

Trouble when hit Wiggins - got No. 3 by - lost out. my out
fth - B.T.G. hit - turn for, more collar time; not much left by.

Out fish are after gobs - concentrate at mid day.

B.T.G. up - No. 1 - but just hit - had take off.

Deas - BT stuck - made 3 attempts get into position
finally back in place - long alt - drop behind off - 2

Other plans also signed - found 3 almost little
off air. One Bad Penny - on my full off -
blid off on my & down.

To meet escort was coast - out of too fast - was too late.
No 1 out at coast - fish - No 3 a fish hit out. No 1

out fth - hold to by - 2 mid night, pass - on
water - decide not to - then out again - tuffler
at. Lr - c 6000' attached by B.W. Fiddled R.R.

Out at least long time for - the study by you.

Got signal tonight - Contact 9 dots - you want of light
Lit. - some place,

Welded grip for 4000 to 2000 n.w. - alt system
when put together - gripped with digly - fairly
flat on back chart you - pull digly - last fold you
Panass to relieve place. ^{hit off} Not digged - put collar.

B.W. turn - was back - 2 rods of chart - by over - he pass
over - substituted in dots.

2 to ischy put out - 4 in each - then with dredged gings
what saved:

Just C. P.
Came Royal

Over Com Royal - no way out field but wide creek -

Small by then - 1 by lake - 2 runs - back -

1215-20

He show who was on my - 1 head 5 - called to check - small
ways roads - was farms & fields.

Dark near of - saw by on lake - not find of - 1 more a.

had had hours - go into ditch - try get more go home -
things free - but that too. In 7 point - stay in ditch
nearby. evening meet.

Dark cross main road - start cross country again - walk
until 0700 - stop at 0700 - 5 just here of it self - wait for
it later - my feet just about froze - 2 pairs work.

Cotton jacks, wool, shirt, overalls, leather suit -
I had leather boots & heavy flannel boots

Day but while wait. To have - found on road - a gang for
head gear. - why bridge - meet no people going south -
On cut in - but still dark so not go further in - to
found house wanted - stopped. - my to try in don't tell her
pocket' into house - find - day work - was

Neighbors on way: wire & why go - he said I better
move - took to walk - old man & wife's house

you by car to road & took in back to house - took to house
slight all day - 1950 to have for rigging - packed back

M. A. in his clothes - but suit & shoes - I change
Left all the best leather boots.

got at intersection c 100 jobs - on phone saying so - I kept
at 2030 - by part on a road. I head for Bordeaux.

walk
E c 0700 next am - just another hour - off Cozjel (5) stop, then
left - just in room sleep - p 2 hr 2 min come - 4 part man -
Victor da Salle - other bus for O in reserve.

The road back at 2000

2100
and
back
Carr - took in to postman's house - then to Tuesday - to
Rene O's house - 2 days then - M Veronne - tall no eyes -
& Roland & M Sanjans (W) came for me

Pierre Royon who at Victor's - man & wife came - both to country
for US - gave post card book Royon - from Coz to Saigon - 190
mils walk - back 5 hr for who had

To small vly being ² reached by 95 - stand in middle road -
V. go on through - next vly same - through - the ch. is
Says until 18 Jan. with M¹ 1 ves - he saw Mallard

22
22 0 then 3 yrs on

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

CLARENCE C. NORTON S/Sgt. 14134415
 (Name) (Rank) (ASN)

AUG. 8. 1944
 (Date)

96 BOMB GRP. 339 BOMB SqD.
 (Unit)

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

PLANE CRASHED AT (CORME ROYAL) NOON, 1/5/44

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

Was it on fire, etc?

TWO ENGINES OUT - FROM FLAK - ON FIRE - COULD NOT FEATHER PROPS - LOSS OF OIL, FW-190 SHOT OF ONE SIDE OF TAIL SECTION

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 4000 FEET

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

BALL GUNNER (S/Sgt. HAROLD THORN) HIT BY FLAK OVER TARGET.
 CAPT. COLE - PILOT - THOUGHT TO BE HIT FROM FIGHTER FIRE A TIME
 What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? OF BAILING OUT.

PERSONALLY COUNTED NINE CHUTES.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

PERSONALLY SAW PLANE CRASH - BURN

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

18 DAYS AFTER. 1/22/43 - LT. BRADLY - LT. SCOTT - T/Sgt. GROSS - MYSELF
 WERE TOGETHER

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

THE FOUR OF US WERE TOLD BY FRENCHMEN THAT S/Sgt. THORN (BALL GUNNER) WAS IN A GERMAN HOSPITAL. AND LT. WIGGINS WAS P.O.W.

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

NONE OTHER THEN SAYING THAT A CAPTAIN WAS FOUND IN WRECKAGE

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 reason for his opinion?

CAPT. COLE (PILOT) CRASHED WITH PLANE - COUNTED ONLY NINE CHUTES.
 TOLD BY FRENCH MEN S/Sgt. THORN - LT. WIGGINS - P.O.W.
 OTHERS APPEAR TO BE SAFE - IN FRANCE - OR ESCAPED.

