

E&E # _____

INTERROGATOR _____

DUARTE EARL B
(Name)

2ND LT
(Grade)

0-803584
(ASN)

535 TH
(Squadron)

381ST
(Group)

DEC. 31, 1943
(Missing in action) (returned to duty)

Message to be broadcast over BBC:

Arrived safely.

Earl.

*Bon Voyage
Earl.*

Language FRENCH

Time: 12:00 or 12:30

Person requesting message M. Vie'

Date of contact with this person 1-6-44

Description of this person:

Services rendered:

Care during stay in France.

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

E & E REPORT NO. 563
EVASION IN FRANCE

APRIL 18, 1944
(Date)

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(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

THREE
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535 Bomb Sq, 381 Bomb Group
(Squadron) (Group)

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Arrived in UK:

APRIL 17, 1944

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NAVIGATOR	O-808455	2d Lt	Cornelius A HEINTZ, JR	✓	MIA P/W
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RADIO OPERATOR	12191064	Sgt	Joseph J BALESH	✓	MIA HANDS OF UNDER GROUND
TOP TURRET GUNNER	17064663	Sgt	Russell N JEVONS	✓	E&E #416
BALL TURRET GUNNER	12209398	Sgt	Howard B NORRIS	✓	MIA P/W
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TAIL GUNNER	20755148	Sgt	Powell H McDANIEL	✓	MIA P/W

Were you wounded?

No

3 other dates
wounded in France
into G & E
drop in France
when more
bombs were
dropped
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SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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DAMAGED BY
FIGHTERS

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JUMPS AT
2500 FT

As soon as I slowed down and straightened out, I pulled the rip-cord. When the chute opened the shrouds twisted. I turned three times to unwind them and landed. I had had time to count three chutes and see the aircraft in a steep diving turn before I landed in a wood,

INJURED
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SHELTERED BY
PEASANTS

USES FIRST
AID KIT

COLLABORATOR
NEIGHBORS

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EXERCISES
IN PREPARATION
FOR PYRENEES

SPAIN

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On the morning of 4 January I made my presence known to an old woman ^F as she was feeding her chickens. She told me to remain hidden until evening. At ~~that~~ time her husband came to me with food, coffee and cognac. They took me home and had me soak my feet before going to bed. I was suffering too much, however, to be able to sleep. When I had entered the house they had shown me one of my gloves, rip-cord and pilot chute. I now made them understand that I wanted the first aid kit that had been attached to the harness. The equipment must have been well hidden as it took over three hours to bring me the kit. When it was brought ~~me~~ I took half of the morphine. While I was waiting ~~they~~ ^{I was} told me that ~~their~~ Italian neighbors had turned in one of my crew.

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NOT RECORDED - BRITISH
SECRET - AMERICAN

APPENDIX "B" TO E&E REPORT NO. 563

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APPENDIX "D" - REPORT NO. 563

1. AIDS BOX: I ate the Horlicks tablets and chocolate from my aids box while I was in hiding for 5 days. The chewing gum was used to keep my mouth moist as I had nothing to drink during this time. The compass and sewing kit were also used.
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3. PHOTOGRAPHS: I carried three photographs which, while a bit bigger than regulation, were trimmed down and used on my papers.
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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 PULSIFER,
Colonel, AGD, Ass't, Adj. Gen.

CERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

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Name(Print) EARL B DUARTE Signed Earl B. Duarte
Rank 2nd Lt A.S.N. 0-803584 Date April 12, 1944
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were the people who originally
did my chute. The farmer
gave me civilian clothes and
an English-speaking friend told
me I would be taken to join
other Americans. On 5 January
27 ranchmen came for me
in a car and we drove right
into Toulouse.

We were met by a young
woman who showed me pictures
of Lt McCabe (282 Rpt) and
Lt Balish (left in Pyrenees) of my
crew. She wanted my passport
and the real estate pictures. I was taken to a
seemed 1 office of a middle-aged woman

where I was hidden until evening
 after dark, a doctor who had
 been to school in Stanford Conn.
 and two young Frenchmen took
 me to a lab & x-ray my
 feet. Back at the office I was
 given an I card and taken
 to a hotel for the night and next
 day.

The night of 6 January I moved
 to M. Nie 7 Matabian Blvd. I

was put to bed here and cared
 for regularly by the doctor. I first
 put on my shoes on 29 January.
 Mme Borella address daughter

lived upstairs. They were hospital
 nurses and gave me shots
 at the end of January. A man in
 glasses told me the others
 had left France. The doctor
 said I could not for 15 days.
 The man of the glasses

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wanted me to be moved to
the country so that I could get
more exercise. M. Nie ~~to~~ kept
me because he thought I
could be sent out by aircraft
when arms were dropped between
8 and 12 Feb.

