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E & E REPORT NO. 866
EVASION IN FRANCE

Raymond J MURPHY, 2d Lt, O-696128
(16 Missions)
324 Bomb Squadron, 91 Bomb Group

TARGET: CAMP D'AVORD

MIA: 28 April 1944
Arrived in UK:
6 August 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT	0-805755	1st Lt	James C CATER	E&E 827
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NAVIGATOR	0-696128	2d Lt	Raymond J MURPHY	NARRATOR
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HELPED

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SEARCH PARTY

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APPENDIX "D"

1. AIDS BOX: I used all the contents of my aids box, which was very good.
2. PURSE: I had a red purse; I spent most of the 2000 francs on wine and donations.
3. PHOTOGRAPHS: I carried one passport-size photo; it was no good, but I never received identity papers.
4. LECTURES: I was lectured by group intelligence in England, February, 1944. The lectures were valuable.
5. SUGGESTIONS: Since 6 June there was almost no travel at all in the section BOURGES-ST AMAND-MOULINS except for Michelin buses and the small train running between BOURGES AND ST GERMAIN DES BOIS. Milice and Gestapo ran patrols on the main roads, using chiefly motor cars. Bicycling seemed to be quite safe as long as one ducked for cars. The Milice and the Germans were almost the only ones able to run cars. There were no license tags on the bicycles, but the owners frequently carried in their wallets papers for the bicycles. I was told that in early August there were no through trains in France except those running E or NE.

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Appendix C

E&E 866

2d Lt Raymond J MURPHY, 0696128, 324 Bomb Sq, 91 Bomb Gp (H) (Eighth AF)

8 August 1944

On 28 April 1944 I landed just to the E of the airfield N of AVORD. (CHER)

I ran into the woodmen N of RAYMOND, and they directed me to the Cure at SANCOINS. I went to BLET, lost my way, got down to les ESTIVAUX, and carried over to GIVARDON, coming into SANCOINS by a roundabout route. I was later told by my resistance helpers that the Germans formed a circle from AVORD and followed me as far as BLET.

The elderly man who picked me up on the S side of SANCOINS had a 20 year old son JOSEPH who on 30 April took me to the farm of his fiancée near between POUZY and MEZANGY (E of LURCY LEVY, Cher). The farm belonged to M Charles CLIN.

When I left there I walked past LURCY LEVY. JOSEPH picked me up before I got as far as MONTLUCON. JOSEPH took me back to M CLIN's farm. I stayed there a total of 12 days.

On the 12th day JOSEPH brought from SANCOINS a Maquis captain named PAUL who told me that I would return to England by A/C. I had the impression that he was speaking of a repaired combat plane. About 13/15 May PAUL took me to SAUCOINS where I stayed at his house with his brother-in-law RAYMOND. The next morning he took me to a farm where I stayed the next month with M and Mme BLANCHARD, SAGONNE par SANCOINS (Cher). They have three sons, two of whom are escaped P/W. With me was a man who works on the farm, an escaped P/W staying there until the war is over. He comes from the section a bit to the N. I was instructed to stay here and informed once again that I would leave by A/C. I stayed here until 11/12 June. *over the regular radio*

On 6 June we received news of the Normandy landings, received over the regular radio. Shortly before the day I had been moved into the WC to hide, for the Germans knew that I or some Americans were in the region and had put out an extensive search. They had gone through the area NW of SANCOINS and had picked up a great many resistance men.

When I had originally gone to SANCOINS I had stopped at a farm just E of SAGONNE to ask the farmer for water. I heard later that Lt CATER had stopped at this farm (Cf E&E 827, who heard at this farm that Lt MURPHY had stopped there). This farmer was a good friend of M BLANCHARD and I told my friends that the American, who I did not realize then was CATER, ~~but I thought was another~~ member of my crew and had them search for him but they could not find him. PAUL, his brother-in-law, and a friend searched in vain.

The afternoon of 11 or 12 June PAUL and his brother-in-law took me by bicycle to PONDY. There ~~we~~ I waited in a restaurant for about six hours while PAUL searched for AUGUST GERBEAU. This gentleman appeared and took me to a farm to the NW where I stayed three days with an old man and three young Maquisards.

