

Comment on 46:

Note increasing pressure of Gestapo on helpers' organizations, a number of which have been broken up. This puts the evader under the necessity of greater watchfulness and discretion.

Note also what evader says (in Appendix D) about need of French phrases.

SECRET

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

E & E REPORT No 746
EVASION IN France

*by
Purt
AS*

15/6/44
(Date)

MONTGOMERY, ROBERT P. Lt Col 0396297
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
24th (P) (No of Missions)

TARGET: FRANKFURT. Escal mission

Date Missing in Action: 11/2/44

Date Arrived in UK: 15/6/44

Hqs. 20th FIGHTER Gp.
(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWLB)

Indicate what happened to
each man
and how you know

PILOT

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

MID TURRET GUNNER

WING GUNNER

WING GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

*1
Fighter*

Were you wounded?

BURNED SLIGHTLY AROUND RIGHT EYE AND BACK
OF NECK. RIGHT KNEE SPRAINED.

I had jumped and was chasing an FW ME109 when my right engine threw a rod.
~~Two FW 190s got on my tail later when~~ As I dived for deck I saw a B-17 limping
along with an FW 190 attacking. I closed but two FWs got on my tail and with
no speed or power I was forced to bail out at 300 feet. My chute had holes
~~in~~ caused by burning gasoline from my plane.

I was out for a minute or two after hitting the ground and then dragged my
chute over to the side of a field. A crowd of Frenchmen surrounded me. I asked
for help. All of the Frenchmen were gesturing and ~~trying to talk and out of~~ ^{talking, from which}
~~the confusion~~ I ~~gather~~ understood that the Germans were on their way. Two
^{Guided through} Frenchmen guided me for ~~quite a way~~ ^{more than} for a mile ^{from my point of landing,} for so to a hiding place. To
^{Fields by} run with them I had ~~had~~ to stop and take an injection of morphine to ease the
^{an injured} pain in ~~my~~ leg.

When the two Frenchman left me they pointed to a village and told me to
go there. I detoured around and set an easterly course as the quickest way out
~~of the area.~~ In an orchard I went up to two Frenchmen for help but could get
^{however,} nothing from them. They did look at my escape maps ~~and~~ to show me where I had
fallen.

I avoided the next small village, keeping to the fields, because ~~in~~ of my
uniform - pink trousers, green shirt, tank suit and RAF escape boots. In another
^{Secured} orchard I ran into a Frenchman who took me to his home after I had asked for
^{hid} food and clothing. I was hidden in a barn for two days and then moved by
another Frenchman who arranged my journey.

Some time later, ~~during my journey~~ the house in which I was living was
^{Gestapo} raided by the Gestapo. The possibility of this had been foreseen and I escaped
^{Raid} onto the roof of the house. ~~Expects the night on the roof~~ After the Gestapo
had gone, taking my helpers with them, I made my way to an emergency address
and my journey continued.

Appendix B:

1. French source ~~stated~~ spoke of an important factory used for the storage of munitions located in SE section of LILLE. (APRIL.)
2. Evader passed through marshalling yards at CREIL. Train ran on the one remaining track in the ~~yards~~ almost completely destroyed yards. Evader noticed three large concrete emplacements in the side of a small hill W of the marshalling yards and was told that these were for gas storage. (MAY.)
3. ~~AMIENS~~ AMIENS marshalling yards destroyed.
4. Evader entered PARIS on single line tracks put down day before his arrival. He was told that these tracks were destroyed in a raid about the end of April.
5. Evader saw a large airfield SW of TOULOUSE. He counted eight large hangars, four of which were built of concrete. He saw no ~~damage~~ signs of damage. (12 MAY.)
6. Evader saw heavy troop movements in the MONTAUBAN area. Most of the troops were travelling with half-tracks. (6 MAY.)
7. Evader noticed that enemy fighters stationed in the VALENCIENNES area always take off and fly S on deck before the B-26 raids. (MARCH.)

Appendix D;

1. I used most of the ~~ix~~ aids box contents, saving some things like the Horlicks tablets and benzadrine tablets for use in the PYRENEES.
2. I had a yellow purse and used the French maps, compass and money. My money and some additional money given me by the French was used for train tickets, food and guides. Spanish police confiscated 1500 francs.
3. I was not carrying extra evasion aids.
4. My three escape photographs were used on false identity cards.
5. I heard evasion lectures at March Field, Calif. and at Kingscliffe in 1943-44. More knowledge of French ~~words~~ would have been a great help to me.

R E S T R I C T E D

MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE AMERICAN CONSULATE GIBRALTAR

E X T R A C T

12 June 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER.....30)

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Distribution.

