

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) France

For All Personnel. E & E 11.35

1. No. 31362688 Rank Pvt Name FRANCIS J MALONEY
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) One combat jump
3. Were you wounded? Give details No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 307th Pcht Engineers
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 82 A/B Div 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Rifleman
7. Date of Birth 18 Feb 1925 8. Length of Service 13 Months
9. Peace time occupation Store Clerk 10. Private address 152 School St., Waltham, Mass
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Yes, Dog Tags and Pay Book
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

13. No. and location of O.T.U. //
14. No. and location of Conversion Unit //

**FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS
WHO BALE OUT**

15. Post in Crew //
16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.
N.B.—Airborne and Parachute Troops: list below names and units of other occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.

PILOT	<u>Cpl Yeo</u>	<u>KIA:</u>
	<u>Sgt Langford</u>	<u>KIA:</u>
CO-PILOT	<u>Pvt Langrehos</u>	<u>P/W: all from 307th</u>
	<u>Pvt Hessler</u>	<u>P/W: Engrs.</u>
NAVIGATOR	<u>Pvt Szuch</u>	<u>P/W:</u>
	<u>Pvt Shochart</u>	<u>P/W:</u>
BOMBARDIER	<u>Pvt Lambert</u>	<u>KIA:</u>
RADIO OPERATOR		
TOP TURRET GUNNER		
BALL TURRET GUNNER		
WAIST GUNNER (R.)		
WAIST GUNNER (L.)		
TAIL GUNNER		

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure C-47, place unknown, 5 June 1944, 2245hrs
18. Where and when did you come down? Don't Know; 0210 hrs, 6 June 1944
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Cut up the suspension lines.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

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EVASION CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country)

For All Personnel.

1. No. 315555 Rank Lt Name FRANCIS J MALONEY
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) One combat jump
3. Were you wounded? Give details No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), 2d (Air Force) 307th Para Engineer
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 82 AB Div
6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rtn., etc.) Rifleman
7. Date of Birth 18 Nov 1925
8. Length of Service 13 Months
9. Peace time occupation Store Clerk
10. Private address 125 School St., Watertown, Mass
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Yes, Dog Tags and Pay Book
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

13. No. and location of O.T.U.
14. No. and location of Conversion Unit

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18. PILOT Capt Lee
19. CO-PILOT 1st Lt. ...
20. NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. ...
21. BOMBARDIER 1st Lt. ...
22. RADIO OPERATOR 1st Lt. ...
23. TOP TURRET GUNNER 1st Lt. ...
24. BALL TURRET GUNNER 1st Lt. ...
25. WAIST GUNNER (R.) 1st Lt. ...
26. WAIST GUNNER (L.) 1st Lt. ...
27. TAIL GUNNER 1st Lt. ...

28. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure G-47, place unknown, 5 June 1944, 2245hrs

29. Where and when did you come down? Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)
30. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and map? Date 14 August 1944
31. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes
32. Attached: Appendix "B" X
33. " "C" X
34. " "D" X
35. Disposal: Returned to unit.

Major

Secret.

14 August 1944

E & E Report No. I. S. 9(WEA)/8/55/872

CAPTURED 13 JUNE

After dropping in the early morning hours (0240 hrs), we tried to assemble. Six of us managed to get together, but were unable to find anybody else. We wandered about a bit finally contacting 40 men from the 508 Pch Regt, with Lt LAVENDER in charge. After a few days it was decided to go to ETIENVILLE which we were supposed to have. On the way on a road along the Douve River we ran into very heavy German resistance. We fought them off from two until eight in the evening when we surrendered and were taken prisoner. The day was 13 June.

INTERROGATION

Almost all the next day we were interrogated. During the interrogation our money and shaving articles were taken away. The interrogator was a Sgt who said he had gone to Harvard and had played football there. He seemed especially to want to find out our company and battalion. There was also another interrogator there with whom I had some contact. He was supposed to take us down to a little place where the Nazi's had set up a radio for us to listen to propaganda. However, instead of tuning in on the propaganda broadcast, he tuned in on either British or American news, having first put one of our boys on guard. This man was a Lt who said he had a brother teaching at Harvard.

ALENCON 14 July

After the interrogation we were finally walked over a circuitous route to the P/W camp at Alencon. During the trip we were held in a big monastery near the town of Notre Dame so that we did not arrive at Alencon until 14 July. It was here that I met Pvt. Sullivan (see I.S. 9(WEA)/8/56).