M. Nie gave me a new
I card. The making of them was
his chief occupation in the
organization. His business is
Majuna Products (vanilla sugar)
His daughter Romanda types
the I reports sent to Algiers.
He also is involved in the
dropping of arms for partisans.

On 26 February Mue's
uncle was caught by the
Gestapo. As there was a little
girl in the house, they
were afraid she would talk.

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I was moved. I went to the
home of Paul Asowal's
feared in Boulogne (south
of Combe) Paul was a P/W who
had escaped from Austria and
lived with M. N. His father is
a professor. Mme N. and
Romanda took me to Boulogne
Her father is M. Jean Fuaré. He
owns a grocery store and,
during my stay, gave a
gendarme Benigne so that
he could pick up arms.

I was supposed to return
soon and leave Toulouse
on 2 March. There was so much
snow in the mountains that
I was advised to remain where
I was. On 16 March M. N.

Took me back to Toulouse
and went on to Pau with M.
Nie.

~~He~~ ~~Here~~ ~~Isabelle~~ Mlle Claire
whom I had met in Toulouse.
It had originally been planned that
^{She speaks English and regularly takes money from Paris to Pau.}
She would be my guide. ~~Also~~

saw M. Jicques whom I had also met
He organizes the parachuting of arms
and sends messages to London.
Here M. Nie left me and went to
Tarbes. Mlle Claire took me
by bus to Navarrenx with four
Frenchmen, one an ex-radio
operator from Paris. We took
a taxi to the hills N of Barcus
and picked up a guide. We
spent the night in a mountain
barn.
We set out the next night

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in a party of 15 as we had two
entire ~~4~~ ~~recess~~ families with us.
The next day was spent in a barn
and the families were left behind
when we set out that night. We
were arrested on 20 March 6 km
from Isaba

Now could see snow line
 18th march. In barn all day
 that night off again at dark
 after eating. Walked ~~with~~
 the snow whale way to a
 deserted house in Spain
 at 0200 on 19th. At daylight
 went down the road we were
 6 km to G. Saba. We arrived
 before we reached it.

To Pamplona next day.
 for until 30th March. To Elheta
 there until 11th Madrid. Feb
 on 12th U.K. 17th April

attacked by fighters on way
into target. #3 knocked out. Bombardier
& navigator injured (faces cut up by 20mm
explosion. Heintz had pains in stomach - later
possible). Feathered prop #2 bad
oil leak wouldn't feather. I was
singing a bit when I saluted the bombs
~~to make sure they didn't go wrong~~
blew out. The bomb bays would not
close, Co-P & TTG went back to
close them. Intercom & hydraulics
out since first flt attack. Tried
to play with formation till oil pressure
started to fluctuate. Couldn't take
chance on dealing with open bomb

10000 bag of ~~Heard~~ ^{lead} ~~2~~ ^{lead} ~~submarine~~ ^{lead} ~~submarine~~. We were long at the
#2 free gave prepare to bale out and loaded
for Spain as per CO's orders.

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away I gave bab-out order and
~~#6~~ only engine left.

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to 3000 ft. When left controls went into
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seats. Must have lost 500 ft before
 parachuting bombay. were found
bombardier & had to push him
out. I saw his chute open when
I was in the air
Followed him right out and delayed
for 20 sec until slowed up &
straightened out in the air. When
I pulled the rip cord the shroud
twisted. I turned about 3 times &
straightened him and landed
down just had time to count
3 chutes & see the A/C in steep
turn. After I landed saw
huge fire SE of me which I presumed
was A/C.

I landed hard on my
feet injuring knee & hip as
most of weight on rt foot. Landed
in field on edge of woods chute
caught in trees. Got chute down
& ran into the woods. Here hid
chute & made west. Saw a
boy on a bike but he did not stop
I pretended not to see him.
Someone called but I could not
see them. Had them in a culvert in

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In woods covering with leaves & brush
I started going but woods was
small & soon came to edge DO 217
was flying about low scouting. Waited
till it left before crossing field. There was
a huge pile of pruning and I crawled
back of it, it backed on stone wall
and then under the branches. Here
for 5 days. Every day planes
scouted vicinity & thought it
best to be low.

