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June 24, 1944

McKEON, A. B. S/Syl. 33580391 (Name) (Rank) (ASN) // (No of Missions) 7542 458 BonB. (Souddron) (Group)

Pare Missing in Action: 4/25/44

Date Arrived in UK: 6/24/44

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FILT COMBS, J. H. + Captured - information from French.

CO-PILOT ROOF, C.W. + Spain

NAVIGATUR HOAG, E.M. - U.K.
LUMBARWIER, BIEBER, C.G. - Dead - information from French.

RADIO OPERATOR BENRENS, R.O - U.K.

TOP TURRET OWNER MCKEON, A.B. - V.K.

MAILE GUNDER WILLER - Dead - information from french,

MALOT COMMENTAMBOER, H. L. - Deard - 1

TELL CONNER MCCARTHY, R.O. - Devid- 11

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were you wounded?

NO

LT HOAG:

When I heard the alarm bell I opened the nose turret, put on my chute and went out the nose wheel door at 6000 feet with the bombardier (BIEBER) behind me ready to jump. I delayed my jump to avoid the aircraft which was in a flat spin spin andpulled the ripcord around 500 feet. It opened around 250 feet and in a burning matter of seconds I was on the ground, not more than 30 feet from our grashed plane.

I had left the plane without shoes so immediately I put on my GI shoes which were attached to the chute harness. Over 70 Frenchmen had arrived at the scene and were there when I threw the chute, mae west and flying equipment on idenkifyx the burning plane. They kaskxmaxxmaxkakkakkombaxsisskakkombaxsisskakkombaxskakkombaxsisskakkombaxskakkombaxsisskakkombaxskakkomb

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Two Frenchmen in the crowd led me inkaxkhaxanx to their home

in the small village to get civilian clothes and then we walked to a wood on the side of the town away from the plane. They hid me in the brush with instructions to wait until they came back for me. In the evening they took me back to their house for more food. A Frenchman was waiting for me when we arrived and after I had eaten we got on bicycles and I was taken to a house where my journey was arranged. Several days later I was joined by SGTS BEHRENS and MCKEON.

Sgt BEHRENS:

when I saw the copilot leaving his seat a I grabbed my chute and opened the bombbay doors. I think the top turret gumer and copilot went out around 22,000 feet but after that The plane wasin a flat spin and I couldn't jump until around 13,000 feet. I held my jump down to 8000 feet. After my chute opened I saw two chutes on the ground and one in the sire Example 2000 feet.

I landed in an open field near a wood. There were farmers all around working in the fields and when I gathered up my when the chute and ran into the wood one of them followed. He took the chute, asked me if I was an American and told me to stay there until he brought food. When he returned we walked along the

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the wood's edge, to keeping out of sight. I was hidden again in another wood and told to wait until evening. This time when my helper returned he had a man with who also brought clothing. I was given a note in English that asked me to follow this man. From there my journey was arranged. Three days later I joined Lt HOAG.

Sgt MCKEON:

JELAN'S

I landed in a hard swing and was knocked breathless/a few secdnds. But then

I stuffed my chute under some brush and raked leaves over it. I saw two chutes landing in the distance and started in that direction but there was a wood between us. I charge changed my direction as two more came down nearer and ran into Lt ROOF who was hopping toward the wood with a broken amkle. I helped him hide his chute and then supported him enough to get into the weed and in hiding.

We made splints for his foot out of strips cut from a mae west and or dinary sticks. He had his shoes which we had taken from his chute harness before hiding it.

A dog found our hidning place and brought a young Frenchman, wikk to us. He wouldn't give us help but directed us to a place and left. We started there but Lt ROOF manifultiments couldn't make it, we went back into hiding. After dark I went out looking for help but could not find a house. We were near a road but rather than get lost from Lt man ROOf I waited until the next morning. I was afraid to get out on the road so I went toward the fields where we had entered the wood. Three managements and the standard and standard maniful them were plowing. They were poorly dressed, maniful and standard maniful them. They listened to my explanation about being an American airman and having an injured comrade with me and then talked it over. I hid in the brush while one went off across the fields. I had decided to trust them and waited until he came back, bringing food. This man went with me to Lt ROOF who could understand French

better than I. The man said he would come back to see us later in the day.

He brought with him more food and a new helper who stold us to stay hidden in the wood that night. During the rest of the day we were visited by many Frenchmen who had heard about us.

> The following day we had more visitors and by the end of the day they had ween out a path to our hiding place. Once when we talking to a large number xofx Exempianen crowd a Frenchman rushed up in great excitement and indicated we should hide. The crowd melted away and we crawled into the brush but nothing happened. One man told us to stay in the wood another night and we would be moved the next day. He told us that he knew Lt HOAG so we felt we had gotten in the right hands at last. Thex

Our journey was arranged when this man returned the next day to take us out of the wood. Later I joined Lt HOAG.

