

78 F.R. Gp

28 Aug

FOREST OF

On the 11 June 1944 I bailed out and landed in a forest the Forest of Louvier  
 [ N of Louvier (Eure) ]. I walked all day Nw by compass. In the evening on the road to Brion, near  
 near Tourville (Eure), I met a young girl who was going after milk. His name was  
 Ferdy Pierre-Rose. She took me to her house where I lived:

- ① Her Mother: Mme F. Pierre-Rose (she was separated from her husband who was a resistance chief in the Valogne area. The family lives in Paris but since the war had moved to their country house: Chalet du Franc Boissier, Tourville la Campagne (Eure).
- ② Her sisters: Yvette and Janette (Janette spoke English.)

The Pierre-Rose had a maid but they dismissed her on my arrival. There was also  
 another daughter (aged 23) in the family but she was married to a viscount and lived  
 away.

The friends of the family who helped while I was there were:

- ① Docteur Daniel Hochart: a friend (aged 35 had English DSO received in 1940) He had a practice in Bourgtherould (accouchements) where he was assistant chief of the resistance. he brought with him to see us M. Magnus.
- ② M. Magnus He is a resistance man in charge of the district (aged 41 5'9" very dark complexion because of the sun, his hair is white with a black line in the center. He claimed to be with British Intelligence. He brought to us another man called Maximilian Brabec
- ③ Maximilian Brabec (Aged 35) was a tcheque who had moved from Tche coslovaquia to Elbeuf during the war.
- ④ The Chief of Resistance at Bourgtherould (Aged 50, tall, looks like a gentleman farmer, little brown hair a moustache.
- ⑤ A grocer from Brionne He was brought by Magnus, He was the Chief's interpreter Ran a whole sale grocer shop and claimed to work for British Intelligence. He told me I would fly back to England.
- ⑥ M. Marcel (this is his last name) He was ahead of a maquis.
- ⑦ Comte Pierre Griffon The owner of the chalet, a friend of Janette lived in Paris and came to see us.

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*Czechoslovakia*

While-I-was

While I was at the Pierre-Rose I was joined by other airmen:

P/O Alen Monaghan (Australian in the RAF shot down 9-July)

Sgt Charles Swinley (Scotch in the RAF shot down 8-July)

They were both brought to us by the Docteur Hachart on the 8 and 9 July

2Lt Georges Holland (9th AF, P-38, shot down on the 13 July, he was badly

burned and brought to us by Marcel and Magnus

SECRET

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

LAWRENCE R. CASEY 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. 0695154

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: JUNE 11 1944

Date arrived in UK: AUG 27 1944

50 SORTIES (No. of missions)

83 78  
(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (Please list names next to positions)

Indicate what  
happened to each man  
and how you know.

PILOT LAWRENCE R. CASEY

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

P-47

Decorations: AIR MEDAL (3 CLUSTERS) (DFC-POSSIBLY)

Date of Birth: OCT 23, 1920

Private Address: MARENGO IOWA

Length of Service: 1 YEAR 8 MONTHS

Job as Civilian: STUDENT

From what field did you take off? Take off time.

DUXFORD 7:00 AM

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

YES

Were you wounded? Give details.

LEG SCRATCHED WHILE BAILING OUT - LUMP ON HEAD

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much?

NO

Do you speak FRENCH? NO SPANISH? NO GERMAN? NO ITALIAN? NO OTHER LANGUAGE? NO

Did you have identity papers?

DOG TAGS - FRENCH IDENTITY CARD

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Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?

~~NO~~ GAVE TACTICAL INFO OF AREA TO FIELD

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When? HQ

NO

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

NO

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When?

NO

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air.

LAVAL AUG 27 AIR

List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans.

HEARD OF FEW BUT  
DID NOT KNOW NAMES

List names of American or British personnel believed to be evading.

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 0695154 2ND LT L.R. CASEY  
Unit:- 83 FTR SQN 78 FTR GRP

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. ATE SOME ON WAY

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. DID NOT USE

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). DID NOT USE

Halazone tablets (water purifier). PURIFY CREEK WATER-  
THREE OCCASIONS

Matches. FOR CIGARETTES

Adhesive tape. KEPT. BANDAGE ON LEG

Chewing gum. DID NOT USE

Water bottle. DURING WALK

Compass. VERY MUCH USED

Sewing kit. DID NOT USE

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? NO

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?

NO

2. PURSE

a. Did you carry a purse?

State color of stripes and letters.

If NOT, State why not.

RED

b. Did you use the purse?

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

Maps. Which ones? **YES**

Compass. **YES**

File (hacksaw). **NO**

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. **2,000 F**

How did you spend the money? **CIGARETTES**

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. **BURNED ONE - BROUGHT ONE BACK**

Compass. **BROUGHT BACK**

File (hacksaw). **DESTROYED**

Surplus currency. **BROUGHT BACK**

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

**YES COMPASS**

4. PASSEPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? **YES**

If so, how many? **SIX**

b. Did you use them? **USED ONE FOR I CARD**

5. LECTURES

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

**ATCHAM MARCH**

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?

