

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

E & E REPORT NO. 497
EVASION IN FRANCE

MARCH 22, 1944
(Date)

RICHARDSON, CLYDE C. 2ND LT O-672979
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

562ND 388TH
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 24
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 2 YRS
HOME ADDRESS: R.D.#2 BOX #6
PORTAGE, PENNA.

MIA: JAN. 29, 1944
Arrived in Spain: _____
Arrived in Gibraltar: _____
Arrived in UK: _____
MAR. 20, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

		Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	Hennessey, Francis P	Returned	
CO-PILOT	Wright, Edward J	unknown	Seen landing safely 150 yds from me.
NAVIGATOR	Self.		
BOMBARDIER	Mink, Sidney C	No information unknown	
RADIO OPERATOR	Lynch, John J.	"	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	Pursley, Lewis	BROKEN LEG ON LANDING.	INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM PILOT
BALL TURRET GUNNER	McCullough, John	No information	
WAIST GUNNER	Weeks, Howard	"	
WAIST GUNNER	Mack, James L.	"	
TAIL GUNNER	Moore, Marcus O.	"	

Were you wounded?

No.

(Lt. Richardson)

Appendix C.

Lt. Richardson landed near Le Cateau (S. E. of Cambrai).

~~He~~ ^{He} was on his own for three days during which time he received the following aid:

A young man, the son of a woodcutter, took ^{Richardson} ~~him~~ to his home half way between Bohain and Wassigny where he was fed, kept for the night, given civilian clothes, and set on his way by the young man and his two brothers who walked with him to Wassigny and gave him a map of the Dept. of the Aisne.

Near Mesnil - St. Laurent (E. of St. Quentin) a Polish couple gave him dinner

The evening of the third day M. and Mme Brochard (2 daughters: Denise, 22 years old, and Jeanine, 18 years old) ~~at on the outskirts~~ on the edge of Quierzy (S. W. of Chavny) took him in, fed him, and kept him for two or three days. Then two men came in a light green car. One of these men (bald on fore part of head, wearing horn rimmed glasses, speaking some English) interrogated him and ~~later~~ returning later took him to Blarancourt where he talked with Marguerite at "Morgan's Castle", the residence of Miss Anne Morgan. He was then taken back to the Brochard farmhouse at Quierzy; and two days later the same man (over)

called for him and took him to "Morgan's Castle" again. Here in
the courtyard he was transferred to an ambulance in which
he was driven to the Garage St. Charles in Chauny. There
Ginette asked him whether he knew Kennessy. He said yes
and gave her one of his dog-tags to show to Kennessy. That
night Kennessy was brought in and from this point Lt.
Richardson's story is the same as his.

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Lt Richardson

~~Over the top~~

When the bail-out order was given I pulled the release on the hatch and went out. As I came out of the hatch someone came out of the bomb bay. It was the co-pilot & the 2 of us landed about 50 yds apart. I dumped my chute, took off my mail west, balled it and I put my chute in ravine about 50 yds from where I landed, took off my boots and put on my cadet shoes which I was carrying on my chute harness. I saw people coming & hid behind bank of ravine. One of them found me & motioned me to him. We went to 2 young men standing near & I gave him my .45 which he later hid ~~it~~. They ~~motioned~~ pointed to a village, said Le Coteau & motioned for me to go S.W. They forced me to go in this direction. I ^{walked} went to a road which runs East towards Cherkeville from ^(Catillon) Le Coteau. I kept to a hedge trying to circle a village when I came to a man, took out my map, but he couldn't understand me. I went on to a road & walked up to a farm & stepped back of a shed. Someone had seen me, however, came to me, gave me cider, ^(Bussigny, 10 or 2 kms outside) I went on, walked over to a R.R. & into the fields till I came to a woods went in & examined my escape-aids & my maps. I then started S.W. through the woods & about 4:30 P.M. I came upon

a woodcutter. I approached him but he waved me on. I came to a farm but decided not to approach it. Finally I came to a shed which I entered but dogs barked & a man came out & found me. I told him I was American, he took me into a barn. Pretty soon a woman came out with beer & cider. Soon another woman came out who spoke English who asked me who I was.

She then spoke to a young man who had come in. He took me to a house, ^(1/2 way between Bohain & Wassigny) the house of the first woodcutter I had seen, the father of this young man. ^{The woodcutter had 3 sons} They took me in, brought me slippers & food, and kept me the night. I had been wearing mechanic's overalls. The next morning they gave me civilian

pants (denim) a zipper vest & trench coat. An hour before light the three sons & I started out & after walking an hour 2 of the boys left. The other led me for 1 1/2 hrs to Wassigny. (I never found that they thought I wanted to go to Le Cateau). They brought me to a wine shop in

Wassigny (on the corner of the road leading to Bohain & the other to Le Cateau). They had given me a map of the Dept of Aisne. When they showed me the way to Le Cateau I finally made them understand I wanted to go S.W. They then showed me a small road to Bohain. He put my overalls & electric suit in a bag, they were left in Wassigny. ^{Sunday morning} I started to walk to Bohain & reached it at 11 A.M. I circled Bohain on the S. to reach the road on the other side but I missed the road & so started

across fields but finally went back to the road walked toward St. Quentin & left the road to reach St. Quentin & came to Mesnil - St. Laurent. I made the mistake of stopping in the middle of the street to ask a lady for a place to sleep (about 5.30 P.M.). She motioned me down the road

On the road I passed a blue farm & stopped & went to talk who refused me when they saw called to me & took me into the house & was fed by his wife (they were Polish).

