

E&E # \_\_\_\_\_

INTERROGATOR CARROLL

SET. ROBERT FINNEY  
(Name)

S/Sgt  
(Grade)

6 394292.  
(ASN)

339<sup>th</sup>  
(Squadron)

96  
(Group)

5 JAN 44  
(Missing in action)

11 MAY 44  
(returned to duty)

Message to be broadcast over BBC:

ROBERT <sup>EIT</sup> BIEN ARRIVE..

Language French

Time: 1200 ~~hours~~ hours

Person requesting message all my helpers.

Date of contact with this person \_\_\_\_\_

Description of this person:

Services rendered:

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

*W*  
*Proof*  
*dm*

E & E REPORT NO. 628  
EVASION IN France

11 May 1944  
(Date)

Robert FINNEY, S/Sgt, 6394292  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

3x 22 missions  
(Number of Missions)

TARGET: ~~BORDEAUX~~ BORDEAUX

MIA: 5 January 1944

Arrived in UK:

11 May 1944

339 Bomb Squadron, 96 Bomb. Group  
(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

			Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-421049	Capt Donald C COLE		KIA
CO-PILOT	0-726116	1st Lt James M BRADLEY		P/W
NAVIGATOR	0-687639	2d Lt Thomas H SCOTT		P/W
BOMBARDIER	0-803203	2d Lt Harold V WIGGINS		P/W
RADIO OPERATOR	13153161	T/Sgt Joseph GROSS		P/W
TOP TURRET GUNNER	19091460	T/Sgt Harland J HENDRIX		P/W
BALL TURRET GUNNER	13012941	S/Sgt Richard J GATESMAN		P/W
WAIST GUNNER	14134415	S/Sgt Clarence C NORTON		P/W
WAIST GUNNER	33477359	Sgt Harold THORNE		P/W
TAIL GUNNER	6394292	S/Sgt Robert FINNEY		NARRATOR

Were you wounded?



Notes.

Was lecturing ~~one at E. street~~  
on ~~and then at Sutter's Health;~~  
EYE moved of value. -

APPENDIX B.

- On ~~the~~ January
- ① Informant saw in the vicinity of SAINTE Biplane trainers, ~~They were~~ practicing ~~all day.~~
- ② On ~~the~~ 5 January, informant saw in the vicinity of SAINTE ~~many~~ <sup>much</sup> hoops in green ~~uniforms~~, and in yellow uniforms. Some of the hoops were ~~carrying full equipment.~~ <sup>seen to be Moroccan. Moroccan.</sup> All ~~the~~ hoops were carrying full equipment.
- ③ On ~~the~~ <sup>around</sup> ~~the~~ 2 March, informant saw over ~~a~~ <sup>1,000</sup> thousand soldiers in green uniform in Toulouse.
- ④ On ~~the~~ 2 March informant was told that in Toulouse the ~~German~~ shot people in the street without warning.

Sgt ROBERT FINNEY

BOMB TARGET  
FALL OUT OF  
FORMATION

On the 5th January 1944 our target was Navarre, ~~and we~~ Our plane was flying in squadron leader position. At the IP our no 1 engine was hit by flack. Over the target no 2 was hit. We fell out of the formation with the whole squadron. As we were leaving the IP we were attacked by ME W9. I shot down 2 but 5 attacked the nose and hit no 3 engine.

FRANCE OR SPAIN?

<sup>Over the interphone</sup> The pilot came in the choice of bailing out in Spain ~~and~~ <sup>and being</sup> interned for the duration or bailing out in France. We chose France. ~~I went to the waste~~ <sup>we blew up the ~~secret~~ equipment</sup> ~~I went to the waste~~ <sup>to prepare for jump</sup> before going out I saw

JUMP.

<sup>the pilot and</sup> The engineer who was always holding a hand grenade. They did <sup>not seem to</sup> want to jump. <sup>and motioned me to go</sup> I jumped from 10,000 feet.

