

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE.

For All Personnel.

- 1. No. 19005380 Rank S/Sjt U.S.A.A.F. Name MOLVER V.E.  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 29 Missions.
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details No.
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 668 SQN (B)
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 416 Gp(B) 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) -
- 7. Date of Birth 21 JUN 1921 8. Length of Service 3 yrs.
- 9. Peace time occupation Truck driver. 10. Private address 803 East 1st Street, ALBANY, ORE.
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Tags. 6 Photos.
- 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 Lower Gnr.
- 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 1/Lt BRADFORD, Blair 0742670 MIA Killed.
- CO-PILOT None
- NAVIGATOR None
- BOMBARDIER None
- RADIO OPERATOR None
- TOP TURRET GUNNER S/Sjt GRAY R.C. clearance M - 1415 3336 P/W Wounded P/W.
- Lower. Narrator.
- BALL TURRET GUNNER Narrator.
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) None
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) None
- TAIL GUNNER None

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure A20. WEATHERSFIELD. 19 May 44. 1000 hrs.

18. Where and when did you come down? NWE 4 approx. M 5762 1200 hrs.

19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Hidden.

20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes a/c blew up.

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)  
Date

Attached:  
Appendix "B"

For All Personnel.

1. No. 19005380 Rank S/3pt U.S.A.A.F. Name HOLIVER V.B.  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)

2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 29 Missions.  
3. Were you wounded? Give details: No.  
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 688 88th (C) (B)  
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 416 88th (B)  
6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rtn., etc.)  
7. Date of Birth 21 JUN 1924  
8. Length of Service 3 yrs.  
9. Peace time occupation Truck driver. Private address 805 East 1st Street, ALABAMA, ORG.  
10. Private address

11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photographs? Tags, 6 Photos.  
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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WHO BALE OUT

15. Post in Crew Lower Gun.  
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 1/pt BRADFORD, Brian O'Flaherty MIA killed.  
COPILOT  
NAVIGATOR  
BOMBARDIER  
RADIO OPERATOR  
TOP TURRET GUNNER S/3pt GRAY R.O. Wounded P/W.  
TAIL TURRET GUNNER Navigator.  
WAIST GUNNER (R.)  
WAIST GUNNER (L.)  
TAIL GUNNER

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure. ASD, WEATHERFIELD, 19 May 44, 1000 hrs.

18. Where and when did you come down? Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA) Date 5 Sep 44.  
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and map west? Briefly interrogated.

Attached: Appendix "B" "C" "D"  
Disposal: U.K. Yes & view up. WEA papers and equipment destroyed? Major G.S.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 19005380 Rank S/Sgt USAAF  
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) MOLYER. V.E.  
Unit 668 1st H. B. Gp



has been ~~fully~~/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9 (WEA) on 5 Sep 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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



*Mewell*  
for Major.

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:

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

No. 12

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) \_\_\_\_\_

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

has been fully/fully interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.2.9 (WEA) on \_\_\_\_\_

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should/should not be re-interrogated.

Major

IMPORTANT

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

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

VERN E. MALVER S/SGT. 19005380  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: REIMS AIR BASE

Date mission in action: MAY 19

Date arrived in UK: SEPT. 8-44

29 (No. of missions)

468 BOMB SQ 416 BOMB GR.  
(Squadron) (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT 1ST LT. R. G. BRADFORD Killed

CO-PILOT INFORMATION FROM FRENCH

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER S/SGT. R. M. GRAY P.W. WOUNDED

BALL TURRET GUNNER INFORMATION FROM FRENCH

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER  
LOWER GUNNER - MYSELF

TAIL GUNNER

Decorations: AIR MEDAL

Date of Birth: JUNE 21, 1921

Private Address: 803<sup>E</sup> 1ST ST. ALBANY, OREGON

Length of Service: 2 1/2 YRS.

