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6 July 1943

E & E REPORT NO. 47
EVASION IN FRANCE

14063517, Sgt. Arthur B. COX
330 Bomb Squadron, 93 Bomb Group

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Arrived Spain:
28 April 1943
Arrived Gibraltar:
26 June 1943
Arrived UK:
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AGE: 23 9/12 years.
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 2 years.
HOME ADDRESS: 408 Third Ave.
FOUNTAIN CITY, Tenn.

OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT	O-432136 Capt Alexander SIMPSON (P/W)
CO-PILOT	O-442744 1st Lt Nicholas H. COX (P/W)
NAVIGATOR	O-789241 2d Lt Carl N. GARROTT (KIA)
BOOMBARDIER	O-660382 2d Lt William A. MARSH (KIA)
ENGINEER	NARRATOR
RADIO OPERATOR	20212352 T/Sgt Michael L. HEARDON (P/W)
WAIST GUNNER	33111292 S/Sgt Arthur M. TORREY (KIA)
WAIST GUNNER	35125371 S/Sgt Clayton KAMMERER (KIA)
TAIL GUNNER	16038095 S/Sgt Stephen EFFOLITE (KIA)
TUNNEL GUNNER	32174174 Sgt James DETORIS (MIA)

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ALCONBURY

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ENGINEER	<i>Cox</i> - navigator
TOP TURRET GUNNER	<i>Toney</i> - KIA
MID TURRET GUNNER	<i>Kammerer</i> - KIA
WAIST GUNNER	<i>Leppolite</i> - KIA
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1. Arthur B. Cox Jr. T/Sgt. 14063517
2. none
3. 330 Bomb Sqdr 93 Group.
4. " "
5. Jan. 22, 1919
6. 2 years
7. 408 Third Ave, Fountain City, Tenn.
8. Raid on Lille, October 9, 1942, approx. 10:30 A.M.
Near Douai, France at noon. When I left the aircraft it was burning vigorously and I am sure nothing was of use to the enemy.
9. A. Simpson ✓ C.N. Garratt
N.H. Cox. ✓ W.A. Marsh
A.M. Torrey S.J. De Joris
N.L. Reardon ^{I think he made} parachute jump S. Eppolito
K.A. Kammereck ✓
- 10 -
11. No
12. None at time of landing. (a good hit ^{French.} now)
13. yes
14. yes, by Major Lewis, at Gibraltar, and a written report to Major Clow at Madrid.
15. No
16. yes June 27, At London, Gibraltar and Madrid.

17. June 26, 1943 from Gibraltar by air.

18 June 27, at London

12 October 1942

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canal bridge we saw a German patrol
coming in our direction x I ran to a ditch
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We left Alconbury at 1030 hrs 19 ad 42 to bomb Lille.
 we were under attack of formation on right hand side —
 to a burst from cannon or flak but #2 started a fire —
 the plane went into severe spin — it seemed out of control —
 more mds. bullets & cannon shells coming in to
 fuselage all the time — when I left my turret
 the plane was out of control & I was thrown from
 flat deck ~~out~~ out of bomb bay doors. Hadn't meant to
 jump immediately — didn't see anyone —
 15000 ft — opened at 10000 ft — blew across
 a village in view of whole village — when I got
 to ground I was hiding in a tree & cut shrouds
 threw away all unnecessary equipment —
 Went into large woods — I was sure I had been
 seen — didn't try to get chute out of tree —
 Travelled in woods until 5 in afternoon —
 chuted at 12 noon — hid in haystack (10-15 miles) —
 (dressed in mechanic coveralls — shaki under — no hat)
 Slept here til next a.m. ate potatoes & half clove —
 that night — next aft. started walking in fields
 & at dark took to road — using compass to go
~~west~~ East — away from coast — Stopped Frenchman
 in farmyard & went up to him — indicated hunger

Bigg Road - Hydr. Centrifugal Wilson - Ford & Minor

He gave me a good meal - started off again
walked all night - resting & travelling
slowly - cautious - next am. met
another farmer I asked for food - He
knew someone who spoke English - hid in wooded
lands - field & he brot food - then at night
we started to see person who spoke English -
Walking along road & at canal bridge saw German
patrol coming - I ducked into ditch & hid -
Helper went on & I never saw him again -
I followed road thinking he would be waiting but
not - Went on to get out of village before
20-21 daylight - Hid in orchard - Frenchman found me
asleep - Told him American - ~~He~~ he
he sent woman with food & wine - at night they
brought Joseph Corniel - spoke Eng - I said that
he knew Org. Then Mde DuBaba he
got a farm for me to stay. This farm
was in 182 Rt. National - Frais Marais - Douai
Mde Bazeux. They had two Eng aviators here before
several yrs before - They wrote to Org. & for 2 months
there was no answer - so Mde DuBaba contacted
another man (Robt. Armstrong) Imperial War Games
Commission - Office in London - ^{Dorey, Sq} just across Victoria Sta -