A

LANDING

In the air I heard two explosions and saw pieces of plane fly around me. I worked <sup>up to</sup> 20 and pulled the rig cord. I landed in an open field, buried my chute in a hole that I dug with my hands. Nearby ~~me~~, a farmer was standing; he mentioned me

<sup>towards to me</sup>  
 to run in ~~the~~ woods. Passing by him, I stopped  
 for a moment and said: "American" <sup>and</sup> we shook hands, ~~and~~  
~~returning~~ I ran 1/2 mile <sup>NE</sup> north east  
 across a ~~marsh~~ ~~country~~ then buried myself  
<sup>and hid</sup> like a rabbit in high grass. I was ~~scared and~~  
 nervous, from ~~where~~ my position I could see  
 2 Germans 20 yards away searching for  
 me. I took <sup>2</sup> benzodrine ~~which~~ <sup>tablet</sup> helped me  
~~staying~~ to steady my nerves and I remained  
 there until night. I walked all night  
 with the aid of my compass and ~~apiring~~  
~~my hunger~~ the ~~At-~~ chocolate inside my  
 aid box ~~could~~ <sup>was</sup> <sup>very</sup> <sup>useful</sup>. In  
 the morning I hid in a haystack, <sup>tried to</sup>  
~~all day and tried to dry my flying boots~~  
~~dry my flying boots~~. (I had taken no  
 all <sup>night</sup>) ~~but~~ ~~which~~ I walked all the next  
 night <sup>and</sup> the following morning I saw a  
 large farm. I looked at the door. A  
 woman opened ~~the door~~ and I ~~told her~~ <sup>said</sup>  
 the only 3 French words I knew: "American  
aviateur, un ailer". She took me in  
 and from then on my journey was  
 arranged for me.

MET A FARMER.

HIDE FROM GERMAN IN GRASS  
 and stay there

HELP.

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 PULSIFER,  
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) ROBERT FINNEY Signed Robert Finney  
Rank S/Sgt. A.S.N. 6394292 Date MAY 9, 1944  
Unit 339<sup>th</sup> BOMB SQDN. 96<sup>th</sup> B. Gr. Witness Wm W. Smith

Col. G.S.C.



Finney

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

Jan. 5, 1944 at 12:40 Ground SAINTE

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.  
Was it on fire, etc?

3 Engines out part of tail shot off by flak.  
horizontal stabilizer shot off.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 10,000

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

Ball turret gunner hit by flak in left  
leg

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

NAV. Bombardier, Co. P. R- B.T. W. Gunners and tail, all  
but one chute opened.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? Plane exploded in  
air

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after  
reaching the ground? one landed

about 100 yds from me.

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other  
members of the crew were dead or alive? If so give details furnished  
by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by  
name or otherwise.

no

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its  
condition?

no

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and what  
means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained  
on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and  
his reasons for his opinion?

I saw seven parachutes in the air.

*22d Mission*

SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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

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EVASION IN

MAY 11, 1944  
(Date)

FINNEY      S/Sgt      6394292  
(Name)      (Rank)      (ASN)

339<sup>th</sup>      96<sup>th</sup> B. Sq.  
(Squadron)      (Group)

TARGET: BORDEAUX  
MIA: JAN 5, 1944  
Arrived in UK: MAY 11, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT CAPT. COLE

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER LT. BRADLEY

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER S/Sgt ROBERT FINNEY

Official      Narrators  
Disposition      Disposition

*They were replacement crew  
and I was spare gunner  
did not know the names  
of the other boys.  
I saw seven chutes in the  
air.*

Were you wounded?

NO

# RESTRICTED

## 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) ROBERT FINNEY Signed Robert Finney  
Rank S/SGT A. S. N. 6394292 Dated May 11, 1944  
Unit 96<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq. 339 B-SqPN. Witness Charles A. Byron  
1st Lt. A.C.

AG P BR HQ SOS 2-44/2M/22472

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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. *Robert Finney 5sgt. 6394292*
2. Decorations. *air medal D.F.C.*
3. Unit or Squadron. *96<sup>th</sup> - 339<sup>th</sup> Sqdn.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *96<sup>th</sup> B. Gr.*
5. Date of Birth. *Sept. 18, 1915*
6. Length of Service. *9 years*
7. Private Address. *1910 Green St. San Francisco*
8. Job as civilian. *farmer*
9. From what field did you take off? *Eccles Road*
10. Take off time. *4 A.M.*
11. Date and target. *Jan. 5, Bordeaux*
12. Where did you land? *France*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *yes*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *Tail Gunner*
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?  
*yes British Liaison office Gib*
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 British Liaison office Gib*
22. Date of arrival in Spain. *march 19, 1944*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *MAY 8, 1944*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *Gib May 10, 1944*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *Bristol May 11, 1944*

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E 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?
- c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".