**NO**

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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

JUNE 11 1944 7:30

Few KILOM. N. OF LOUVIER

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

Was it on fire, etc?

PLANE ENGINE CONKED OUT DUE TO  
LACK OF OIL - NO FIRE

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

8,000

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

No

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

PILOT

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 details 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 condition?

No - BUT COULD SEE IT EXPLODE ON  
IMPACT AND BURN

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 reasons for his opinion?



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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.

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) LAWRENCE R CASEY  
Rank 1ST LT A. S. N. 0695154  
Unit 83 FS 78 FG

Signed Laurence R Casey  
Dated Sept 2nd 1944  
Witness Charles A. Brown  
1st Lt. A.C.

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1st Lt Charles Hochadel ( was shot down the 30 June and was brought to the house on the 1 August by the Grocer from Brionne)

On the 25 August the 66th tank Regiment came into the town and I left the Pierre-Rose with the Australien for Divisional Hq. From there we went to 9th Tactical A F from there to Laval and- where we got a C-47 for the U K.



11 June escorting B-17 ~~which~~ and had engine trouble on the way over the Rouen Area. - I bailed out and landed in the forest North of LOUVIER (EURE) Landed in the Forest of Louvier (I bailed out at 0730 hrs 8000 feet delayed until about 2000 ft.) landed in the trees. - I landed a foot off the ground. Got off the chute walked north and W by compass. - Walked all day. - That evening at ~~700~~ near TOURVILLE (Eure) on the Road to Brion I met FERDY PIERRE ROSE who was going after milk I told her I was an American she knew no English so I showed her my phrase card. And she took me to her house. - MME F. PIERRE ROSE CHATEAU DU FRANC BOISIER, TOURVILLE LA CAMPAGNE EURE, FRANCE. (Mme Ferdinand was separated to her husband. He was chief resistance in the Valoigne area). I arrived there alone. until the Americans troops came in on the 25 August.

The family is

Mme Ferdinand PIERRE-ROSE.

her 3 daughters at home YVETTE

spice ~~enrich~~. JANEITE

FERRY.

They had a maid which they send away when I came.

An older sister 23 years old married to a vicar.

Maximilian<sup>35</sup> Rabe was a Tchèque who had moved to Elbert from

Tchecobouazien during the war and

was bought by a resistance man

in charge of that <sup>district</sup> ~~claves~~. He is 1/2

British, claims to be with British

Intelligence and that his name

is MAGNUS (aged 41, 5/9<sup>3</sup> very very dark by the sun, his hair is white

with a black line in the center)

The PIERRE ROSE or a friend of them

DOCTEUR <sup>DANIEL</sup> HOCHART (aged 35 - has 150 from 1940)

lived in <sup>assistance chief of resistance at</sup> BOURATHE ROULD. Had a practice there in a conchément) He probably bought ~~MAAXUS~~ <sup>MAAXUS</sup> and MAAXUS bought the Tchèque. —

The Chief of Resistance at BOURATHE ROULD came (tall, gentleman farmer looks, moustache about 50, brown little hair)

Meyins and a man from Brionne bought food. He was an interpreter for the chief of BOURATHE ROULD. Ran a grocery shop at BRIONNE (whole sale) was working also he claimed for British Intelligence. He told me I would fly back. — All these people bought food. —

A man by name of <sup>Mr</sup> MARCELL <sup>his first name</sup> bought food. (He was ahead of Meyins



CASEY

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a friend of JANETTE who owned  
the chalet came, <sup>from Paris</sup> knew who we were  
his name <sup>count</sup> PIERRE GRIFFON, lives  
in Paris. —

The others came

<sup>Alan</sup>  
RAT <sup>9 July</sup> Ambulian: P/O. MONAGHAN.  
<sup>8 July</sup> Scotch : Sgt CHARLES SWINLEY

they came on the 9 and 8 July  
brought by Doctor HOCHART. —

2d Lt GEORGES HOLLAND <sup>9th AF</sup> P-38 <sup>handed</sup> <sup>handed</sup>  
shot down 18 July  
came to us on the 21st brought by  
MARCEL and MANUS. —

a 4th came and operated on him. —

1st Lt. CHARLES HOCHADEL.

shot 20 June. —

came to us.

1 August brought by  
the man from Mionne. —

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On the 25 the 66<sup>th</sup> tank regiment  
came in and I went to Divisional  
HQ with the ambulance. ~~the~~ took  
to the air liaison officer Col. FOCKE  
he went to 9<sup>th</sup> Tactical A. F  
they went to LAVAL and went to  
63. Took on a C-47. - landed Herbert

Pierre Rose  
Chalet du Franc Boissier  
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Eure. France

MAXIMILIEN BRABEC  
diplomé du même Collège

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