Went down on a Friday finally decided
to leave Tuesday ~~and~~ evening
cause so many places regularly
had decided it was no secret
by training. Looked over terrain
I was nearly a lot of houses.
This was Monday evening when trying
to get exercise. Found I could
not walk well. Also my feet
had swollen in hiding & had to take
them off (kept them) & wear flying boots

had not realized that hands
& feet had been frozen in A/C.
Nothing to drink at ~~Woollicks~~ ^{Chocoma}
& given no rationing. ^{Cold rained &} snowed

As couldn't walk made
presence known to old woman

Tuesday morning as she was
feeding the chickens. She invited
me to remain hidden that evening

(4pm) an elderly farmer came to
me & took me into the house (woman)

gave me food coffee cognac wine
& soaked my feet in warm water

and went to bed but could not
sleep cause of suffering. When entered

house they showed me one of my
gloves, supper & pilot chart. Told

me nearby Enzige neighbors had
turned in bombardier. I made them

understand that I would like
to be first aid but that had been

on my harness. The most local
hidden it well for it took 384

hrs to get it. I took half of the
morphine 1/4 grain. Morning of 5th

told me about 3 comrades ~~planned~~
I was supposed to join them. ~~slipped~~

at 0700 my English speaking man
told me I would be taken to join
them. I left my car with 2 friends

Cutsumville
to see me
+ some German
the circus. Nickers

and ~~two~~ Interpreter leading way
in another car. Went right into

Toulouse & parked. A young woman
met us. She showed me a picture
of McCable and part of Babish's and
asked for mine. She took me

to the office of a man (who may have
been in real estate) then taken to

another room until evening, after
dark taken to lab and kept
of-raged. (12 young men as guides)

These two made out my I card
in the real estate office. Found

no broken bones. Took me to hotel
room for night & next day. Brought
bread & wine. That night moved to

M. Vie. 7 Matabian Blvd Trabes
Here doctor came to see me

gave prescription, sleeping tablets
& shots for circulation. I'm bed here
until 26th 1st day I could put on
shoes for a couple of hrs.

5 ft 4
120 lbs
dark hair
& eyes.

clearly
45
fair
5 ft 6.

map of books

5th

6th Jan.

When able to walk used to take
 exercise along canal in evening
 longer in evening. Top-speaking
 man in classes. Told me others had
 left when could I do said good
 15 days. Told you glasses wanted
 to move to country where could get
 more exercise but Mr. We believed
 I would go by APC when arms
 were dropped bet 8/12 Feb
 and kept me. Now I card made
 here. Mr. We chief of staff is
 making 2 cards (just it every
 night). ~~Also~~ Majuma Products
 is his business (vanilla sugar)
 his daughter Romanda types
 the 2 reports for Algeria. He has
 some link with arms dropping as
 know - pin-point (Clement Ferrand
 + Toulouse) & has some of arms
~~here until~~ On 26 Feb relation
 on wife's side caught by
 Gestapo, a little girl staying
 with team and afraid she
 might talk. Moved in
 to Boulogne (saw of bombs)
 to home of Paul's fiancé
 (his father a professor) ^{to grocery}
~~He~~ Mr. Jean + war ^{store, gas}
^{benzene, to agenda}
^{pick up arms}

People appearing in
 the books came one photo
 Miss Bonella + daughter
 to observe 1/10
 from Mrs. N's country
 with an O.P.A. 1/10
 have friends
 in the house

supposed to leave in a few days & ret to Toulous & leave T on 2 march
~~Guide on 2 march ret~~

~~Could not catch a boat~~ But
~~of Toulon~~ But so much
snow in Pyrenees that advised
remaining in Boulogne.

Witz
Kuno Vie
Trainer

Ret to Toulouse on 16 March

Left on 15th at 0530 hrs

Departure from Toulouse delayed
as to many Gestapo's checking
of T & Pan over stations.

arrived Pau at 11:00 with M.
Ne. Mlle Claire &

AA. ~~James~~ whom I had met
Poulouse in Mill Claire

spoke my & was to have been
guided by her she would by ticket
but I would be alone according!

to original plan but M. N. decided
to do it himself met me that afternoon
M. Jacques whom I had also

Handwritten notes:

- 1. A small box
- 2. A small box
- 3. A small box
- 4. A small box
- 5. A small box
- 6. A small box
- 7. A small box
- 8. A small box
- 9. A small box
- 10. A small box

met in Toulouse called in
the afternoon. He sent arrangements
for messages to London. They took
orders from him.

M. We went to Tarbes
that night. Mlle Claire took
me by bus to Navarrenx.

Mark
four men in her lands on
this bus. one a radio op from Paris
rest at P/O. Here took taxi to
barn in hills of Barcas. Picked
up guide here, fed and taken
to barn for the night and
next day.

The 16th a little girl fed us
in the barn all day. I sat night
after dark ate in farmhouse
and set out at 2200 hrs

Self, 4 men from bus
2 guides + 2 families
total 18. I sat night, walked
to barn at 0430 hrs on 17th.

Stayed in barn all day, no
snow. Two families stayed
behind that night after first mt
(elderly woman) so left in barn
2 guides continued with 5
supposed to walk 20 km in 6 hrs
walked 10 km. Walked till 0600

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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.

