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

506

DATE: 24 March 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, WILLIAM C. BAKER, T/Sgt., AC, ASN 12164222

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

EDWARD L. KNAPP, S/Sgt., AC, ASN 11085580

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.

William C. Baker

Edward L. Knapp  
EDWARD L. KNAPP

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 EDWARD L. KNAPP,

S/Sgt., AC, ASN 11085580 (711 Bomb Squadron - 447 Bomb Group)

previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

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

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*Target?*  
*2 Missions*  
*AS*

E & E REPORT NO. 506  
EVASION IN FRANCE

23 March 1944  
(Date)

Edward L KNAPP S/SGT, 11085580  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

7  
(Number of Missions)

711 Bomb Sq, 447 Bomb Group  
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET:

MIA: 31 December 1943  
Arrived in UK:

23 March 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-460199	2d Lt	Milton R MOORE	MIA	P/W
CO-PILOT	0-687549	2d Lt	James M COLEMAN	MIA	
NAVIGATOR	0-687802	2d Lt	Jerome (NMI) ABRAMS	MIA	P/W
BOMBARDIER	0-676410	2d Lt	David J BOTELLO	MIA	P/W
RADIO OPERATOR	13170766	T/Sgt	John R REAGAN	MIA	P/W
TOP TURRET GUNNER	37220131	T/SGT	Ted J TROY	MIA	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	32099351	S/Sgt	Daniel J NORTON, JR	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	11085580	S/Sgt	Edward L KNAPP		NARRATOR
WAIST GUNNER	33422589	S/Sgt	Wilbur R TEAPOLE	MIA	
TAIL GUNNER	34597083	S/Sgt	Harrell G STRAWN	MIA	

Were you wounded?

*HAS TROUBLE WITH RIPCORD*

We were hit by flak over the target. After the order to bail-out I pulled the ~~xxx~~ release on the waist door. The tail gunner was ready to leave by the tail hatch. Sgt Norton was behind me and the radio operator was also in the waist. I jumped at approximately 15000 feet and pulled my ripcord immediately. ~~I had to pull it several times before it worked.~~

*CHANGES DRIFF OF CHUTE*

I counted three chutes; one was in trouble and falling fast. Two FW 's circled me. ~~I watched our aircraft spiralling down and I think it exploded before crashing.~~ My chute was drifting toward the target area. By working with the shroud lines I changed the course of the drift, learning that if I pulled too hard the chute would swing wildly but with the right amount of pressure I could <sup>steer it</sup> do what I wanted.

I landed in a farmyard. The family was in the yard watching me. When they did not make a move I rolled up my chute and ran to the barn, depositing the chute in a box by the door, after removing the first aid kit. A Frenchman followed me in but we couldn't understand each other. He ~~seemed to know nothing about Americans.~~ He noticed that my foot was injured and bandaged it; then brought civilian clothing to me, everything but shoes.

I spend the afternoon in the barn waiting for darkness, before starting out. Two Germans passed the house on motor-cycles. When I got ready to leave, the Frenchman pointed out

WALKS AT NIGHT

the direction I should go - southeast- and told me I could get help most anywhere by asking for it. He warned me to stay off main roads.

I walked all night <sup>in woods and fields, and occasionally on a dirt road,</sup> covering very little distance because of darkness. For a little while there was a moon and I studied my maps with but one idea - to go south. Occasionally ~~xxxxxxx~~ I walked on a dirt road but for the most part travelled only in the fields and woods.

Recognized

After daylight I walked along looking for a likely place to get food, and approached a small village. On the outskirts two young cyclists after passing me came back to ask if I <sup>was</sup> were not an American. I asked them for help and

was taken into the woods. ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~They said they would~~

~~xxx~~ I slept most of the day and in the evening one of the cyclists returned with food and two men. The men had little to say but took me to a house in the village and turned me over to an old man who said he would take care of me. I was kept in a room for three days and on the third night a note ~~xxxxxxx~~ in English, <sup>asking</sup> ~~It asked~~ me ~~to~~ that I stay another day.

The following night the old man gave me a new pair of shoes and ~~walked~~ led me to a crossroads. He pointed down one road and waved to me to go on alone. I walked all night - easily travelling 25 <sup>km 5 by my compass</sup> kilometers, ~~and in the early~~ hours of the morning passed through a large town. I checked ~~my compass to be sure I was going south all the time.~~

An hour after daybreak, being hungry, I stopped at a ~~xxxxxxx~~ poor-looking farmhouse away from the road. The young man working in the yard was eager

to help me. I was put in the barn, given a blanket, and ~~took advantage of this to sleep and rest all day.~~ <sup>Slept the rest of the day.</sup> At supper ~~time I was awakened fed and sent off without much advice.~~

I walked all night following a main road. ~~Occasionally there was a cyclist or a car passing but no attention was paid me.~~ Before daylight I left the road and cut through the ~~the~~ fields looking for a ~~place~~ place to get breakfast.