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APPENDIX B:

French source states that 4-track railway bridge ofer road and canal at SERMAIZE les B. (MARN E) is mined.

French source states that fields W of ST VRAIN were being mined as possible protection to ST DIZIER.

French source noted much surveying activity in fields No N of ST VRAIN. At

first thought to be for airfield but nothing happened.

d. ST DIZIER airfield was bombed week before 25 April and during that week the Germans moved to ORCONTE, then came back to ST DIZIER. A German officers' quarters was hit during this raid. ST DIZIER was raided again around 2 May and this time it took two weeks to repair. After that night fighters were active around this field, moving in andout, between 0200 hours and 0400 hours

e. Around the 6th or 9th MAY the RAF bombed the CHAMP DE TIR DE MAILLY A la tank encampment was hit and French stated 1901 tank encampment was hit and French stated 180 tanks and 8,000,000 liters of gasohine were destroyed. Also that there were 15,000 cammalties. Many tanks had been moved out before the raid but two weeks after the raid bodies were still being found in the debris.

Exaders, when travelling from VITRY-le-FRANÇOIS to PARIS counted 9 engines destroyed in one railway yards and 13 engines in another. Marshalling yards E and S of PARIS had been badly damaged. The tops were burned from most of the cars but the undercarriages were often not know damaged.

g. Evaders noticed heavy troop movements through SERMAIZE les B. during the month of April.

Evaders saw Tiger tanks travelling through the streets of PARIS. (25 May.)

One km S of JONZEAC On W side of train tracks evaders saw excavations where caves had been dug into rock. The caves were under heavy guard and French police were stationed at the corners of a surrounding wood.

Evaders saw the iron-rod ampitheater arrangement described in appendix B, E & E Report no. 20164. They locate it as being S of LABOUNEYRE.

Evaders noticed many road blocks and tank traps on road between BORDEAUX and DAX.

Evaders saw approximately 100 He 177s land at MERIGNAC airfield on 25 May. This field, according to French, can handle on transit aircraft.

- m. French stated that two of three powder plants at MERIGNAC had been destroyed.

 Evaders did not know whether by air raid or sabotage.
- n. Between ANGOULEME and BORDEAUX evaders counted 8 or 9 power houses for the electric rail lines. -Most of the power houses looked new.

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XX Lt Hoag:

- l. I used all the contents of my aids box at different stages of my trip. Most of it I saved for the mountains because I hadn't needed it earlier. The adhesive tape prevented my dogtags from rattling.
- 2. I had a RED purse and used the money for guides and food.
- 3. I had no extra evasion aids.
- 3. I carried 6 passport photos and used one for an identity card.
- 4. I had evasion lectures in the States and at Group and found them valuable.

Sgt Behrens;

- 1. I saved most of the contents of my aids box to use when crossing the PYRENES.

 2. I had a RED purse. The mossy, 1200 francs, was used to pay guides. The
- 1%. I carried an extra compass.

surplus was handed in at CIB.

- 3.4. I used one of the six escape photos I had with me.
- 4 %. I was lectured periodically at HORSHAM ST FAITH en evasion by IOs. In my case the lectures were not needed.

Sgt MCKEON:

- 1. I used the chocolate bar, milk tube, halazone tablets and water bottle while hiding in the woods. I save the benzadrine and Horlicks tablets for the PYRENES. The water bottle was not very satisfactory.
- 2. I carried a RED purse. I spent the money for food and guides and used the maps of France whenki during my first few days in France.
- 73. I had two extra compasses.
- The lectures I had on evasion in the States and at Group were very valuable.

 I suggest to evaders that they carry all the escape equipment possible and that

during missions they try always to know where they are in case they are shot down.

When I left that - Bothers open Probay doors - was often There - got on chat - cop belged - out at 18000 - Cap 6 P there ready to go - elled group to about 2 our or 30 sees of grad - theding - saw clints above 6 man - neared good & had shap burning & onuns gry off - buded hard in awing - stoff climbe made brown threw beares over - sew a clinter lading further ceway - still to look for it - was between us - went tooks one churte - saw other two ludicy forther antay - our on man happy - It Roof - helpd hide cleate - he had haded of broke and bone in outle - cld hebb - got into wids - 1/2 har later put replient on food - and strape from my to build stides - his shots cut of shall brues min in % - doz care that bush & believe gry he boy-wilded help-children to go where to got help-Abto-Roll ildul walk - And hidry place in was - that night I went out thing for hely clothed find how we near road off I that mile - next am went for life while was near paid of it - went back way be cultured and -Olaw Inen plury - sneaked up on them - watched - poorly dressed digite - appealed them - explude and trying dewords - only & nulo Jam Ve - this only few lov gods from where Consider they your " 16, 18, 25-Halled to over on Maross flds - I hidden in bright dedel to true them som man among truck above he went to Row with men food in bag - Rod mew few wids in French - man od coming back later in Cay - what hide us - came back later however - The time brother man-food- we to stay there that note- nest of day vold by many trnext am, fed again - ying girl & boy can with note - 4 maines of dead

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SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

TO : Personnel concerned.

