you finally dispose of the box?

I lost it very early -

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?

State color of stripes and letters.

If NOT, State why not.

Yes Red F

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?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money? *In paying for food and cigarettes*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *given as souvenir*

Compass. *quickly kept it*

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

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

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

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

b. Did you use them?

5. LECTURES

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

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapees?

Yes - I don't remember - In Kimbolton, England in August -
Yes - very much so
Yes! not to escape, perhaps, but a suggestion as to conduct in Spain in regards to security - Hotel rooms, in Spain may be wired for microphones, are usually tapped for eavesdropping in Spain even for the concept whisper - Prospective evaders must be warned of this - We were not -

Hotel Omnia, Paris / Hotel YACHTS
From an evader, LT PETERSON, I learned that a man very much needs patience.