On 15 June I left there by horse and buggy, went to DUR sur AURON (Cher) and drove out toward CHEZAL CHAUVIRR. On the way we got out and walked into the woods. My helpers were evidently trying to keep me from knowing where I was. They took me to a farm N of St GERMAIN des B (just about the V.O. on Michelin Sheet 69, range 1:200,000), the home of M CAMILLE GERBEAU, AUGUST's brother, and a center of resistance activities. There I stayed until I left on 5 August.

The day before I arrived a tall very good looking young captain in the French intelligence service, JEAN, had arrived with a short very heavily bearded chap about 33, having been parachuted into France. To see these two men had come VICTOR, a grand chef de resistance, and one M DOIR (questionable spelling). I heard later that the Germans captured these two men in Paris. The latter was said to have been killed; the Germans were torturing the former.

which I met many resistance men here. M CAMILLE had kept over 575 men at his farm and it was the center of resistance activities. I participated in the parachutings and in their radio work, decoding messages as they instructed me.

I met GEORGES BONNET (or possibly BONNAT), the grand chef de resistance in the section DUN Sur AURON (and apparently going by the codeword LeCOMTE). It was he who finally arranged my evacuation.

I met CAMILLE'S wife's brother. When he came to the farm he had literally been beaten half to death by the Milice after they had found him with a radio. For five or six days while he was there I slept in the woods carefully concealed, for the Milice were raising hell in the section.

The first radio announcement of my position was sent in by PAUL from the St AMAND radio in May. The Germans picked up the operatives in that section, and those who escaped moved to the N. (cf the Philip of E.E., Mrs. Maharisi)

In July PHILIP went to LYONS to get some papers for the courier delivery. He had some difficulty and had to hide for a bit, not returning until 9 July. The weather and the failure in plans prevented the (SIS evidently) operation on the July moon period. In the meantime we were sending our regular messages. About 28 to 30 July we sent out a report telling of VICTOR and also some information on German activities with V-1 (V-2, I should guess). GEORGES BONNET visited frequently

On 4 August we got our operational message over the BBC. That night we went to the Boid de Bouard (ENE. of CHATEAUNEUF sur Cher), armed with MG's and pistols, and carrying our papers. By 0300 we had not heard the engines of our plane. The only plane that we heard come over was a German which we signalled by mistake until we realized what it was. Later we understood that the RAF had come but could not find us.

The next day our operation was on once again and BONNE (LeCOMTE), PHILIP, and another M DOIR (questionable spelling) and I went back. The plane came in at 0145 after two men got out I got in. On the way out we met some flak. Once a search light caught us. Early the morning of 6 August we landed on a field in Devon. I was there until noon. Then a Hudson brought the whole group from the four separate operations to a field near Bedford. We went to the country home of (Major of SIS), from which an RAF F/Lt in this work and a Frenchman took me to the former's place or that of a friend in London (near St James Palace) where I saw a couple of people including an English (SIS) major. Capt Windham WRIGHT picked me up there and brought me to 63 Brook street.

N.B. About 3 weeks ago I saw a town within 4 hours bicycling
 riding up the GERBEAU from where some 500 men, women, &
 children had been ~~annihilated~~ ^{murdered} by the Germans. I saw no baby who
 had been ~~annihilated~~ ^{murdered}.

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EVASION IN

Aug 7, 1944
(Date)

MURPHY 2nd Lt. 0696128
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
16
(No of Missions)

TARGET: CAMP DE AVIARD

Date Missing in Action: April 28

Date Arrived in UK: Aug. 6

324
(Squadron) (Group)
91st

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Indicate what happened to
each man
and how you know

PILOT 1st Lt. JAMES C. CATER

MERCURY
BROKEN LEG - PRISONER

COP-PILOT

NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. R. J. MURPHY

BOMBARDIER F/O BERNARD SWINBURNE

RADIO OPERATOR

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TAIL TURRET GUNNER Sgt. DOWLER

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER Sgt. CAMPBELL

TAIL GUNNER Sgt. CARNEY

- POSSIBLE ESCAPE
(HEARD OF MAN WHO
HELPED)

?

?

?

?

Were you wounded?

HAK IN LEFT HAND - NOT BAD
BACK INJURY AT LANDING

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EVASION IN FRANCE

(Date) _____
~~(at this)~~ - correct
Camp D'Avord
~~AVORD AIRFIELD~~
This way

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Were you wounded?