He came on November 28 - with Mr. Lindsay & they
took photos for identity card - turned out badly -
came again on New Years - 28 January - made
new photos - Lindsay with him - (Stayed in
house all time except going to dinner) One night
going to dinner at Mlle Dubois's stopped by French
police - with Mlle Bayeux - police asked for identity
card - melle said I was mute & had no card -
they let me go - & - walking along road - came on
bikes before I could get away - On Jan 30th
a Mr. DuLondure came to Frains ~~Marais~~ and
took me to Dondai & by train to Lille - stayed
in home 1 night - next morning taken to
Madame Weise in Lille - stayed til 3 Feb - also
met F/O Wilson x On 31 Jan On 3 Feb Roger, the
Legionnaire & another fellow Doublinthe took
us to Paris by train - We stayed one night
in apt - near Arc de Triomphe - Next day
John took us to another place in Paris x Did
remember much about it - Could see Notre
Dame from here - Girl here named Martha -
her father & mother - Stayed til 6 Feb - then Roger
& Doublinthe took us by train to Tours - 2nd class

(In Paris - Gare du Nord station - stopped
by 2 civilians & they asked for papers - I
presented identity card - they searched pocket
& let me go - note written on identity card -
think they were German - Roger & Wilson with me
they walked on thru station -)

Went to Chateaufort after crossing LGV -
Stayed in pub until late afternoon - walked
to LOCKES - picked up by truck & taken to
Chateaufort - Spent night - house near
R.R. station - next morning 6 Feb went to
Toulouse with Roger & Doublemetre - train -
Went to Hotel de Paris - Stayed 2 hrs - went
to Mde & Mr. Paul's - met Jack Dawson - Miles Jones
& Roger - Melvin Kidd, NZ, - Stayed - 22 Feb - met
Pat O'Leary - Nancy - On 22 went ~~to~~ with
Greg & Bernard - to Perpignan - Stayed with
Spanish guide 23^d night - Stayed vacant apt
Wilson & self - ~~Moved to French home -~~
Pat took us to Marseilles by train & went
to Mde Therese - There were all the boys
who had been at Toulouse - then went
to Mde Martin's on same day - stayed til 3 March

here
Major & Sgt - 7 Commandos - Guide Fagan
took us to Nice by train - stayed with a
garage proprietor - Roger & Kidd & Jones
& Nancy came here week later -
then 14th left with Fabian for Grenoble
Took us to Grenoble because too
many at Nice - Showed identity cards
at station in Nice - Stayed at Grenoble
with Mde & Mr. Jean 15 March - 10 April -
Mde nervous & threatened to put us out
because not getting money from Org -
We planned to try it alone but Edmond Cote
a guide - came and took us to another house
in Grenoble - this was Mde Papoduka -
she was wife of Ambrosio from Greece to France
this dead - ^{still} opposite Italian Cafe in Grenoble -
this Edmond Cote 13 April took us to train & we were
met by Antoine - he took us to Toulouse -
train - at Toulouse stayed with Mde &
Mr. Lacombere - daughter named Susanna -
Stayed til 25th April - Left Wilson behind -
I went with Albert (2nd Lt Pat in Org) & Francoise
for Narbonne - Here met guide named

changed i.e. at Paris - Toulouse - Grenoble -
Toulouse.

George Zarifi - to Perpignan - train - 1st class -
Stayed in small apt. - self & George - old lady
13 yrs - none at home - orig from Paris - lived on
road going So. from Perpignan - Stayed 4 days
taken to a garage by Geo - loaded in truck
Geo, self, Albert, Peter Bordeaux, Belgian, Edmond Côté -
covered with tarpaulin - Spanish guides were
drivers - drove South to Zone Interdite - there we
started up a ridge walking - waited on ridge
almost dark & went thru vineyards & waded
Tech river - opp. side met 4 guides - went
over frontier - 13 hrs - crossed at 3 a.m. 28th April
at frontier the guides left us - with Sp. girl -
She took us to nearest small village (Agullange)
Stopped by provincial police - Said we didn't
know the girl - then he turned us loose - We
saw her again - She said to hide in woods &
wait for her & she said he back in hour - waited til
dark - She didn't return - one of group who
spoke Spanish went into village to buy bread
and was captured by civil guards - they
promised him one of us could go to Barcelona &
see the Consul if we gave ourselves up -