Job as Civilian: TRUCK DRIVER

From what field did you take off? Take off time. WEATHERS FIELD 10:30 A.M.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

Were you wounded? Give details. NO

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? Yes ~~and~~ and 2,000 FRANCS

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

Did you have identity papers? NO - DOG TAGS FRENCH PASS PORT

(over)

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

YES, CANADIAN PHOTOGRAPHER. IN FRANCE

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

YES, THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED ME, WHEN I LEFT

Did you report on your operations? ~~N~~/If so, where and to whom? \_\_\_\_\_

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

YES. IN FRANCE WHEN THE  
CANADIANS PICKED ME UP. SEPT. 3

Date of arrival in Spain: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: \_\_\_\_\_

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. CREULLY SEPT. 7, AIR

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

Sgt. R. C. GRAY

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

SECRET - AMERICAN  
MCST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "B" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

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.,.....)

*NO INFORMATION*

Molvel:

Leak just after dropping bombs.  
Plane went down in dive. I disarmed my gun.  
Could not get pilot on interphone. <sup>AT</sup> DAN COURT  
baled out. Turret gunner followed me. I saw  
plane crash. I hid under me in bush.  
Smen told me to hide. Two hrs later I  
mashed up hedge. Approached a Swiss  
ploughing. He brought another man who  
got me clothes - took me to his house.  
M. Chevalier came + took me to  
Fresney + I met Warfel + Schmaling.

Arrived UK 7 Sept.

A Canadian photographer came in + took  
pictures of me + of EVOG Delmarre in  
front of FFI HQ at FOUCARMONT.



WARFEL, SCHMALING, GRANT, & MOLVER.

Warfel and Schmaling landed on 9 May 1944 near FRESNOY-FOLNY ( 14 kms SW of GAMACHES). They ~~landed about~~ came down ~~about~~ about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile away from each other, and some Frenchmen who were waiting took them to a barn at once. There they remained in hiding for four days. Then a young woman, MARCELLE SIDER, whose home is near DIEPPES came with her father, brought Warfel and Schmaling civilian clothes, and led them to the outskirts of FRESNOY-FOLNY where M. BOUBISAGE was awaiting them. (This MARCELLE SIDER had been going about with German soldiers, and Warfel and Schmaling were later warned not to trust her.) M. BOUBISAGE hid Warfel and Schmaling in the woods; and after dark ~~M. CHEVALIER~~ M. CHEVALIER came to the hiding-place and led them into FRESNOY-FOLNY to a school-building. There were two women living here, CLEMENTE ELIAN (29 years old) and MARCELEINE LIOT (30 years old), both of whom spoke English. They put Warfel and Schmaling into a room in the attic of the school-house and for two months fed them and cared for them. During the second week ~~Verne Molver~~ Verne Molver was brought in, and the third week ~~Ernest Grant~~ Ernest Grant arrived. The four Americans were together the rest of the time

Molver had come down on <sup>30 (STET)</sup> 19 May 1944 at DANCOURT (S.I.). He hid for a while and then approached a Frenchman who was ploughing a field. This man brought a second who gave Molver civilian clothing and took him to his house. Thither M. CHEVALIER came to fetch him and took him to FRESNOY-FOLNY to the school-house where he joined Warfel and Schmaling.

Grant came down in a field near EU on 26 May 1944. He approached a farmhouse where he was given food and told to hide in the wood near to the house. There the farmer's family kept him hidden for two days and then brought to him a man ~~who~~ who spoke English. This man led him to another farmhouse near to EU where he was kept for seven days. M. BOUBISAGE then arrived, took him to a cafe in the vicinity where he remained for two days, and then returned and led him to the school-house in FRESNOY-FOLNY where he joined Warfel, Schmaling, and Molver.

After two months M. CHEVALIER and EVOD DELMARRE (called ROBERT) led the four Americans to DELMARRE's farm which is 4 kms from FOUARMONT ( 25 kms S-SE of EU). CLEMENTE ELIAN moved out to the farm to help MME. DELMARRE in the extra work of cooking and caring for the Americans. This farm of DELMARRE's was a HQ of a resistance group, and the four Americans took part in the resistance activity, cleaning arms, digging shelters, and waylaying German convoys. They remained here until 1 September when a Polish unit entered FOUARMONT. They joined this Polish unit and were sent back to the Canadian HQ at FRESNOY-FOLY whence they were sent back to Canadian HQ near NEUFCHATEL. There they met other evaders and returned to the U. K. by air on 6 September.