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I circled the little town ahead of me, following ~~their directions,~~ and started off ~~to the S,~~ following roads as they instructed me, for they said that the roads were quite safe. Later I realized that it would have been better to have kept off roads, for my resistance friends said that the Germans had men out looking for me. For some time they were just three or four kilometers behind; one town they entered about four hours after I had left it. I kept on the roads following my directions and going through villages until I lost my way. It was almost dark when I reached

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EXCELLENT
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JUMP

START S!!

S

29 April

HELPER

SEARCH
PARTY
~~WALKED~~

my destination. I stopped the first elderly man I saw, for my previous helpers had suggested that it was best to keep away from younger persons, and asked him how to find ~~M le Cure~~. ^{The priest.} This man's wife directed me to the door. ~~None~~ ^{and} ~~was more surprised~~ than I when ~~a~~ ^a priest appeared, I handed him the note, and after he read it he was evidently frightened and wished to have nothing to do with me. Almost immediately he said, "Au revoir," and without knowing any French I could realize what he meant.

TURNED AWAY

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JOURNEY ARRANGED

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

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Appendix D

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Appendix D, contd

5. Since 6 June there was almost no travel at all in the section BOURGES-StAMAND-MOULINS except for Michelin buses and the small train running between BOURGES and St GERMAIN des Bois..

~~Connections with LYONS were possible by small trains, but several transfers were required..~~

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E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

MURPHY 2nd Lt. O-626128 Aug. 7, 1944
 (Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)
354 Sqdn. 91st BROWN
 (Unit)

#866

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

APRIL 28, 1944 DIRECTLY OVER TARGET (CAMP DE AVARD)

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.
 1200 HRS.

Was it on fire, etc?

FIRE ON WING FROM FLAK.
 PRETTY BAD SHAP - EXPLOSION TWO OR THREE MINUTES
 LATER.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 15000 FT.

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

FLAK HIT ME IN LEFT HAND SLIGHTLY, I DONT KNOW OF CREW.

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

SAW (7) SEVEN CHUTES BUT DONT KNOW WHO.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

EXPLOSION ~~BETW~~
 IN AIR.

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? If so give detailed furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

HEARD THAT MY PILOT BROKE HIS LEG & IS A
 PRISONER. - BOMBARDIER ESCAPED AT THE MOMENT

STAYED AT FARM NEAR ME - IDENTIFIED BY NAME.
 Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its conditions?

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 reason for his opinion?

BEHAVED TO BE PRISONERS OR
 DEAD - NO ONE EXCEPT MYSELF
 CONTACTED RESISTANCE.

BOMBARDIER (P)

Shot over field - I just out - hit by flak left hand
 Out 15, 000' - delayed jump great deal - ground took
 too close - pulled quite but when chute open. Can down
 exactly over flak gun - pulled to it - clear in woods
 near field. Landed backwards & hit head & back - brushed
 out. Wm - in fan just W field. Bungle - wooden
 the got me - took me off in woods. Bivouac - ^{some of the woodmen?} hit just south
 he began due S @ 3 hrs - scarcely walk - go C hr - rest
 2.

Just
 riding
 out
 Run
 3
 me
 to
 the

Sty in woods - no wood 1, + 2 days - slept in woods.
 Gun pack, shirt, Gt shoes, flying boots - summer overalls,
 little Canadian - fuzzy & death
 Got to Raymond 1st am - walking down woods from the -
 not appeared me - the hr - ask direct in S - not yet for -
 to go on - 1 hr to woods N Raymond - see it once again
 Took me into woods - 2 bottles this - look at maps - gave me
 water - They suggest going to M Curie - find I call die -
 give out, died to Sanson Sanson

to
 not
 with
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 the

Arrive Raymond - send a note
 S to Road Bouzys - Marlin - stayed in woods - they
 told me it safe
 Took ³ hrs from woods as far as Blet - then going down until
 a month later - 3 - 4 hrs behind in: Enter Blet 4 hrs after
 1st

Go down road to Blet - around a middy - kept on go
 looking - down to 6th road - to 5th road - back to road -
 Sanson completely - stop to + eldier man now - tell want M
 Curie - follow with ted down - get M Curie - had him note -
 he men - scared about it - immediately see Sanson - I couldn't