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) EARL B. DUARTE

Signed Carl B. Duarte

Rank 2ND LT. A. S. N. 0-80.3584

Dated April 19, 1944

Unit 381ST BOMB GR. 535TH BOMB SQDN

Witness Walter E. Smith Capt WAC

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SECRET - AMERICAN
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.,.....)

GERMAN MOVEMENT OF PLANES + EQUIPMENT LATE IN JAN. PLANES WERE
around Toulouse
MOSTLY JU 88's ONE Do 217. TWELVE TRAINS OF EQUIPMENT FOR
DEFENSE OF SOUTH EAST FRANCE INCLUDING 8 HEAVY GUNS *28th Jan*
Blagnac *left from Toulouse for*
BLANAC AIRFIELD NORTH WEST OF TOULOUSE WAS USED FOR REFUELING AND
LOADING OF PLANES BOUND FOR SOUTH EAST FRANCE + ITALY
DEFENSES OF AIRFIELD CONSISTED OF 8-88's + 12 25MM GUNS
PARACHUTING OF ARMS IN THE VICINITY OF TOULOUSE DURING MARCH
WAS QUITE SUCCESSFUL IN THAT ONLY TEN CONTAINERS WERE CAPTURED
BY THE GERMANS DUE TO A FRENCH POLICEMAN. *notification by*
OBSERVED RESULTS OF THE BOMBARDMENT OF GERMAN AIRFIELD AT PARBES
APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS AFTER ATTACK *No activity 304*
a few m e 109 on field o.k. some wrecks on field
3 kangars west side } o.k. one transport
field a little further south not so
important

The G patrol at Boulogne
goes down on Tues + Thurs
generally 4 in a patrol in Toulouse
2 carrying sub-machine guns
young + old
Established H. Q. in Toulouse is
near Park. (my at center arch map)
Barbed wire barriers hauled
tous 1 day base + wagon.

Leaflets over Toulouse early
Feb. almost all bundles collected
by G. few circulated & it is said
of a pamphlet with picture of Frankfurt
J. & other lay showing coverage by
60015795
Not scattered dropped in bundles

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F 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? *Put inside shirt just before jumping*
- c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".
WHILE HIDING 5 days.
 Horlicks tablets. *✓*
 Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *✓*
 Milk (tube).
 Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).
 Halazone tablets (water purifier).
 Matches.
 Adhesive tape.
 Chewing gum. *As keep my mouth moist*
 Water bottle.
 Compass. *alone for directions but had lost maps*
 Sewing kit. *✓ buttons*
- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *No*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *STILL HAVE BENZADRINE, HALAZONE + WATER BOTTLE. COMPASS WAS TAKEN BY SPANISH POLICE.*
- 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?
CONSOLIDATE MAPS + MONEY WITH AID KIT.

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *YES*
 State color of stripes and letters. ? *In knee pocket and fastening*
 If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? *(No) LOST IN PARACHUTE JUMP.*

(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?

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

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

No

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

If so, how many? *THREE*

b. Did you use them?

YES a little bit but trimmed down OK

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM

YES - KEARNEY, NEB. Nov. 1943 RIDGEWELL DEC 1943

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

BY LT BALLINGER

YES Try to follow what I had been told
c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers?

DO NOT ATTEMPT MT. CROSSING UNLESS YOU ARE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION.

*See C. Take plenty of exercise
Was reconditioned G.I. shoes soles came apart
in mts. Should have good G.I. shoes only OK footwear*

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. *EARL BERNARD DUARTE, 2ND LT. 0-803584*
2. Decorations. *NONE*
3. Unit or Squadron. *381ST BOMB GR. 535TH BOMB SQDN.*
4. Division (Army) or Group.
5. Date of Birth. *MAY 16, 1917*
6. Length of Service. *3 YRS 25 DAYS*
7. Private Address. *925 JUNCTION AVE. LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA.*
8. Job as civilian. *TELLER - BANKING*
9. From what field did you take off? *RIDGEWELL*
10. Take off time. *07:45*
11. Date and target. *BORDEAUX*
12. Where did you land? *AUCUMVILLE*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *YES*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *PILOT*
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? *No - ONLY DOG TAGS.*
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?
MR. COLEMAN AT GIBRALTAR 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.
MARCH 1920, 1944
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar.
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.
APRIL 12, 1944
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
BY AIR FROM GIBRALTAR ON APRIL 16, 1944
SUMERSET ON APRIL 17, 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: 19 April 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, WILLIAM H. BARTLETT JR., 1st Lt., AC, O-801726

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

EARL B. DUARTE, 2nd Lt., AC, O-803584

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.

Earl B. Duarte William H. Bartlett Jr.

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 EARL B. DUARTE,

2nd Lt., AC, O-803584 (535 Bomb Squadron - 381 Bomb Group)

previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

W. F. Maranda
W. F. MARANDA, SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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