- The 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 coaped or evaded.

(3) The route you followed.

(4) Any other facts concerning your experience.

. You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.

You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, portodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.

- i. You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4a.
- No lectures or reports are to be given to any without the permission of the War or Navy Department.

By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

(signed) RAIPH PULSIFER, Colonel, AGD, Asst. Adj. Gon.

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) ANTHONY B. MCKEON	signed anthom B. Juc Keon
Rank 8/50/A.S.N. 33580.391	Date / UNE 19, 19#4
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HORACE W. FORSTER, Colonel, G.S.C., U. S. Mil. Lia. Off.

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Was it on fire, etc?

Controls were shot out.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 18,000 ff.
Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

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

All but wasty ball gumner, phute opened too lest 1 him

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Did source see any other members of the crevidead or alive after reaching the ground? Her - Co-fulat alive

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. We The dead were releasing to

marne.

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

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

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crow members and his reason for his opinion? I believe unformation on ferri flage.

To be covered Information was brought to me from more than one secured I face seen all but thought who were reports.

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APPENDIX TO E AND A REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name: -33580391 Ish anthony B. Inc Keon Unit: -458 th Bomb Br

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

1. AIDS DOX

- a. Did you use your aids box?
- b. If not, why?
- o. 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. Crazzing montains

Chocolate or Peenut Bur. while healing in woods.

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Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). Craceing mountain,

Halezone tablets (water purifier) withit histing in woods

Matches. while holing in a parise

Adhesive tape, gand it to doctor

Chowing gum. gave it its Frenchman

Water boutle. while histing in woods,

Compass.

Sowing kit, _____

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? in a least to the
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? Trematmen had it
- 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? All 2 State color of stripes and letters. All all fill If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse?

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? Tiops. Which ones? showing north-laster france of Southern grance File (hacksaw). Poreign currency. State countries and amounts. 500 fr. to guarde of How did you spend the runey? 500 to lat in Apain d. How did you dispose of :-Maps. Spanish army took their Compass. File (hacksaw). last in woods. Surplus currency. taken at Selealter 3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? 2 ettra compares PLASFORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? If so, hor many? b. Did you use then? yes LECTURES Were you lectured on evasion and ascape? State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOLL Did you find the lectures of value? c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experionce, you feel will help other evoders and escapers? be sure to carry all escape equipment of they to know where you are all during micron so if you are shot down you'll at back know what country you're in.

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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:

Dase Command:

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 (6 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.

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- 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.
 - 6 You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.
 - You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.
 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 SEGRET and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the agency designated by A. C. of S., G-2, War Department, the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations, or to the Military Attache in a neutral country to whom I first report. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) ANTHONY B. MCKEON

Rank 5/5/ A.S.N. 33580391

Unit 458 BOAB. GRP, 2542 SQDN.

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P/W and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONMAIRE FOR SERVICE PRSONNEL EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. ANTHONY B. MC/FEON S/Sg/33580891

2. Decorations. AIR MEDAL

3. Unit or Squadron. 754 & Boomb. Syptin.

4. Division (Arty) or Group. 458 ch World grf.

5. Date of Birth. April 17, 192 3

6. Length of Service. / year 6 months

7. Private Address. 1492 %. Wilton St., Phila., Pa.

Job as civilian. Paint Sprayer

9. From what field did you take off? Horslan, St. Faith

10. Take off, time. approb, - 06:30

1. Date and target. april 15, mannishien

12. Where did you land? Rear Vity - Le- Francois

13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? 2

14. What was your position in directly Top Tunel

15. Were you wounded? ///

16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? - 16. 505 Fm.

17. De you speak French? Spanish?

10. Did you have Identity Papers? dog togs & late gover French factors

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. There and when?

20. Did you report on your operations? If so, who re and to what?

21. Did you sign a security certificate werning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? In Alchana, the School term

22. Date of arrival in Spain. June 3

23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. Dence 19

24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. I we have been all a

25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. 6/24 in Manden

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KEADQUARTERS

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

DATE: 25 June 1944

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I, ROBERT H. HINCKLEY, JR., Capt., AC, 0-24889

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

ANTHONY B. MC KEON, S/Sgt., AC, 33580391

prior to his being reported maximum action over enemy territory.

The person whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon is the individual

referred to above.

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RIGHT THUM PRINT:

The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as ANTHONY B. MC KEON,

S/Sgt., AC, 33580391 (754 Bomb Squadron - 458 Bomb Group)

previously reported assisted in action over enemy territory.

JOHN E. PARISH SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.