2130

explain what I wanted - I figured out a grid - left -
th rough trees to Sand - started yet busy - approach 2nd
mor - motion busy sleep, bad back - given head - taken to
have an out skirts - was veteran put me in car with horse
20 year old man Joseph took me to home - got hired / James
left day road to S to farm in Pong - Mexico - family of
girl he to many - fixed in uncomfortable
This ^{third} year food for first time. Stay there - told not in bed
2 day -

Then go in an leave - want get to Spain -
Spent day & 1/2 going S - Lancy - Lancy - they come afternoon -
not got as far as M. Mexico - stayed all main roads
Not into any town

One of most day c. 1600 you were caught in - had extra

M. Charles
Clem - P
Jann

went straight S - they probably guess - he lost on back to
see you. (not in words)

1 stayed there, total of 11 days.

had one appeal - that want get to Spain - they demand
2 stay - better food that help with resistance.

Joseph go to S. Mexico - when see that I stay.

12 they had me with him - then told that I go back of
Plan - impression that required contact plan.

took to S. Mexico c. 15 May. Stay at his home with little in law

Raymond
Next Paul, took out from NW Sagorno - month there -
Blanchard " pm S. Mexico (Chen)

M. M. M.

3 was - 2 escaped P/W

With in a man who escaped P/W - works in farm until it was over -
was for hit N - rest in:

Léon Blanchard

He tell me the story - told that I leave by plane.
Reminded 11⁻¹² June

Mrs Jivissin on radio on 6 June. That day ^{by help} moved into WC -
to house in region - can look better part Maguin - Maguin ^{Paul}
was that first eyes looking for me - was in the NW
Sancoris - pick up getting many members of resistance.
Left in WC.

Contact made in Pondy - both of me Paul from in winter.
(Talk of the Count's Chateau Newf.)

^{at Sancoris}
Coming to Sancoris ask for name for water - was later that Catebean
there - he good friend of Blouhad.
I set these fellows out after him - explain he was
Paul, brother-in-law, friend - search area.

^{with in bar}
11-12 June. Paul took me to Pondy by lake - back road -
This in restaurant - c. 6 hrs. Paul search for other fellows, August
Berbean, took me from NW - old man, 3 young fellows member
of Maguin - 3 day, then
Nothing happens - left by house & baggage.

So that ^{sun down} Durr - 15 June
Out toward Chateaul - off - walk into woods - try to buy
in for buy - who was at Pondy at VO N St Isidore
M Camille Berbean - 15 June until day left.

Victor - Grand Chef de Resistance - 1st of that -
Captured really with M Durr (?) - col in Paris - being
Furtive by Durr - ^{in me - Durr was born}
Grand Chef de R - Georges Bonnet - got me out for continuity.

Was actually not resistant - always caught around.
Cannell - kept from 575 hours, the fun for radio, digging.

Decoded radio messages

B

|| Obs. int. 3 weeks ago - trans mission in section - A his big job was
500 man team killed by 75 - one baby crucified.

Burton & wife of Cannell. Is can't find him literally but help
& death became had radio. George Bonnet knew @ Milie did #
While the sleep in long beds in woods
The look to find sleep in bar - the room with bed.
Milie in section raising hell.

5-6
days in
woods

2000 man for & full parachute in @ helped - bus day
before I arrived 22, tall, good looking, mistake Capt 1st Lt
M Jean arrived - in 7' then - the 4' day - the 1st Lt
go in section - on pair chief resistance.
One shot, you being headed 33
When I saw the 2 in with Victor - all 7 go to Paris.

They told that I would go back by plane that road.
1st word of me need for St Bernard in NY - Is got them - then
exchanged moved to S
More gun & fuel load - except parachute. close to Burbank - catch

not back July - Phil is so to have for papers - difficulty - look - not back until 9/25.
But when did hear of coming system

Phil is back to have to gather more papers.
28-30 M set to London - telling Victor & activities of S on V-1
George Bonnet in M to court - visit frequent.

4th got operation and over BBC -

The Bois de Bouard - vicinity Chateau -

The 2300 - went by Mijeli, Arnel MB, a Lt - carried papers -

B) 0300 plan never came - mfg 1 plan over - B - signal by mistake - seem RST not find us.

Next int again - papers - Bouard / Lt, Philiz, is with M. Jovi

Plan can 0145 - 2 min out - 1 min - M - bit flake coming out - ltr is one - landed in. Denshi -

Now it the. This Hudson for all 4 eyes - to find a road for with work.

