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E & E REPORT NO. 852 EVASION IN FRANCE

Richard H MLIOTT, S/Sgt, 18227023 (12 Missions) 714 Bomb Squadron, 448 Bomb Group TARGET: FRANKFURT

MIA: 20 March 1944 Arrived in UK: 31 July 1944

NEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT CO-PILOT NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER RADIO OPERATOR TOP TURRET GUNNER BALL TURRET GUNNER WAIST GUNNER WASIT GUNNER TAIL GUNNER		F/O 2d Lt 2d Lt T/Sgt T/Sgt S/Sgt S/Sgt S/Sgt	Myers WAHNEE Stuart K BARR Royal D GOLDENBERG Walter S MASZEWSKI Lawrence R REEP Walter FARMER William W CORDRAY John C COPPOLA Richard H ELLIOTT Edward J McGRAW	P/W MIA P/W P/W P/W P/W P/W NIRRITOR P/W
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SHELTER

I came to a shepherd who hid me until night and then took me to a barn where he sheltered me for six days and nights. At the end of that time he came to me highly excited and said something about the Germans and about moving. He left and when he did not return after a number of hours I started out again still in my uniform. I came to a town and walked around the outskirts trying unsuccessfully for help at several places. Finally I found a boy who said that he would bring me food. After he fed me I waited until dark and then approached a man on a tractor. He took me to his house, sheltered me, and gave me civilian clothes.

HELP

JOURNEY ARRANGED

I was taken to a place from which my journey was arranged.

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By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J.A. ULIO J.A. ULIO Major General, The Adjutant General.

RESTRICTED

(See Reverse Side)

- 1. Because disclosures of information regarding evasion from capture, escape, details of imprisonment, release from internment, and repatriation have been made, the lives and services of fellow soldiers and those who help them have been lost or endangered. All information which you possess on these subjects, including the experiences of others as well as your own, briefings and equipment for evasion and escape, and preparations and other activities in connection therewith, constitutes MILITARY INFORMATION which is classified SECRET by the War Department.
- 2. You will therefore disclose no information whatever, beyond the fact of your return to duty from "missing in action" or "prisoner of war" or "internment", to anyone except the following military officials:
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 - b. An officer designated by the Commanding General of an overseas Theatre of Operations;
 - c. The Prisoner of War Branch, MIS, Washington, D.C., the interrogating agency designated by the A/C of S, G-2, War Department General Staff;
 - d. Certain other officers holding written authority from the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, to interrogate you.
- 3. You will particularly guard against disclosure of SECRET information to relatives, friends, representatives of the press and radio, and military officials, except as noted in a, b, c and d above.
- 4. In order to protect yourself against disciplinary action, any question involving publicity must be referred BY YOU PERSONALLY to the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS. Washington, D.C.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have read and fully understand all of the foregoing and the Directive of the Secretary of War, 6 Aug 43 (on the reverse side), and will at ALL TIMES hereafter comply fully therewith.

I understand that all information concerning escape, evasion from capture, activities and equipment in connection therewith, and details of imprisonment or release from internment, is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone except the military officials specifically designated. I further understand that disclosure to any other person will make me liable to disciplinary action for failure to safeguard MILITARY INFORMATION.

I realize that publicity concerning my experiences, by word of mouth or otherwise, will endanger the lives of many persons and therefore it is my duty to take all possible precautions to prevent it.

I further certify that I have receiv	ed a copy of the foregoing.
Name (Print) RICHARD H. Elliott	Signed Richard H. Illioto
Rank. 5/597. A.S.N. 18.227023 Unit. A. C. 448 B.G.	DatedPlace
unit. A. C. 448 B.G.	Witness
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Colonel, G.S.C.,

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

E & E REPORT NO.852 EVASION IN FRANCE FRANCE

(Date)

Richard H ELLIOTT, S/Sgt, 18227023 (Rank)

TARGET: MONS

12 missions (Number of Missions)

20 March 1944 MIA:

Arrived in UK:

31 July 1944

714 Bomb Sq, 448 Bomb Group

(Squadron)

(Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW:	(This inf	Cormatio	n checked with PWIB)		
PILOT	0-724574	lst Lt	Myers WAHNEE	Official Disposition P/W	Narrators Disposition
CO-PILOT	T-061270	·F/0	Stuart K BARR	MIA	
NAVIGATOR	0-687939	2d Lt	Royal D GOLDENBERG	P/W	
BOMBARDIER	0-688674	2d Lt	Walter S MASZEWSKI	P/W	
RADIO OPERATOR	14166172	T/Sgt	Lawrence R REEP	P/W	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	18214291	T/Sgt	Walter FARMER	P/W	
BALL TURRET GUNNE	R35420351	S/Sgt	William W CORDRAY	P/W	
WAIST GUNNER	11111234	S/Sgt	John C COPPOLA	P/W	
WAIST GUNNER	18227023	S/Sgt	Richard H ELLIOTT	NAR	RATOR
TAIL GUNNER	16057297	S/Sgt	Edward J McGRAW	P/W	