So he beat Civil guards to us - We were
taken from this village to Figueras - next a.m.
stayed underground in hotel - next day taken to
Figueras - Had photos, fingerprints, & strict
questioning by Spanish Officials - asked
to get nationality - threatened to send us back
to France - shot us French - believed me -
That night to Figueras prison - Span. Official
(Army) questioned me of my trip thru France -
I told him nothing about where I had been -
wanted to know who won war - 30 days -
in Figueras - wrote letters - Brit. Consul came
to speak to him + 2 days later Am Consul from Barcelona
Mr. (Coey) came - Sp. A.F. Officer got me
out 2 weeks later - out on ~~29th~~ ^{27th} -
Taken to Barcelona - Saw Mr. Forsythe -
Barcelona - ~~3~~ ^{30th} days - clothes + letter y identity -
Sp AF took me to Alhama - stayed

Gib Same as Markland

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APPENDIX "B" TO E & E REPORT NO. 47

1. The following information has been obtained after an interview with a sergeant who evaded capture by the enemy, after being in enemy-occupied territory.

2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so, no information as to the source may be divulged.

Statement of information covering period from 9 October 1942
to 28 April 1943

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9. Diagram of insignia on blouse worn by German soldiers in TOULOUSE:

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APPENDIX "B" TO E & E REPORT NO. 47 (cont'd)

10. In NICE saw from a distance two coastal gun batteries on a promontory projecting into the bay. (East peninsula)
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app B - Cox

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probably 24 planes - there between dates of
1 Dec 42 - 30 Jan still there -
3. (Lionsay) Submarine base at Bordeaux - protected
by 7 metres of concrete - he has seen as many
as 12 subs there at once.
4. Bizerte - just before capture - large # of A/C ^{FW190}_{5U88} transports
arrived at Touhouse - left in small groups
during weeks 15-25 April -
5. Told by RR employee at TOULOUSE that there
were 7 train loads - of Arms & ammunition
ready for shipment -
6. Aerodromes are built like villages with wooden
coats for camouflage on field - he said
only want to tell was no church in village -
7. Bridges in North France are charged to be blown
up in case of invasion - dynamite clamped
on piers - At Toulouse -
8. At Toulouse There is training Center - for FW ¹⁹⁰ pilots
& about 30 % stationed there - ^{app} West -

9. Letter in each corner of insignia
on G. soldiers in Toulouse

10. Nice - saw 2 coastal battery guns on promontory
in bay - East peninsula

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visible & Italians are scattered along
Coast from the Ital. frontier - Narbonne
Mer - hold all important positions in
this area

12. It. soldiers dressed badly & sloppy - Germans
~~are~~ in Paris were dressed very well - Some ^{except} ^{So French}
of the uniforms looked like Is. uniforms
Aged - Most Ger. in So Fr. are either older
men or ^{very} young men.

interview with a sergeant - - - -

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9. ^{Diagram 2.} Insignia on blouse worn by German soldiers in TOULOUSE:



see H. Smith
for diagram!

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 47.

No., Rank, Name :- *Arthur B. Cox Jr.*Unit :- *330 Bomb 43 Group*

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must 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, had you one on you?
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g. "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.
- ~~(i)~~ Horlicks tablets. ✓
 - ~~(ii)~~ Chocolate. ✓
 - (iii) Milk (tube).
 - (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).
 - ~~(v)~~ Halazone tablets (water purifier). ✓
 - ~~(vi)~~ Matches. ✓
 - ~~(vii)~~ Adhesive tape. ✓
 - (viii) Chewing gum. *(Had none)*
 - ~~(ix)~~ Water bottle. ✓
 - ~~(x)~~ Compass. ✓
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box. *Gave For Souvenir* ¹²
- (g) 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? *I think a larger compass*

2. PURSE

- would be better*
- (a) Did you carry a purse? *Yes*
If so, state COLOR. *Tan*
If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? *Yes*
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
- (i) Maps. Which ones?
 - ~~(ii)~~ Compass.