Personnel concerned
file

HORACE W. FORSTER,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Mil. Lia. Officer.

R E S T R I C T E D

jumped & ched 109 - crystal - saw three a red - came down -
eng vbtm - dived - led to BO or crashed - saw fort on deck
with 4 walls - 6/8 10th - got down & closed as TW & 2 FOS
on me - wrapped a par - 180 - jell up & BO at 300 ft -
chute holes - got from 9/2 fell on chute - hit ground hard -
out for 1 min or so - digged chute over to side - surrounded by
70 - asked one for help - a Jerry coming - gestured -
sent 2 boys - to help me hide - a big hunting - morphine shot
in leg - ran with 2 boys 1 1/2 m - they left & told me to
go to village - det'd around - struck to E - stopped in orchard
2 people working - held self on map - came to GOMMEIGNES -
then feds - pinks & d shirt - tank suit - had RAF escape
boots - (In a wild care for chutect) - boy in orchard &
asked for clothing & fd - into his house - old clothes - on over 100
& pinks - cut try off RAF shoes - stayed at boy's house
slept in barn - boy mother there - try to find help - spent night
and day - lots of visitors - lady came - she thought best for me to go with
her - went to her home on 13th & stay til 8 March -

M^{me} Watter, Gilbert was husband, in hiding - he on scene
occasionally - food, fuel - good care -

On 8 March - by cycle to SEBOURG - to home outside -
chf guide came to Sebourg took me to the house - erect of 4 -

in village near
SEBOURG
45 yr old man came to see me at Walter - made photos - ^{at not marks on body -} gave to direct
Man, hd of Org. short dark back hair, Sp. - Sp Eng, So Am,
his wife & child in England - had been living
gesture passed from

In SEBOURG - here in outskirts - here til 27 March -
got clothes - PIERRE DECLE, Rte 50 Sebourg -
gave me 2000 francs additional - showed B&D
franc to fr money - turned in ring, wristwatch - left
with Pierre & he turned over to 45 yr old man -

On 27 March - bus - Valenciennes with 45 yr old man -

met young lady with him - she took me to Lille -
She: tall, 27, 5'6" d. hair, well built slim, little clothes,
in hiding - 3 children - she knew Sir prof at Lille - had lunch with
the prof - taught in girls' school in Lille - she had fed 15 Englishmen

at Lille - met Antoine - big chef here - stayed his apt into -
to meet aft (I was to leave three days for Paris) went out to
touring to stay with Marie French capt - Maurice
took me out of frame - Capt Vanderde - wife 62 co -
girl boy - girl 20 boy 20 - mother in law - next day
7/0 Ramsey put me - stay til 19 April -

on 19 April into - 1030 pm - dark hell sang - gestapo - in here -
we had plan - go on roof - gestapo looked in rooms - he later
boy came into say gestapo taking them to jail - 2 gestapo gds
left in here - we had to go down best way - left long time at
0630 - afraid to stay on roof - went down thru skylight into
house - hid in storeroom til 1000 - sneaked down stairs -
people in kitchen -

We were 20-21 man for the Captain
he picked up because year before he in car
with Evaders - accident - German took - wrote woman owner of the that he
would take care of things & told her was helping around & by later
Gestapo got hold of it -

Got out unseen - had planned home to go to -
black country - went to VIRVIN, vegetable market -
he cut off underground - stayed that night & moved to another
home - Eng professor at local boys school, LECOQ -
353 "Blanc Seau" (white bucket) - 3 wks later the
Captain still not shot - stayed LECOQ house 3 wks - am
active in Resistance movement - took pilot to PARIS -
at LECOQ til ^{21 Apr / May} ~~19 April~~ - 3 days after arrival at Van Aerdes
notified not going to Paris - self had been caught -
On 16 April had Antoine of Lille disappeared
mysteriously - Org at Lille unorganized -
LECOQ found woman in T. willing to take us to
Toulouse - taken to her house - she married,
husband in prison camp - Helen HIMPE - 1 May
going to her place stopped at printing shop & met Lt
Meldutch - given work card - had gotten it at
LECOQ residence - all of us to Himpe's place - at her
he met N. Bisher [saw B-17 on ^{Berlin raid} ~~4 May~~ 28 May - 47ws 600 - shot
down one tw - fuel crash - 680 - 2 cap - 4 fire - 4 KIA (near Tuscany)]
2 May - Helen took us to ~~Paris~~ train for Paris - at Lille
picked out for young soldiers - hotel at Lille - overnight

