

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

E & E REPORT NO.
EVASION IN FRANCE

Feb. 28, 1944
(Date)

BLYE, Kenneth T/Sgt. 31230643
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

331st 94th Bomb
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 22
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 16 months
HOME ADDRESS: 921 Washington St.
Stoughton, MASS

MIA: JAN. 5, 1944
Arrived in Spain:

Arrived in Gibraltar:

Arrived in UK:
Feb. 27, 1943.

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT Johnson, Glen B.		
CO-PILOT PATTON, RALPH K.		
NAVIGATOR Church, Milton L.		
BOMBARDIER McGough, Jack		
RADIO OPERATOR BLYE, Kenneth O.		
TOP TURRET GUNNER HALL, Ralph		
BALL TURRET GUNNER Stubblefield, James L.		
WAIST GUNNER MONSON, William A.		
WAIST GUNNER Viola, Isadore C.		
TAIL GUNNER Coleman, Casey V.		

Saw 7 cuts

Were you wounded? Yes

Johnson, G.B.

Viola, I.C.

Hall, R.

SECRET - AMERICAN
HIGHEST 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.,.....)

I saw a small landing field north of the city of Brest about 2 miles. It appeared to have only one 177 gun in operation. Louis Le Bras who had helped me in Gournin showed me pictures of Lorient, and his home in Lorient that had been bombed. It was completely destroyed. He did not seem angry and said that it had to be done. He said there were about eight submarines in the pens in Lorient that had not been damaged by the bombing. He also showed me a picture of Nantes, of the dock area that had been bombed but I didn't get any details. He told me there were three hundred thousand German soldiers on the Brest Peninsula and that there were eight hundred

in the city of Brest alone. He said there was a shortage of gasoline in that area. The following information was given me by Robert F. Jagger. He said there were two Germans to ten French, Dutch and Belgians on the Peninsula and when the time comes they will cut off all communication and travel between the peninsula and Paris Area. I saw places in the roads on the peninsula that have holes all dug and ready to be land mined, the holes are covered with wooden blocks, I also saw tank traps and barbed wire entanglements ready to be put in place.

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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 supercedes 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) BLYE, Kenneth O. Signed T/sof. Kenneth O. Blye
Rank T/sof. A. S. N. 31230643 Dated 27.2.44
Unit 331st Sqn. 94th Bomb Grp. Witness [Signature] 1st Lt. AVS

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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. *BLYE, KENNETH O. T/SGT 31230643*
2. Decorations. *NONE*
3. Unit or Squadron. *331 Bomb Sqdn.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *94 Bomb Gr.*
5. Date of Birth. *JAN. 19, 1922.*
6. Length of Service. *16 months.*
7. Private Address. *921 Washington St. Stoughton, Mass.*
8. Job as civilian. *ELECTRIC WELDER*
9. From what field did you take off? *ROFFIN*
10. Take off time. *0730*
11. Date and target. *JAN 5, 1944*
12. Where did you land? *Brest Peninsula NEAR St. Nicholas Pt
PLUME*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *Yes, A/c completely
burned.*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *RADIO OPERATOR*
15. Were you wounded? *Yes*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *Yes 2,000 FRANCS*
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? *NO*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *Yes*
19. 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?
NO
20. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? *NO*
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *Yes*
22. Date of arrival in Spain. *NONE*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *NONE*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *Sea Brest Peninsula*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *Feb. 26, 1944 Dartmouth.*