- (iii) File (hacksaw).
- (iv) Foreign Currency. State countries and amounts. *2000 Franks*
How did you spend the money. *Gave to ^{help} organization*
- (d) How did you dispose of:-
- Maps. *help* *Organization took them*
- Compass. *Gave to French*
- File (hacksaw). *Kept.*
- Surplus currency. *To ^{help} organization*
3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS*)
(* Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)
- (a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?
If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE.
- (i) Round compass. *Had none* *Not Issued*
- (ii) Stud compass. *Yes in night traveling* *Had none*
- (iii) Swinger compass. *Had none*
- (iv) Fly-button compass. *Had none*
- (v) Pencil clip compass. *Had none*
- (vi) Tunic button compass. *Had none*
- (vii) Pipe compass. *Had none*
- (viii) Pouch. *Had none*
- (ix) Special flying boots (and knife).
- (b) Were they satisfactory? *Yes*
- (c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions which would improve the above equipment? *No*

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

- (a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? *No*
If so, how many?
- (b) Did you use them?
State how.

5. LECTURES

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *Yes*
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *Alconbury, September, 1942*
Don't remember person. I.O.
- (b) Did you find the lectures of value? *Yes*

IN REPLY REFER TO

FILE NO. 320 TMF/mn



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Barcelona, 27 de Mayo de 1943.



Certifico que el portador de este escrito,
Sr. D. Arthur B. Cox, Jr., de nacionalidad norteamericana, se encuentra hospedado en el Hotel Continental de esta plaza a disposición del Ilmo. Sr. Jefe de la Circunscripción Aerea de Cataluña y bajo la responsabilidad del Consulado General de los Estados Unidos de América en Barcelona, mientras se tramite su transferencia al lugar que sea indicado por el Ministerio del Aire en Madrid.



T. Muldrup Forsyth
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Cónsul de los Estados Unidos de América

19 October 1942

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 - d. You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4a.
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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.

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Name(Print) Arthur B. Cox Signed Arthur B. CoxRank 1st Sgt A.S.N. 14063517 Date June 27, 1943Unit 330 Bomb Sqdn, 93 Bomb Gr Witness Major

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Hq ETOUSA

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Rank T/Sgt. ASN 14063517 Date June 27, 1943
Unit 330 Bomb Sqd'n 93 Gt. Witness John F. White, Jr. 1st H.A.C.

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A.C. of S. G-2.

Initials... *W.L.H.*
Date... *15/7/43*

6 July 1943

E & E REPORT NO. 47
EVASION IN FRANCE

14063517, Sgt. Arthur B. COX
330 Bomb Squadron, 93 Bomb Group

MIA: 9 October 1942
Arrived Spain:
28 April 1943
Arrived Gibraltar:
26 June 1943
Arrived UK:
28 June 1943

AGE: 23 9/12 years
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 2 years
HOME ADDRESS: 408 Third Avenue
FOUNTAIN CITY, Tenn.

OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT	0-432136	Capt	Alexander SIMPSON (P/W)
CO-PILOT	0-442744	1st Lt	Nicholas H. COX (P/W)
NAVIGATOR	0-789241	2d Lt	Carl N. GARROTT (KIA)
BOMBARDIER	0-660382	2d Lt	William A. MARSH (KIA)
ENGINEER			NARRATOR
RADIO OPERATOR	20212352	T/Sgt	Michael L. REARDON (P/W)
WAIST GUNNER	33111292	S/Sgt	Arthur M. TORREY (KIA)
WAIST GUNNER	35125371	S/Sgt	Clayton KAMMERER (KIA)
TAIL GUNNER	16038095	S/Sgt	Stephen EPPOLITE (KIA)
TUNNEL GUNNER	32174174	Sgt	James DETORIS (MIA)

9 October 1942
ALCONBURY

FIGHTERS
ATTACK

THROWN FROM
AIRCRAFT

LANDS IN TREE

We left ALCONBURY at 1030 hours 9 October 1942 to bomb LILLE. Our aircraft was on the right wing at the end of the formation. There had been no fighter activity after we made landfall over FRANCE and the flak was not heavy. I didn't see the fighter attack begin, but suddenly a burst from cannon or flak hit our number two engine which burst into flames. The aircraft went into a severe dive and seemed out of control. Machine gun bullets and cannon shells were striking the fuselage all this time. When I left my turret the plane was still out of control. I was thrown from the flat deck out of the bomb bay doors. I didn't see anyone before I went out and hadn't meant to jump. I think I fell out at 15,000 feet and opened my chute at 10,000 feet. The chute carried me over a village in full view of everyone.

I came down in a tree and was hung up for a few minutes. After cutting the shroud lines and throwing away my Mae West I started running. I didn't bother to hide the chute because I knew I'd been seen. The time of my jump was 1200 hours and I didn't stop running, between short rests, until 1700 hours. Travelling only in woods, I must have covered 15 miles. Exhausted, I crawled into a haystack. My uniform was mechanic's coveralls over Khaki's and I had no hat.