I was taken in by a man I found working around a barn. After being fed I rode several kilometers with him in a cart before he ~~sent~~ sent me on my way. I went into the woods to rest.

Later in the morning I saw an old <sup>MAN</sup> gathering wood. He took me to his shack without any hesitation or much questioning.

FINDS SHELTER I shaved and spent the night here. Because there were many Germans in the area having military exercises I stayed in the old man's dugout for an extra day and night. When I got ready to leave he guided me across country to a secondary road.

I walked all the morning without meeting anyone. In the early afternoon I arrived on the outskirts of a small town and would have walked through, but I saw two German sentries on duty in front of a building. I went around the town but ~~and~~

in passing a small house I spoke to a man standing in the yard watching me. He was not very friendly and somewhat grudgingly ~~invited~~ invited me in for food. He surprised me by offering shelter for the night, and then next morning <sup>he</sup> told me to wait around

JOURNEY ARRANGED until a friend of his called to see me. ~~When the friend failed to show up another person arrived to assure me the the friend would~~ ~~make~~ make the visit on the following day and I would be moved ~~from~~ to another house. From there my journey was arranged.

APPENDIX B:

- a. French stated that 31 December ~~raid~~ raid on COGNAC was very effective.
- b. French source stated that many Germans troops (aged 15-17) had been moved into coastal areas where they were undergoing training. January 1944.
- c. A French source stated that the Germans were pumping oil from the CASTELRAU area into TOULOUSE for military purposes. February 1944.
- d. ~~Evader~~ <sup>l.c.</sup> was told that a large airport outside TARBES at OSSUN was a flying school (FW 190's).
- e. Evader heard heavy guns being fired in vicinity of MONTERDRE and MUSSAC.

APPENDIX D:

1. ~~Of the Aids Box contents~~ I used the Horlicks tablets and chocolate while walking and in hiding the first few days; the benzadrine tablets while crossing the <sup>Pyrenees;</sup> PYRENEES; the halazone tablets for water ~~carried in the water bottle~~; the matches; adhesive tape; compass; sewing kit; and also used the water bottle to carry various articles.

I suggest that airmen be given more instruction concerning the contents of the ~~AIDS BOX~~. l.c.

2. I carried the ~~XXXXX RED~~ <sup>Red</sup> - Mark IV ~~PURSE~~ <sup>l.c.</sup>. I used the maps of FRANCE, the compass and spent 1000 francs for clothes. <sup>l.c.</sup> My surplus currency was confiscated by ~~SPANISH~~ authorities.
3. ~~I was not issued further aids to evasion.~~
4. I did not carry passport size photographs. Forgot them.
5. I was lectured on evasion and escape at RATTLEDEN in December by the Group S-2 Officers. I found the lectures of some value but think that ~~should~~ have been given more geographical information on FRANCE, and some lectures on German uniforms and the Gestapo. <sup>l.c.</sup>

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) EDWARD L. KNAPP Signed Edward L. Knapp  
 Rank S/Sgt. A.S.N. 11085580 Date 3/20/44  
 Unit 447<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq. Witness W. W. Bank  
Col. GSC

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EVASION IN FRANCE

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3/23/44

(Date)

Edward F. Knapp, S/Sgt. 11085580  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

711<sup>th</sup> 447<sup>th</sup>  
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 20  
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 yr. 5 mos.  
HOME ADDRESS: Frank St  
Bernington, Vermont.

MIA: Jan. 30  
Arrived in Spain: Mar. 20  
Arrived in Gibraltar: Mar. 23  
Arrived in UK: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	Milton R. Moore, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. (P/W) <u>letter</u>	
CO-PILOT	James Coleman. " "	
NAVIGATOR	Jerome Abrams " "	
BOMBARDIER	David Botello " " (P/W) <u>letter</u>	
RADIO OPERATOR	John R. Reagan, T/Sgt. (P/W) <u>letter</u>	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	Ted J. Troy, T/Sgt	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	Daniel J. Norton, S/Sgt. saw him refer (Echougnac)	
WAIST GUNNER	Edward L. Knapp. " "	
WAIST GUNNER	Wilbur Teopole, " " (think dead) think hit -	
TAIL GUNNER	Harrell G. Strawn, " " think Bo'd -	

Were you wounded?

yes. slightly. small shell fragments  
in right leg.



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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.

### 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) Edward L. Knapp

Signed Edward L. Knapp

Rank S/Sgt. A. S. N. 11085580

Dated 3/23/44

Unit 447th Bomb GP.