Horlicks tablets.

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *eat*Milk (tube). *no*Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *energy* *the helped me keeping awake.*Halazone tablets (water purifier). *did not use them.*Matches. *smoke*Adhesive tape. *no*Chewing gum. *for thirst*Water bottle. *no good* — *teeth all over.*Compass. *for direction*Sewing kit. *no*

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *yes*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *buried*
- 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?

*no*2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *yes*  
State color of stripes and letters. *yellow* *H. Red.*  
If NOT, State why not.

- 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? *the only one* *Only one map of France - old map. Not very good*  
Compass. *yes*  
File (hacksaw). *none*  
Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *1800 F. in it only*  
How did you spend the money? *Change to friends*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *burned*  
Compass.  
File (hacksaw).  
Surplus currency. *changed it to spanish money*

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?  
b. Did you use them? *yes* *use them to make false identit' papers-*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *yes*  
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *letter to Heath. place. Eccles road*  
b. Did you find the lectures of value? *yes*  
c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers?

APPENDIX C.

*Finnely  
M. J. J.*

On the 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. -

I landed in an open field 10 miles  
north west of SAINTES

I was alone for two nights and a day. -  
On the 7<sup>th</sup> January I knocked at the door  
of a large farm house. - a woman  
called MADAME BOARDE ~~gave me help~~ took  
me in (<sup>widow</sup> her husband had been a judge  
~~in Paris~~, aged 65 or 70, white hair, grey eyes,  
lanky, widow, her husband had been  
a judge in Paris. she had never helped before  
she gets her mail through the post office at  
SAINTES. with her lives a niece aged 29,  
dark hair, brown eyes, had asthma,  
her parents dead. -). Mme Boarde gave  
me a room in a section of the house  
where the maid could not see me. ~~leave~~ <sup>could come</sup>  
~~down when she left for the day.~~

I stayed in this house 2 weeks. - On the  
16<sup>th</sup> January through <sup>one of</sup> her farmers to whom  
she talked about me a young resistance  
man <sup>and his wife</sup> came to see me. - (aged 23, tall  
slender, black hair, ~~has a blonde~~ <sup>the wife is blonde</sup>  
aged 19, He is a sabotage man lives in  
the maquis at ~~BRIEVES~~ ~~BRIE~~ BRIEVES  
(CORREZE). He took me to SAINTES  
on a motorcycle. There we went to  
the R.R. yards. He told me that ~~was~~

we would both put dynamite sticks in R.R. engines. - we passed ~~the~~ <sup>one</sup> ~~only~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~also~~ <sup>only</sup>, he was a resistance man. - He <sup>then</sup> left me with 11 sticks and the motorcycle. - I put one in the fire box of each engine, (the sticks had a 4 minute fuse) drove down the road, picked him up. we went back to MURBOARDE, picked his wife. - <sup>From there we</sup> ~~we~~ went to NIOR by motorcycle, there we took a bus to RUFFEC where another man (aged 45, 5'10" grey hair) took charge of me and brought me by train to Clermont Ferrant via BELLAC where we arrived there 24 hrs later. - I was put in a train. That night the same man took me to ANNEX where I was turned over to the MAQUI 15 km north of ANNEX. (we went ~~there~~ by car). - I stayed ~~there~~ in a <sup>weat hys</sup> farm house with a couple and there 4 children. - While I was there practically everyone from the surroundings came to see me and everyone told me I would be taken to Switzerland for the Spanish border was so well guarded. - This Maquis was often patrolled by German and French gendarmes. Trouble started 5 days



after my arrival. - It appears that one of the Mazuis men shot a few Germans. the result of which was that the Germans sent 15 planes (old types, ME 110) which came and machine gunned the people. - The french Avions started <sup>hunting for Germans and</sup> shooting ~~them~~ in the streets. The Germans sent troops and a search started in the Amnevy locality. The atmosphere was getting too hot to keep an evader. 2 Mazuis troops (or did?) took me by car and train back to BEIVES ~~was taken~~ to a farm house 8 km north of the town. I waited there for a British Intelligence officer who was to fly me out. the same day a women came (tall, brown hair, said she was working for British I.S., lived in London) she took me <sup>by car</sup> to a deserted village on a hill near PERIAVEUX. At the village I met Mr. CARSON, DXICE, Mr. PEAR, Mr. Collins Sanderson and Mac (they <sup>all in</sup> were from Carson's crew) and a Mr. (from another crew). - From this point ~~up~~ until we reached TERRASSON my journey is the same as Carson's..