Warfel, Richard C, Sgt, 35026836 - 1585 - 94 Ap - 7 Sept  
Schmaling, Ernest E, Sgt, 39127262 - 1735 - 94 Ap - 9 Sept  
Grant, Ernest E, S/Sgt, 11041832 - 1715 - 96 Ap - 9 Sept  
Molver, Vern E, S/Sgt, 19005380 - 1742 - 416 Ap - 9 Sept

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

Unit:-

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? *NO*
- b. If not, why? *HAD NO NEED FOR IT*
- 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.

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *GAVE IT TO THE FRENCH*
- 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?

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *Yes*  
State color of stripes and letters. *RED STRIPES NO 43*  
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? **MONEY**

Maps. Which ones?

Compass,

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. **FRENCH 2,000 FRANCS**  
How did you spend the money? **GAVE TO FRENCH**

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

**GAVE TO FRENCH**

Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? **NO**

PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? **Yes**  
If so, how many? **6**

b. Did you use them? **Yes**

LECTURES

Were you lectured on evasion and escape? **Yes**  
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. **DO NOT REMEMBER**

Did you find the lectures of value? **Yes**

Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers? **NO**

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Military Intelligence Service

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Vern E. Molver Sgt 19005380  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Sept 8, 1944  
(Date)

649 BOMB SQ. 416 BOMB GR.  
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT  
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT  
CO-PILOT  
NAVIGATOR  
BOMBARDIER  
RADIO OPERATOR  
TOP TURRET GUNNER  
BALL TURRET GUNNER  
WAIST GUNNER  
WAIST GUNNER  
TAIL GUNNER

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

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Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

DO NOT KNOW PLANE WAS IN A DIVE

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

6,000 FT

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

PT

do not know

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

GUNNERS, Pilot's  
CHUTE DID NOT  
OPEN

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?

NO

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.

F.F.I. INFORMED ME OF  
GUNNERTAKEN PRISONER. PICTURE FOR PROBE

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

NO

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by 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?

Pilot: Killed, GUNNER PRISONER, F.F.I. INFORMED ME.

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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 Forces;  
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.

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1. Because disclosures of information regarding evasion from capture, escape, details of imprisonment, release from internment, and repatriation have been made, the lives and services of fellow soldiers and those who help them have been lost or endangered. All information which you possess on these subjects, including the experiences of others as well as your own, briefings and equipment for evasion and escape, and preparations and other activities in connection therewith, constitutes MILITARY INFORMATION which is classified SECRET by the War Department.

2. You will therefore disclose no information whatever, beyond the fact of your return to duty from "missing in action" or "prisoner of war" or "internment", to anyone except the following military officials:

- a. The first Military Attache to whom you report;
- b. An officer designated by the Commanding General of an overseas Theatre of Operations;
- c. The Prisoner of War Branch, MIS, Washington, D.C., the interrogating agency designated by the A/C of S, G-2, War Department General Staff;
- d. Certain other officers holding written authority from the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, to interrogate you.

3. You will particularly guard against disclosure of SECRET information to relatives, friends, representatives of the press and radio, and military officials, except as noted in a, b, c and d above.

4. In order to protect yourself against disciplinary action, any question involving publicity must be referred BY YOU PERSONALLY to the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, Washington, D.C.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have read and fully understand all of the foregoing and the Directive of the Secretary of War, 6 Aug 43 (on the reverse side), and will at ALL TIMES hereafter comply fully therewith.

I understand that all information concerning escape, evasion from capture, activities and equipment in connection therewith, and details of imprisonment or release from internment, is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone except the military officials specifically designated. I further understand that disclosure to any other person will make me liable to disciplinary action for failure to safeguard MILITARY INFORMATION.

I realize that publicity concerning my experiences, by word of mouth or otherwise, will endanger the lives of many persons and therefore it is my duty to take all possible precautions to prevent it.

I further certify that I have received a copy of the foregoing.

Name (Print) VERAN E. MILLER..... Signed Veran E. Miller.....

Rank S/SGT..... A.S.N. 19005280..... Dated SEP 19 1944 Place.....

Unit 668 BAMB Sq. 4th BAMB GP..... Witness.....