Witness John White, Captain AC

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

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

Maps. Which ones? *France,*

Compass. *yes.*

File (hacksaw). *no.*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *France, 1000 Francs*  
How did you spend the money?

d. How did you dispose of:- *For clothes*

Maps. *Burned.*

Compass. *Lost.*

File (hacksaw). *Buried*

Surplus currency. *Spanish authorities.*

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.*  
If so, how many?

b. Did you use them? *—*

5. LECTURES

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

*Rattlesden, Dec. by S-2.*

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

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

*Yes. More explanations on France  
escape kit, etc. Also on German uniforms  
& French Gestapo*

S E C R E T

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *11085580, S/PgT, Edward L. Kropp*

Unit:- *447<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.*

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. *While walking + hiding*

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *Same*

Milk (tube). *Not used*

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *Crossing mountains*

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *yes. in old house*

Matches. *yes.*

Adhesive tape. *yes.*

Chewing gum. *yes.*

Water bottle. *yes. to carry other things in*

Compass. *yes. while travelling*

Sewing kit. *yes. on old clothes*

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *no.*

- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *burned in woods.*

- 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. Except to tell the men just what is in it.*

2. PURSE

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

- b. Did you use the purse? *yes.*

(over)

1<sup>st</sup> mission

over hgt - in hgt area - heavy accrete flak - just before bombs away 2 hit  
in leg - large explosion - #1 engine on fire - in vertical - spin -  
3 seconds after bombs away - 0 to 30 over in the com - snapped chute &  
pulled hatch - TG ready to go out tail - Norton behind me &  
AO ready to go - 2 out - exp 15<sup>000</sup> - cut 3 chutes - one in  
tube, falling fast - 2 FW's inched - watched % - getting banking -  
that ~~that~~ saw it explode before ground - wing blew off - plld rip several  
times - worked hard - clear ship - opened 14<sup>000</sup> - drifted onto + mat -  
worked shrd lines - pling shroud lines caused wing - pull easy bit  
works - landed in junkyard - 3 people - rld chute & ran for  
barn - that no good to run off if they were unfriendly - threw chute in  
box outside barn - hgt 1<sup>00</sup> aid hit - man came in from yard - couldn't  
understand him - crawled into loft - knew nothing about arms - banged  
foot - wanted me to stay there - gave me clothes, everything but shoes - had  
a flying shoes - no G's with me - saw 2 G's pass on motorcycles - in barn  
til dark - man pulled dirt for me to walk - SE - keep off main roads - told me  
would get help by asking - walked that night - rested often - worked by woods -  
& thru fields & dirt roads - studied maps - only that go south - very dark  
but some moon - little distance - daylight - hungry - thru small town ( )  
outskirts - 2 <sup>18 yr</sup> boys on cycles - stopped - American? - yes - help -  
eyes - in woods - all day - they coming often dark with food & tobacco -  
around 8 pm one boy came with 2 men - food - had slept most of day -

Two men said nothing - took me into village - here - old man + wife -  
bed - said would keep me couple days - stayed one room all day - bed -  
next am stayed room + bed 2<sup>nd</sup> night - same thing next day - nothing  
happened - bed 3<sup>rd</sup> nite - at 11 pm - young man came - ~~gave~~  
note in English - I to stay another day and then into the  
land - said Good bye - next day same - that nite - new dress -  
walked down road - with old man - put down road - walked all  
night ~~to~~ next quite away - 25 kms early - walked on tar road - then  
large town - kept south - here after day break - hungry - picked farm  
poor & off road - young man + wife - stayed day in barn - found  
man in yard & told him am - eager to help - put in barn with  
blanket - slept all day - dark - awakened - had to leave - no advice -  
went to a large road - walked all night - passed several cars +  
bikes - got off road - 2 kms from Montendae at daybreak -  
got off road & did not bring for small road - fine near barn - took  
me in here - fed - 1/2 hr here - in cart 2 hrs 1/2 to place where  
walked - gave me food & sent me on way - got into wds & rested -  
Thinking over what to do - saw old man on path - poor - went to  
him - took me to here - a dugout <sup>shaved</sup> - ate there + spent night and  
all the next day and night - saw Germans passing on cycle +  
cars - old man said he having exercises at Montendae - Mousrac  
near Montendae - but ready to go in a m - old man bring - ~~give~~  
~~me~~ he took me 6 or 7 kms to a road where few his travel - did -  
walked south - studied map - kept walking all morning till 1 pm -  
met no one - approaching town - started to turn away and town - saw  
20 Gery guards in front of bldg - as I got up to them I turned away  
along RR tracks - picked farm (one) away on hill - man in yard - not eager  
helpful - fed me - slept in here - next am man sd friend coming to see  
me that night - did not show - man got girl - finally - Eng. lesson -  
she assured me man craving to help would if he was a gendarme -