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SECRET

NO HELP ON
FIRST DAY
10 October 1942

NEAR DOUAI

I slept in the haystack until the morning and during the night ate the Horlick's tablets and chocolate from my escape Aids Box. In the afternoon I started walking through the fields but as it grew dark kept to a road. I used my compass to go east and away from the coast. I knew I was in the vicinity of DOUAI. I passed a Frenchman standing in a farmyard and went back to him, indicating hunger by putting my hands on my stomach. When I said, "American," he took me in the house where I had a hot meal.

I left him and walked all night, resting occasionally and traveling very cautiously.

11 October 1942

EVADES GERMAN
PATROL

The next morning I met another farmer. He hid me in a wood that day, and at night came to take me to someone who spoke English. As we approached a canal bridge, we saw a German patrol coming in our direction. I ran to a ditch and got under a brush-pile. My friend walked on by the patrol and was not bothered. After the patrol had passed, I walked in the direction my friend had gone thinking he might be waiting. I never saw him again. This had occurred on the edge of a village. After deciding not to go back to the farm I had left, because of the danger to the farmer, I walked to the other end of the village and hid in an orchard.

12 October 1942

JOURNEY
ARRANGED

The Frenchman who owned the orchard found me there asleep the next morning. He awakened me and when he heard that I was an American took me into his house. From here my subsequent journey was arranged.

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6 July 1943

APPENDIX "B" TO E & E REPORT NO. 47

1. The following information has been obtained after an interview with a sergeant who evaded capture by the enemy, after being in enemy-occupied territory.

2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so, no information as to the source may be divulged.

Statement of information covering period from 9 October 1942
to 28 April 1943

1. R.R. station and tracks at LILLE are well protected by large banks of dirt and concrete. This is around station and follows tracks for a quarter of a mile. It would need a direct hit to damage.
2. DOUAI - a squadron of JU 88's stationed at airfield here between 1 Dec 1942 and 30 Jan 1943. Probably 24 planes in all.
3. Frenchman at BORDEAUX stated submarine base here protected by seven metres of concrete. He had seen as many as 12 subs at one time in the pens.
4. Just before capture of BIZERTE a large number of aircraft (FW 190's, JU 88's and transports) arrived at TOULOUSE. They took off in small groups during week of 15-25 April 1943)
5. Told by R.R. employees that there were seven trainloads of arms and ammunition at TOULOUSE ready for shipment.
6. Frenchman said that many aerodromes (unlocated) were camouflaged as villages with wooden cows in the fields. He said best way to spot them was the absence of church steeples in the village.
7. Heard that bridges in northern France were charged with dynamite and were to be blown up in the event of invasion.
8. At TOULOUSE, west, there is a training center for FW 190 pilots. About 30 aircraft stationed here.
9. Diagram of insignia on blouse worn by German soldiers in TOULOUSE:

[Diagram to be sketched on the stencil]

There was an unidentified number in upper corners.

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APPENDIX "B" TO E & E REPORT NO. 47 (cont'd)

10. In NICE saw from a distance two coastal gun batteries on a promontory projecting into the bay. (East peninsula)
11. Southern coast of France has very little visible defences. Italians are scattered along the Mediterranean coast from Italian frontier to NARBONNE but Germans hold all important positions.
12. Italian soldiers very badly dressed. Sloppy. German soldiers in PARIS very well dressed. Some of the German uniforms in southeastern France looked like dyed French uniforms. Most Germans in this area are middle-aged or very young men.

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. **47**

No., Rank, Name :- **14063517, Sgt. Arthur B. COX**

Unit :- **330 Bomb Squadron, 93 Bomb Group**

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must 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, had you one on you?
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use?
Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g. "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.
- (i) Horlicks tablets.
 - (ii) Chocolate.
 - (iii) Milk (tube).
 - (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).
 - (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).
 - (vi) Matches.
 - (vii) Adhesive tape.
 - (viii) Chewing gum. **(Had None)**
 - (ix) Water bottle.
 - (x) Compass.
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box. **Gave for souvenir**
- (g) 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? **I think a larger compass would be better.**

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? **yes**
If so, state COLOR. **Tan**
If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? **Yes**
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?
Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
- (i) Maps. Which ones?
 - (ii) Compass.

SECRET

(iii) File (hacksaw)

(iv) Foreign Currency. State countries and amounts. 2000 Francs
How did you spend the money. Gave to helpers

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps. Helpers took them

Compass. Gave to French

File (hacksaw). Kept

Surplus currency. To helpers

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS*)

(* Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

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If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE.

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