With for to Mgr - how via country. The with his RST FHT to his plan a find in Linder - near St John's Palace - by me in the May -

Capt WW can & hot + Brown:

Field force @ left an excellent - one about 2 sq miles - via Magpie controlled territory.

Magpie knows of a number of fields

No tank in section. But Michelin buses - except very small tank Bouays + St Germain des Bois. Can train to Lyons - small train - several tanks - No G control on small tanks - not stop cars or any other vehicles. chiefly car.

M. Jovi was patrolling on roads - 2 sentry posts.

Perfect highway - dual for cars - only cars. M. Jovi's team. Almost impossible for cars.

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *MURPHY RAYMOND J. 0696128 SNOLY A.C.*Unit:- *334 SQDN 91ST BOMB GRP (H)*

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? *All of it.*
- 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.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass.

Sewing kit.

*While in woods
AND BEFORE CONTACT*

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *Dont like Horlick tabs.*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *BURNED*
- 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?

Very Good

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *Yes*
State color of stripes and letters. *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? *FRENCH MAP*

Compass.

File (hacksaw). *YES NO*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money?

*FRENCH MONEY 2000 FRANCS
BOTTLE OF WINE + DONATIONS*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *BROUGHT BACK*

Compass. *"*

File (hacksaw). *IN WOODS*

Surplus currency. *GAVE TO PEOPLE OF FRANCE*

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? *1*

b. Did you use them? *NO - NO GOOD*

5. LECTURES

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

INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IN ENGLAND, IN FEB. 44

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?

NONE WHICH WE DO NOT ALREADY KNOW.

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MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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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.,.....)

Told 3 Divs in S France - recently.
In area where I was sitting except at Bruges
A/P - in Div on one Avion 40-400 depend on by
said to work as mechanics - old a 17-18.
Military & best type, +
All French who helped out and some landing -
said very poor.
Every report I had on ground.
Report of that landing Bruges - good - before that
had - was killed.
In one Paris landing over 2000 was killed. Good luck let
concentrate on Paris landing - poor for. That by landing
good
Told all over Paris landing had.

And finished.

at Bruges A/P S of town - present day
very small field track Chateau - said to
cut into part Bruges - Great many small planes -
possibly Me 109's - heard at Bruges extensive
by a landing radar equipment of the present
over farm - radar ship - small DC with
Civil general alarm plane & project of farm wings.
with 8 km of St. Germain's farm - Vol 1 & 2 hours.
Extensive - probably connected with a view of other
in Div on Bruges.

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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 supercedes 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.

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 **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) Raymond J. Murphy
Rank 2nd Lt AC A. S. N. 0696128
Unit 324 Sq 91 BOMB Gr.

Signed Raymond J. Murphy
Dated 7 August 1943
Witness Charles A. Brown
1st Lt U. A. C.

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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. *MURPHY RAYMOND J. 0696128 2nd Lt A.C*
2. Decorations. *NONE*
3. Unit or Squadron. *324 SQDN 91st CP.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *91st CP*
5. Date of Birth. *1/13/24*
6. Length of Service. *2 YEARS*
7. Private Address. *1021 - 6th Ave. Des Moines Iowa*
8. Job as civilian. *CONSTRUCTION FORMAN (GENERAL SKILLED LABOR)*
9. From what field did you take off?
BASSINGBOURN ST 131
10. Take off time. *? 0600 hrs.*
11. Date and target. *CAMP DE AVARD APRIL 28, 1944*
12. Where did you land? *SUCKER TARGET*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *I ATE THEM*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *NAVIGATOR*
15. Were you wounded? *SLIGHTLY BY FLAK IN HAND - BACK WAS HURT WHEN LANDED*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much?
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? *A LITTLE FRENCH NOW.*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *DOG 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? *NO*
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *YES HERE*
22. Date of arrival in ~~Spain~~.
23. Date of arrival at ~~Cabrettor~~.
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *AIR - CANT.*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *6 August 1944 ?*

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

DATE: 8 August 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, William T. Koranda, 1st Lt., AC, 0704561

HEREBY CERTIFY that I have known and have been associated with

Raymond J. Murphy, 2nd Lt., AC, 0696128

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.

Raymond J. Murphy

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



William T. Koranda

The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as Raymond J. Murphy,
2nd Lt., AC, 0696128, 91 B. Group, 324 B. Sqdn., APO 557.
previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

John E. Parish

SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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