train next am for Paris - arr apt at 2 pm - sat in Park until 6 pm
and train for Montauban - train 3rd class - uneventful
to Montauban - arr - went to park - she cut off friends
in underground - she said she was not connected with Org -
she sd knew lots about them however - day before we arrived
2 trip moved into Montauban - apt very active here - we stayed in
Helene's room in hotel - Bishop Melnick + Ramsey went out to stay
with people - I stayed in with Helene - ate meals in restaurant -
after 3 days I moved with 2 young boys in apt to old dilapidated
frnkise - stayed with young Frenchman in Resistance movement -
ate meals at frnkise - names unknown - stayed 5 days -
on 11 May - train to Toulouse - Helene left after getting
us located - another woman from Toulouse came for us - only
thing we paid was RR tickets - she said she sd it money
from Resistance Org - stayed overnight in apt in Toulouse
other amers had stayed here - ^{man} maddy face, 50, grey hair
sympheing - (thin faced man, pitiful, 37, thin, tall - hd of
org) - we were split up - guy to apt had Gestapo scare -
Bishop & I stayed together - in a.m. back to another apt for
meals - another man was frnk with me leg - chkd
Resistance in Paris we met there - M. Francois came in to see
us before we left - told us we to contact (Donna Marie) -
at 8 p.m. 12 May in 2 sep. groups + tall thin man took me +
Bishop - other 2 with girl - rode 4 hrs - off at a small
stop - no station - in train met Frenchman + West - about 10
people got off train -

marched down road - wld 15 min for party to
collect - total 18 - Sgt Greenwell (RAF) - walked 8 miles
trees - rode - 10 miles - foot of 1st mt - in party was elderly
Jewish man & wife & boy & girl - 8th going to Africa - 5th came -
1 RAF - 4 guides - walked up mt - cabin 3 hrs - 0430 hrs
started to top 0800 hrs - cabin - till 8 pm - two guides
left - two new guides - told not to carry frames to Spain but
give to guides - Rain - walked over one range - dark
a town in valley - ran thru town & up mt - dark -
up hill chain like - family going out - noticed late coming
up trail back of us - Jewish family left behind - never
saw them again - 9 refugees there - at top of mt was
a home - stayed in barn from 2400 till 0500 -
walked till 1100 hrs - scaled 3 more mts - over valley - &
guides showed path over mt to where that wld be Spain -
late afternoon that in Spain - spent nite after getting
out of snow - still that in Spain - started down valley &
1100 hrs - met woodsmen - told us still in France -
killed woodman as guide - he had 10000 francs
are Spain Spm. - sent In into village for food -
look over situation - wanted to get to Vella that night -

find her & we went to it & were paid cordially - ^{cost} 2000 francs.
we had some francs - next day started to LES - at 3 p.m.
turned ~~over~~ selves over to civil police and advice of
Spanish - More search - at Spain ^{15 May}
LES - ~~SORT~~ VIELLA - SORT - LERIDA - ALHAMA -
Mil Garcia in Lerida - called Mr. Forsythe for
Viella -

1. factory - SE^{NE} of Lille - an factory - storage of munitions - shot
ing by B-26
2. 1 gas storage dump at Creil - unexploded off - right side of
track going S - in marshalling yard - towards west off
from tracks - 3 large concrete emplacements on
side of small hill - had they were gas storage -
marshalling yards destroyed - on single line
track -
3. Amiens - marshalling yards destroyed -
4. Paris - entered on single line tracks just down day
before - ^{said} app end of April - Gare du Nord? -
5. B-17 - no eng's feathered - 2 smoking - not going fast -
but it crash landed - 6 got away others cap - near
LS of B-26? near Gournay -
6. saw air field SW Toulon - large field - 8 hangars -
4 large ones were concrete affairs - no huge seen - runway
7 kms - never bombed as of 12 May -
7. heavy hp monuments in Montauban area - 1/2 tracks (parkette) -
8. 1/2 hrs in Valenciennes area take off in mid S before B-26
raids

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Colonel, G.S.C.,
Mil. Lia. Officer

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.

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 P. MONTGOMERY Signed Robert P. Montgomery
Rank 1st. Col. A.S.N. 0296297 Date June 12, 1944
Unit 20th F. Gp. Hdqrs. Witness H. W. Forster

MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE
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E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

15/6/44
(Date)

Hqs. 20th FIGHTER GP.
(Unit)

#746

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

11 FEB. 1944 AT 1330 HOURS NEAR BRY WACH IS 5 MILES EAST OF
Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. VALBACIENNES FR
Was it on fire, etc?
BOTH MOTORS GUT AND WERE ON FIRE.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

THREE OR FOUR HUNDRED FEET.
Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

FIGHTER TYPE

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

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

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

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.

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

NO I did NOT EXAMINE THE WRECKAGE, BUT IT WAS DESCRIBED AS TOTALLY BURNED.
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?