slept 2<sup>d</sup> nite - hung around next day - old see German k. hachos on  
road off in distance - gendarme avoid - on cycle - finally - on cycle  
into St Mariens - they make find to help get me out - good  
Gervier on road - gendarme not word - 350 Mo in the town - sleeping  
in local school bldg - pop 2000 - to Barber <sup>Mr Leopold</sup> (chez Leopold)  
wife & son - find it was Retnee Org - saw stuff dropped by a/c -  
slept there - hung around here - saw no one - shave - spent 3 day  
here - sitting in barber chair when Jerry came in - I quit -  
in aft rode on cycles to wood - met farmer - saw cache of guns  
& explosives - back to Bishop - 3<sup>rd</sup> night - next m - daybreak -  
to garage - man with hb (had receipts) - man & young man drove to St Andre  
de Kubzals - pass thru small town - saw 50-60 young 15-17<sup>yr old</sup> Gerviers -  
got to St Andre - to Doctor - chf. of Retnee Org - to families outside  
St. Andre - Sgt Jasman & Lt. Golstein - hb driver & jet man left -  
12 January - (same as Jasman)

at Viellecompte Berthold & I got off tin - looked too hot - group  
too large - hungry - got on road - gung ~~with~~ <sup>and</sup> east - walked 2 hrs - here -  
food - walked keep us - at fork on road - walked in aft - stoppd another hse -  
woman - no food - walked 6 kms - another hse - woman in yard - food -  
dark - 2 gendarmes on motorcycles rushed in here - armed - never knew how  
they find us - told them we are - they left us - we walked til dark -  
saw curie by hse - asked him for help - yes - in hse - pd - 100 francs - put us

in vacant hse - sd next am, go to town 20 kms Castelnuovo - told  
us how to go - name of shopkeeper - M. Vernus - arr. late afternoon  
wrote it on piece of paper - destroyed before leaving Vernus - no table  
finding him - clothing curi - sent by curi - fed - sent for  
Eng speaking girl - <sup>had relatives in US</sup> she came with husband - told her story - sd  
wld rest til dark - she took us thru to hse - man came - hd of a  
Magui outfit - he took us to his fam 6 kms from town -  
given beds - styd 3 days - 3rd day - car - 3 men - 2 ex-fn  
army officers - other coats - left them for Tarbos - to apt hse  
of Mme Henri Camer - left us there 3 days - 3rd day in  
of car took us in small tub to another hse - met Jasman, Rueff  
Leckwood, Martin, (self + Berthold) + a Czech boy - Walter  
Steiner - cutd with Jasman -

SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "D" 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.,.....)

Very effective <sup>had from French was effective -</sup> bombing of Cognac airport  
Very many men (ages 15 to 17) moved into coastal <sup>take - all things</sup> towns \*  
Germans are pumping oil from the <sup>into Toulouse - pipeline</sup> region of Castelnaud for military use.  
Large flying school outside <sup>741900 ~~XXXX~~ (in Ossun)</sup> Torbes.  
Much exercise of heavy guns near Montenduc  
\* Mussac. Dogs used on mountain patrol.



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. *Edward Louis Kropp, S/Sgt. 11085580*
2. Decorations.
3. Unit or Squadron. *711<sup>th</sup>*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *447<sup>th</sup>*
5. Date of Birth. *January 10, 1924*
6. Length of Service. *1 yr. 5 mos.*
7. Private Address. *Frank St. Bennington, Vermont.*
8. Job as civilian. *Machinist*
9. From what field did you take off? *Rattlesden.*
10. Take off time. *7:45*
11. Date and target. *Dec. 31, 1943. Cognac, France.*
12. Where did you land? *Outside Cognac - 3 km from logue airbase*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *yes*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *Waist Gunner*
15. Were you wounded? *yes, slightly.*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *400 Francs*
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? *Little French.*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *Pay Book*
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. Gibraltar. British Intelligence.*
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. *Jan. 30 Madrid + Gibraltar (19 + 22)*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *20 Mar.*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *Gibraltar, 22, air*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K.  
*Bristol, Mar. 23.*

OUTLINE FOR TALKS

1. Complete description of everything that happened.  
in plane before jump.
2. Description of jump and landing.
3. Description of what you did with your equipment.
4. Tell story of experiences up to time you met the person who put you in contact with organization.

DO NOT GIVE THE NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO HELPED YOU AT ANY TIME.

DO NOT GIVE THE NAMES OF TOWNS.

DO NOT GIVE ANY ADDRESSES.

5. How you crossed Pyrenees (General Location)
6. Your experiences in Spain.

Suggestions for others.

If there is some helpful incident that happened after you were picked up, do not mention it until it has been discussed with M.I.S. Interrogator.

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