At Terrasson Carson went to one house and I to another were lived Odette CALEMIE, a rich woman who spoke english, had servants, an english governess for her boy of 11 (~~the boy~~<sup>Odette</sup> is some aged 30, blue eyes, sandy hair 5'9. she is the of a <sup>with</sup> Jewish art dealer from Paris and they were escaping the Germans at TERRASSON. - I stayed in this house 2 week after which Françoise (from Toulouse) sent a Zendarine to fetch us and from there on my hip is the same as Carson's.

Finney

MESSAGE FOR SOMEONE IN ENGLAND

The governess of Mme CHALENIE has a sister  
in London. She wants to tell her sister  
that she is no more in a concentration camp  
and that she is well.

(Miss?) HARDING

13 CRESCENT LANE

LONDON SW 4.

Notes

SILV FINNEY

we were squadron leader plane.

Bordeaux airport (Mauriac) Jan 5th.

B.17 At <sup>RP</sup> target hit by black loose no 1 engine. Over the target no 2 hit. fell out of formation with squadron at R.P. - after target attacked by ME 109. shot down 2. - attacked by 5 to nose, shooting, hit no 3 engine. - Pilot asked if we wanted to go to Spain. we would have to land out in water and thought we be interned <sup>for duration</sup> if were in Spain. so we decided to ~~go~~ land in France. <sup>I went to</sup> ~~write~~ <sup>write</sup> All the men jumped when I was going to jump the pilot and Engineer did not want to jump. the Engineer was holding to hand grenades. all the secret equipment had been blown up already. - jumped at 10000 - in the air heard two explosion and saw pieces of the plane, explode in the air.

I counted 20 and pulled the chute. Landed in an open field 10 north west of SAINTES. - I buried my chute in the earth dug it with my hands. - a french <sup>farmer</sup> ~~man~~ was standing nearby, he motioned me ~~which way~~ to run to the woods, passing by him I told him I was American he shook my hand. -

When I landed I saw the right waste  
 owner. I motioned him to come to me  
 and he bided back I will see you in Paris.  
 Ran about a mile 1/2 North East across marsh  
 country. - Found myself like a rabbit in  
 high grass. - I was scared and nervous I  
 could see ~~the~~ <sup>2</sup> Germans about 25 yards  
 away searching for me. at that took  
 a Benzodrine tablet which helped me  
 stading my nerves. - Stayed there until 10 PM.  
 I started walking using my compass NE.  
 Walked all night ate some of my chocolate.  
 next morning as the sun was coming up  
 I hid in a haystack (had had no at shoes.  
 wearing flying and uniform on top) but I  
 was cold in that haystack. - Stayed there  
 all day there. - Next night I walked all  
 night. The following morning I saw <sup>a large farm</sup> ~~a village~~

went to  
 a small field

she will use  
 for identification  
 pass. -

so I went up to it knocked at the door  
 I knew 3 french, medals from lectures  
 American, aviators, in order. The  
 women who ~~came~~ opened the door  
~~said~~ spoke to me in English (her name  
 was Mme BOARDE her husband had  
 been a big pipe in Paris is dead, she had  
 never helped before. she gets her mail through  
 post office at JAINTEL, aged 65 or 70, white  
 hair, grey eyes, chunky. - whit hair had a few

of 29 years old dark hair, brown eyes, flat looking  
had asthma. parents dead. -

the gave a room in a part of the house  
were the cook could see me. stayed room  
in morning to had lunch and dinner when  
the cook had gone. -

she told about me to her father  
whom she knew ~~to be a resistance man.~~ <sup>he could get help.</sup>  
~~He use to~~ I stayed there two weeks. cutting  
wood and helping in the house. - (around 16<sup>th</sup>  
Jan.)

around the 16<sup>th</sup> a young resistance boy  
a sabotage man. (tall slender boy, black hair  
had a blonde wife about 19. - They came from  
the Mayris at Brieves. - BRIVE (CORREZE)  
He took me that morning we walked  
~~a few~~ miles, left his wife got a motorcycle.  
and went to Saintes. We went to the  
yards with dynamite sticks. dropped by  
English ( he wanted me to help him to  
move myself. I gave him all ~~the~~ <sup>my</sup> french  
money he gave me back later what was  
left). - He gave me 11 sticks and  
I put them in the fire boxes of the  
engine (4 minutes fuses) then I went on  
the motorcycle and down the road and  
he joined me after getting 10 engines. -