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APPENDIX "D" TO B AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 14134415 S/Sgt. CLARENCE C. NORTON

Unit:- 96 BOMB GRP. 339 BOMB Sq D.

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. **YES - FIRST NITE WALKING**
 - Chocolate or Peanut Bar. **YES - " " "**
 - Milk (tube). **YES - " " "**
 - Denzadrine tablets (fatigue). **NO**
 - Halazone tablets (water purifier). **NO**
 - Matches. **YES - GENERAL USE**
 - Adhesive tape. **YES - " "**
 - Chewing gum. **YES**
 - Water bottle. **YES - IN WOODS**
 - Compass. **YES - WALKED HALF DAY AND TWO NITES BY COMPASS**
 - Sewing kit. **YES**
- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? **NO**
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? **LEFT IT AT HOUSE WITH UNIFORM WHEN I CHANGE INTO CIVILIAN CLOTHES**
- 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?

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? **YES**
State color of stripes and letters. **RED STRIPES - LETTER F**
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? *FRANCE*

Compass. *YES*

File (hack saw). *NO*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money? *GAVE IT TO FRENCHMEN WHO*

d. How did you dispose of:-

HELPED ME

Maps. *MAQUIS HAVE MAPS*

Compass. *STILL HAVE COMPASS*

File (hack saw). *STILL HAVE*

Surplus currency. *NO*

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

NO

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

YES

If so, how many? *FOUR*

b. Did you use them? *TO NO BENEFIT*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

YES

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

IN AMERICA BEFORE COMING TO ENGLAND - AT THE 96 GROUP

IN ENGLAND

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 escapees?

HAVE PATIENCE - DO WHAT YOU ARE TOLD,

USE YOUR COMMON SENSE.

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

E & E REPORT NO 883
EVASION IN

AUG. 8. 1944
(Date)

CLARENCE C. NORTON S/Sgt. 14134415

TARGET: MERINGAC.

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

6 (No of Missions)

Date Missing in Action: 1/5/44.

96 339

Date Arrived in UK: AUG. 7. 1944

(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Indicate what happened to
each man
and how you know

PILOT CAPT. DONALD C. COLE — CRASHED WITH PLANE
CO-PILOT 2ND LT. THOMAS H. SCOTT — SAFE IN FRANCE - LEFT HIM 8/6/44
NAVIGATOR 2ND LT. WIGGINS — TOLD BY FRENCH - POW
BOMBARDIER 1st LT. JIMMIE BRADLEY — WITH ME HERE - LONDON
RADIO OPERATOR T/Sgt. JOSEPH (M) GROSS — SAFE IN FRANCE - LEFT HIM 8/6/44
TOP TURRET GUNNER T/Sgt. HARLAND HENDRICKS — NO NEWS
BALL TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt. HAROLD (M) THORN — TOLD BY FRENCH. POW
INJURED BY FLAK
WAIST GUNNER S/Sgt. GATESMAN — NO NEWS
WAIST GUNNER S/Sgt. CLARENCE NORTON (SELF) LONDON
TAIL GUNNER T/Sgt. FINNIE — ESCAPED TO ENGLAND

Were you wounded?

SLIGHT RUPTURE FROM PARACHUTE OPENING.

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. *S/Sgt. CLARENCE C. NORTON 14134415*
2. Decorations. *NONE*
3. Unit or Squadron. *339 BOMB SqD. 96 BOMB GROUP*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *8th AIR FORCE - 96 GROUP.*
5. Date of Birth. *MARCH-9-1922*
6. Length of Service. *TWO YEARS*
7. Private Address. *249 E. VIRGINIA AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TENN.*
8. Job as civilian. *ELECTRICIAN - ARTIST -*
9. From what field did you take off? *SNATTERAN HEAT*
10. Take off time. *6 AM.*
11. Date and target. *1/5/44 - MERINGAC*
12. Where did you land? *CHROME - ROYAL*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?
14. What was your position in aircraft? *WAIST GUNNER - ASS. ENGINEER*
15. Were you wounded? *YES - BY PARACHUTE*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *_____*
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? *NO*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *NO with 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?
NO
20. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? *NONE*
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *NONE*
22. Date of arrival in Spain. *NONE*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *_____*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *7 May*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *7 May*

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

DATE: 9 August 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, ROBERT V. GIVLER, T/Sgt., AC, 7025212

HEREBY CERTIFY that I have known and have been associated with

CLARENCE C. NORTON, S/Sgt., AC, 11134115

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 V. Givler

Clarence C. Norton

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as CLARENCE C. NORTON,

S/Sgt., AC, 11134115 (339 Bomb Squadron - 96 Bomb Group)

previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

J. F. Carroll

J. F. CARROLL, SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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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) CLARENCE C. NORTON
Rank 5/597 GRP. A. S. N. 14134415
Unit 96 BOMB GRP 339 BOMB GRP AAF

Signed Clarence C. Norton
Dated 8 August 1943
Witness [Signature] Capt [Signature]

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