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> > 7/3/44

(Squidron) (Group)

TARGET: Mon

Date Missing in Action:3/20/44

Date Arrived in UK: 1/3//4

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Indicate what happened to

each man PILOT MYERS WAHNEE 18+ LT 077 4574 P/W and how you know COLPILOR S.A, BARR FO T61270 NAPIGATOR - Noyal D. Goldenburg 21 4 0687930 DON'T HINGE BOMBARUTUR WAITER SMASZEWSKI ZIM 0688679 DONE HNOW RADIO OPENATOR L. R. REEP 7/54/9166172 TOP TURRET GUINER WAITER FARMER TISGE 18219298N'T KNOW

DALL TURRET GUNNER CORDRAY, Wm WS/Sg+3542035/11

WATER GUNNER JOHN C, COPPOIR SISS + 11111239 ,,

WALDS GUINDA RICHARD H. EILIOTT

THIL CUNNER EDWARD MC GRAW. SISG+ 16057297

TOP SHORET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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RH FM off (Name)		
448 B.G. (Unit)	The second secon	#852

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

MARCH 20, 1944 - ABout 1:30 Pm. VEAR FRESNOY FOLKY

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.

Was it on fire, etc? No

HIT BY FIACK, GASA/INC LEAK IN BIMBAY

At approximately what altitude did scurce bail out? Asout 16,000 FE, Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? No

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

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? DON'T KNOW

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? No

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

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? // 4 If so, what was its conditions?

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

THE PIANE WAS HEADED FOR CHANNE! BUT WIND

see it HIT WATER.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? ISME ARE MAYBE PRISONERS, BECAUSE THEY CRHE OUT MORE CLOSE TO TOWN, & I THEY CRHE OUT ANY THING ABOUT THEM.

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND I REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name: - P.H. Elliott, S/SET_ 18227623 .

Unit:- 448 13.6.

Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and corments will help others to evade capture or to escape.

1. AIDS DOX

- a. Did you use your aids box? YES. JUST MAP & COMPASS
- 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. NO

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. No

Milk (tube). NA

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). No

Halazone tablets (water purifier). No

Matches. No

Adhesive tape. No

Chowing gum. No

Water boutle. Wa

Compass. FOR DIRECTION.

Sowing kit, //

- d. Did my of the above items prove unsatisfactory? 10
- c. How did you finally dispose of the box? PANE IT TO PEOPLE
- 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? Mo

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? Yes State color of stripes and letters. DoN'S PEMENBER If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? Ves

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones? VCS, FRANCE

Compass. Ves

File (hacksaw). NO

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. FRANCE 2,000 FR.
How did you spend the money? Clarettes. Mostly

d. How did you dispose of :-

Mrs. THE PEOPLE TOOK EVERYTHING & DISPOSED OF IT.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus ourrency. TWRNER IVER TO SPANISH Police.

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? NO

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

- a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? No
- b. Did you use them?

5. LECTURES

- a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? Yes
 State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOLL
 NSRWICH, Feb. DON'T Rember.
- b. Did you find the lectures of value? /es
- c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers?

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 - 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.

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GERTIFIGATE

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 SEGRET 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.

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	QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PRSONNEL EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES
1.	Full Name, Rank, and Sorial No. RICHARD HARIOY Ellistt. \$/567-18227023
2.	Descrations, AIR Medal
	Unit or Squadron. 7/4
4.0	Division (Army) or Group. 4448
5.	Date of Birth. 2/15/23
7.	Private Address. Route 3 Boy 3
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77	Date and target. 3/20/44 FAHNIN FORM
-	22 222 20 20 MADR ERESNOV FOINT
13.	Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?
14.	What was your position in aircraft? LEFT LURIST.
	Were you wounded? NO
16.	Did you pay your guides? If so how much? No.
17.	Do you speak French? Spanish? 10 Did you have Identity Papers? 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
10.	Did you have Identity Papers? / 5 1/19
19.	Have you been questioned before to-day on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by when? Have you given anyone a written report on your experiences. Where and when yes - 4/884/508-4/29/44 (2865/54)/45688604760
20.	Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?
	Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? Yes - C/B. 7/29/44
22.	Date of arrival in Spain. 16 June, 1944
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28.	Place and date of departure for U.K. BRISTOL - $7/31/44$

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RICHARD H. ELLIOTT, S/Sgt. AC 1822 7023

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

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