SECRET

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?

b. If not, why? *SOME THINGS WERE OF USE TO ME.*

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. *USED WHILE GOING OVER PYRENEES*

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube). *USED IN PYRENEES*

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *USED IN PYRENEES ON ONE OCCASION*

Matches. *NOT USED*

Adhesive tape. *FOR CIGARETTES*

Chewing gum. *NOT USED*

Water bottle. *I GAVE IT TO FRENCH*

Compass. *NOT USED*

Sewing kit. *USED ON FIRST DAY AFTER I PARACHUTED AND ALSO IN PYRENEES*

USED CONSIDERABLY, THROUGHOUT TRIP

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?

e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *NO*

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? *I BURNED AT WHITE ARTICLES I CONSIDERED UNNECESSARY*

2. FURSE

a. Did you carry a purse? *YES*

State color of stripes and letters. *YELLOW*

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? MAP of FRANCE

Compass.

YES

File (hacksaw).

NO

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. I WAS GIVEN AN ADDITIONAL
How did you spend the money?

2000 FRENCH FRANCES BY SOME FRENCH. I USED MOST OF IT FOR RAILWAY
d. How did you dispose of: - TICKETS, FOOD, AND CLOTHES 1500 FRANCES WAS TAKEN FROM ME BY SPANISH

Maps. TAKEN BY FRENCH UNDER GROUND. THEY WERE DECLARED
UNNECESSARY AS I WAS TO TRAVEL BY TRAIN

Compass.

TAKEN BY SPANISH AUTHORITIES

File (hacksaw).

IDROKE IT UP AND THREW IT AWAY IN SPAIN

Surplus currency.

TAKEN BY SPANISH AUTHORITIES (1500 FRANCES)

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

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? YES
If so, how many? 3

b. Did you use them?

YES, FOR MY FRENCH IDENTITY PAPERS.

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

YES

MARCH FIELD, CALIF. JUNE 1943, KINGSCLIFFE. SEPT 1944. BY REPRESENTATIVES OF

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

INTELLIGENCE OF WAR DEPT AND VILLAGE.

YES
c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel
will help other evaders and escapers?

A KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH WOULD BE YOUR GREATEST
POSSIBLE ASSET. SOME INSTRUCTION ON PRONUNCIATION AND PHRASES
WOULD HELP CONSIDERABLY

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.

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 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 P. Montgomery
Rank 1st Col A. S. N. 0396297
Unit 28th Fighter Gp Hq

Signed Robert P. Montgomery
Dated 15 June 1944
Witness _____

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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 P. MONTGOMERY - 0396297 Lt. Col

2. Decorations.

AIR MEDAL 3 OAK LEAF CLUSTERS

3. Unit or Squadron.

Hqs. 20TH FIGHTER GR.

4. Division (Army) or Group.

VII AIR FORCE

5. Date of Birth.

26 July 1916

6. Length of Service.

4 1/2 yrs

7. Private Address.

1953 EATON AVE., BETHLEHEM, PENNA

8. Job as civilian.

Student

9. From what field did you take off?

KINGSCLIFFE

10. Take off time.

1000

11. Date and target.

11 FEB 1944 - FRANKFORT

12. Where did you land?

NEAR SMALL VILLAGE OF BRY 5 MILES EAST OF VALENCIENNES

13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

YES

14. What was your position in aircraft?

Pilot

15. Were you wounded?

SLIGHTLY BURNED AND SPRAINED KNEE ON JUMP

16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much?

WE GAVE THEM ABOUT 500 FRANCES A PIECE AS A TIP

17. Do you speak French? Spanish?

SOME FRENCH

18. Did you have Identity Papers? WAS GIVEN

DOG TAGS, AGO PASS AND FRENCH IDENTITY CARD AND WORK CARD

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?

AT GIBRALTAR BY A BRITISH INTELLIGENCE REPRESENTATIVE

20. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?

21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when?

22. Date of arrival in Spain. YES. FOR OUR COUNSEL IN SPAIN ON 11 JUNE AND AT GIBRALTAR 13 JUNE

23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. 15 May 1944

24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. 12 May 1944

25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. 14 May 1944 AT GIBRALTAR BY AIR

15 May 1944 AT BRISTOL

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

DATE: 15 June 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, ORVILLE E. MINTUN, 1st Lt., AC, O-563850

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

ROBERT P. MONTGOMERY, Lt. Col., AC, O-396297

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.

Orville E. Mintun

Robert P. Montgomery

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 P. MONTGOMERY, Lt. Col., AC, O-396297 (Headquarters 20 Fighter Group) previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

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

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