HELP OF SENIOR OFFICER

We were in this camp until 9 August. The senior officer, a Canadian Capt, was most instrumental in helping men escape. He provided them with maps and compasses and saw that those who wished to escape were put on the work details from which it was most easy to get away.

EVACUATION FROM CAMP 9 AUGUST

WHITE FLAGS

STRAFING

GERMAN-SPEAKING FARMER

On the 9th of August 400 P/W's were evacuated from this camp. We were loaded into large German cargo trucks with small white flags on the cabs supposedly to identify them as P/W trucks. These flags were about 1 foot square. About an hour after we had left the camp some US planes came over and seemingly recognized us, but a half an hour after that some planes returned and the strafing began. The guards began shooting at those who had left the truck as we had, so Sullivan and I decided to take off since we either would probably be shot by our own planes or the German guards. We ducked into a nearby hedge and waited for the trucks to move on. We then set out toward Alencon. On the way we decided to ask help from a farmer and his wife that we passed. We went back to them, asked for help, and immediately the farmer began speaking German to us. It turned out that he had been a prisoner of the Germans for two years and had no desire to take any chances.

AID, FRENCH EX-CAPTAIN

US ENTER ALENCON

Having sufficiently satisfied himself as to our identity, he hid us in a ditch for three days providing us with clothes, food, and a shaving kit. After we had been there a day he introduced us to another French ex-Captain who was apparently going to take us to our own lines. On the third day our farmer friend went into town, which was then being heavily shelled, to get some food. When he returned, he announced the presence of the Americans. Immediately we set out on foot and finally contacted elements of the 5th Armored DIV.

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TOP SECRET
I.S.9 (WEA)

APPENDIX "B" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I. S. 9(WEA)/8/55/872

List of all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defences, A.A. batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of Allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.).

No. 31362688 Rank Pvt Name FRANCIS J MALONEY

Date of interview 14 August 1944

Escaped in France.

N.B.—It is of the utmost importance that when giving information on the above subjects you state clearly:—

- (1) Date, time and place where you obtained the information.
- (2) Was it the result of personal observation or a report by someone else?
- (3) If not from personal observation who was the source (i.e., waiter, farm labourer, hearsay, cafe rumour, etc.), and how accurate do you estimate the source to be?

1. Oil stored near hospital in Alencon. Oil barrels stacked in square near hospital.
2. Strange huts with chimneys in ground behind hospital.
3. Airport near P/W cage in ALENCON.
4. Many German sympathizers in TOURS
5. Following men from 508th Pcht Inf Regt known to be German P/W's:

Sgt Moore
Sgt Lloyd
Pvt Kelley, Thomas
Pvt Keffer
Pvt Stone
Pvt Gressom, Max
Cpl Fields
Pvt Bailey
Pvt Myers
Pvt Morrisson, George

6. Following men from 307th Pcht Engineers known to be killed:

Pvt Wheeler
Cpl Mc Keeby
Lt Durham

Evaluation of informant's credibility.

Key.

- X 1.—Reliable.
2.—Credible.
3.—Questionable.
4.—Undetermined.

Observation

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With the exception of items All above, information herein has been given verbally by E. & E. to -----

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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) MALONEY, FRANK J.

Rank Private A. S. N. 31362688

Unit Co B 307th Pch. Engrs.

Signed Frank J. Maloney

Dated 24 August 1944

Witness Maloney A. Smith Capt. Engrs

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 31362688 Rank Pvt.

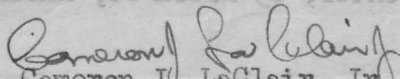
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) FRANCIS J. MALONEY

Unit Co. B 307th Pcht. Engineers, 82nd A/B Div.

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 14 Aug 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He ~~should~~/should not/be re-interrogated.


Cameron J. LaClair, Jr.
2nd Lt AC

Returned to unit.

*MIA 6 June
25 Aug*

for Major Inf

IMPORTANT.

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)
AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF PW. & X. DET.
M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

Private

This Officer W.O. N.C.O. has special information on the following subjects:—

NONE

IF RETURNED TO UK, this soldier is to report to Special Interrogation Center, 63 Brook St, London, W.

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should not be re-interrogated.

Returned to unit.

IMPORTANT.

M.I. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.
AN OFFICER OF M.I. OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X. DET.
THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)

For Major