There were only ~~to~~ one man there, ~~we~~  
he was a resistance man, we talked to  
him - he turned his back. -

We went back to his wife  
and the 3 of us went to ~~NETA~~<sup>NIORI</sup> (1 1/2 miles)  
There we got a taxi. went to RUFFEC  
there I was picked up by an other man  
(<sup>per hair 5'10"</sup> ~~height 4'5"~~) he took me to BELLAC by hair  
that night (never spoke to me) Next morning  
we took hair to Clermont Ferrant. There  
he brought me to a farm, <sup>on the edge of town</sup> he left me  
there with some people to sleep for day. -  
That night he took me to Anney. -  
there he turned me to the Maguin  
north of Anney (1 km. - (1 hour drive))

went there from Anney by car. -  
He left me there in a farm house  
with ~~#~~ a couple and 4 children (20 years  
old, they & cows wealthy people) ~~was~~  
all the people from the Maguin would  
come and shake hands. (about 20)  
they told me they were taller we to  
Switzerland because parish borders  
too well guarded. -

Came me  
back 10:00

21 April



Patrolled by Germans and friend Condances  
 Trouble start breaking fire days  
 after I arrived. - It turned that  
 a major two had shot a few Germans.  
 The Germans sent 15 planes looked  
 like ME 110 but rather old planes, and  
 machine gun people. The french would  
 shoot Germans in the sheets. - The  
 Germans start searching Arney. -

Arney  
 about 2 weeks...

The 2 Major's took me by car  
 and hair back to ATVER BRIVES  
 there I was taken to a farm house.  
 9 km north of BRIVES, there I was  
 suppose to wait for a British Intelligence  
 officer and was told that an aeroplane  
 would take me out. - A women

(tall, brown ~~hair~~ <sup>hair</sup>, working for British Government  
 for 2 years, lived in London) came the  
 took me near Permyer by car in the  
 car were 5 resistance men. - ~~There~~

major in  
 uniform

there I met CARON, DYKE, A FEAR.  
U. Collins, Sanderson, and Mac. - all on

① young boys of 18, black hair one had a little black  
 moustache. ? <sup>Caron new. - and a Lt.</sup>

Amateur called town MacLaughlin's  
Butcher with whom we raised the tender  
tell the driver the name of the town in

~~Forest in the valley~~

From there on until Terrason my trip  
is the same as <sup>with</sup> Carson.

Kenny Carson went to one house and to  
another Mrs. <sup>Odette</sup> CHALENIE, a rich woman,  
spoke English, had 2 servants, a governess  
one child, ~~had~~ boy aged 11, woman <sup>beautiful</sup> sandy  
hair, 5'9, blue eyes, around 30. - (address  
Mrs. <sup>Odette</sup> Chalenie, Terrason, she is from Paris,  
her husband is a jeweler, art salesman  
very rich in Paris. -

after two weeks Mrs. Frangoise from  
Touloune send a tendance to at the  
80 f m and from there on my trip  
is the same as Carson. -



Harding  
13 Crescent  
Lane  
Chapman  
London  
S.W.4

Messages.

Madame CHALONIE's woman who was  
English called Nancy told me to look her  
letter. -

She wants me to tell her sister that  
she is no more in concentration camp and  
is O.K. -

## Military Information.

- ① <sup>Saint-M</sup>  
around  
SAINTE - saw many by plane carriers  
in the air, around saw a lot many hoop  
movements in green uniforms and yellow  
uniforms. some looked like marocains  
all carrying full equipment. -
- ② around <sup>Mechuay</sup>  
Many camouflaged and other automobile  
at River, hair after hair local was going  
north
- ③ around <sup>Mench 2.</sup>  
Thousand of soldiers in green in Toulouse. -
- ④ In Toulouse was told by Ransoie.  
that the Gestapo shoot people in the street.
- ⑤

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*J 28  
or 628*

DATE: 12 May 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, ROBERT V. CIVLER, S/Sgt., AC, 7025212

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

ROBERT FINNEY, S/Sgt., AC, 6394292

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.

*Robert Finney*

*Robert V. Civler*

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 ROBERT FINNEY,

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*W.F.M.*  
W. F. MARANDA, SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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