I went down the road to a church which I entered. It was empty so I rolled up in the organ cover + spent the night there. Next morning I walked to the main road out of St. Quentin at Insigny. I walked on to Lussy + into the town + was stopped by a gendarme on a bike. After talking to me + getting no answer (I just shrugged) he got on his bike + left. I then cut across fields and onto a R.R. + came out on the highway to Chauny. I decided to circle Chauny + came to the Oise River. I crossed the river on an unguarded bridge + took side roads to Quierzy (Monday night). I walked through + at other end of town I looked through an open gate of a farm + saw someone working in the barn. I approached this old man + said "American" + asked to sleep in barn. He didn't understand. A man of 50 appeared + I approached him. He couldn't understand but took me to his wife. They took me into his house, fed me, brought out a dictionary, and fed me at 9 o'clock again. Here I slept. Next morning they gave me a note saying that I should stay + a gendarme friend would get me back to England. After 2 or 3 days here, two men came in in a light green car. One was bald in front of head, wore rimmed glasses, spoke some English. He interrogated me. He came back later + took me to Beaucourt to see ^(Marguerite) a lady at Morgan's castle (This is where Miss Morgan ^{used} lived; Miss Morgan now in England). Marguerite talked with me, took me into the office there. ~~when~~ I was then taken back to the same farm. There I was told that I'd go back to England by boat (Sat. after shot down) On Mon. the man with glasses came + took me by car to Morgan's Castle, drove

+ Denine 18 yrs.
 Denine 22 yrs.
 Langlois - 2 Langlois
 M. + Mme Brochard -

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it is to the back & put me in an ambulance. Marguerite came out
and gave me cognac, socks, gloves, & talked to me. Then they drove
me to Charming & drove in Garage St. Charles (across the
street from it is a German S.S. ^{training} school for Germans about 17
years). There Ginette ^{gave her my dog tag to show her} talked to me & asked me whether I knew
Hennessy. I said yes & that night they brought in Lt.
Hennessy. That night I was taken to be photographed where
I met Jacqueline & Dickens and Reich (isn't here) were
here.

From here on my story is the
same as Lt. Hennessy's.

SECRET - AMERICAN
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. *RICHARDSON, CLYDE C. 2ND LT. O-672979*
2. Decorations. *AIR MEDAL*
3. Unit or Squadron. *562ND SQDN.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *388TH*
5. Date of Birth. *9-9-1919*
6. Length of Service. *2 YRS*
7. Private Address. *R.D.#2 BOX #6 PORTAGE, PENNA.*
8. Job as civilian. *STOCKMAN WITH MCCORDY STORES CORP.*
9. From what field did you take off? *KNETTISHAL*
10. Take off time. *0730*
11. Date and target. *JAN. 29-1944 FRANKFORT, GERMANY*
12. Where did you land? *NEAR LE CATEAU, FRANCE*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *YES*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *NAVIGATOR*
15. Were you wounded? *NO*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *NO*
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? *NO*
22. Date of arrival in Spain. *-*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *-*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *FR. BRETAGNE, MAR. 20-44*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *DARTMOUTH, MAR. 20, 1944*

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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
OFFICE OF THE A. C. OF S., G-2

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DATE: 22 March 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

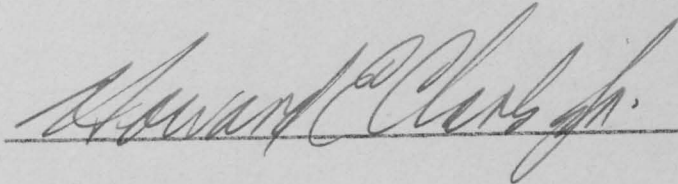
I, HOWARD E. CLARK JR., 1st Lt., AC, ASN O-798974

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

CLYDE C. RICHARDSON, 2nd Lt., AC, ASN O-672979

prior to his being reported missing in action over enemy territory.

The person whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon is the individual referred to above.




CLYDE C. RICHARDSON
RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



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The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as CLYDE C. RICHARDSON, 2nd Lt., AC, ASN O-672979 (562 Bomb Squadron - 388 Bomb Group) previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.


W. F. MARRANDA SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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OUTLINE FOR TALKS

1. Complete description of everything that happened. in plane before jump.
2. Description of jump and landing.
3. Description of what you did with your equipment.
4. Tell story of experiences up to time you met the person who put you in contact with organization.

DO NOT GIVE THE NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO HELPED YOU AT ANY TIME.

DO NOT GIVE THE NAMES OF TOWNS.

DO NOT GIVE ANY ADDRESSES.

5. How you crossed Pyrenees (General Location)
6. Your experiences in Spain.

Suggestions for others.

If there is some helpful incident that happened after you were picked up, do not mention it until it has been discussed with M.I.S. Interrogator.

Richard R Nelson

RICHARD R NELSON
Major, AC

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MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "B" 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.,.....)

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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

8 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.

GERTIFICATE

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) RICHARDSON, CLYDE COLLINS

Signed Clyde C. Richardson

Rank 2ND LT A. S. N. O-472979

Dated March 22, 1944

Unit 388TH BOMB. GROUP 562 NASQDN

Witness _____

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