

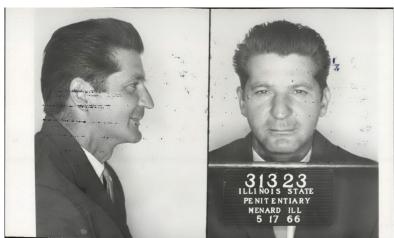
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Name	RAY, E	arl	No	21025	Age_	46	Color_	White	_ Date_	3-14-51	<u>-</u>
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We refer to the Classification Report of 10-25-48 for an account of inmate's offense, extensive previous record, social background and an appraisal of his personality makeup as indicated in earlier interviews. During his time here inmate has had several routine assignments and for the past year he has been working in the bath house. There has been one disciplinary report for drinking. He states he has been hospitalized twice for kidney trouble, but at present he believes his health is generally satisfactory. Inmate corresponds with his mother and sister in Quincy and has had one visit. He says he knows his wife has divorced him since his admission. In the event he is released he would expect to return to Quincy where he believes he can possibly return to his former employment in a soybean plant.

This man has a rather extensive past record, and the present offense seems to represent at least the second instance in which he has maimed or disfigured a person as a result of an altercation. He had apparently been able to stay out of serious difficulty for several years prior to the present offense, but was living in a very disorganized and deteriorated social atmosphere. We regard him as a self-centered person who is emotionally cold and to some extent somewhat unstalbe, and it appears on the basis of his record that he is capable of extremely assaultive reactions in crisis situations. He now tends to excuse his conduct in this affair by portraying the entire incident as an accident. Considering his past behavior tendencies and his evident lack of social perspective the prognosis is now considered extremely doubtful at best.

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Supervising Sociologist



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SUP'T OF PRISONS SUP'T OF CORRECTION SEMIOR CAPTAIN JACKETS DATE 10-30-XP

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DIVISION OF LASSIFICATION REPORT CORRECTION

Name: Name:

Age:

Admitted:

Crime:

assault with Intant to Connit Mayham

Sentence:

OFFICER A RECORD:

This forty-four year old white men (alias James Clancy) was admitted here on 10-6-68 from Adems County under a 3-10 year centones for asseult with intent to commit mayben. This effense occurred at Quincy, Ill. on 8-23-47 when invate, following an argument with his wife, through carbolic acid in her face. It appears that he left the occurrently immediately after this and was arrested in Ransan City on 7-3-48, at which time he was held for the Quincy authorities. Insate had been separated from his wife prior to the day of the offense and it had been his intention to visit his child, who was living with his wife. The official report indicates that inmate had gone to a drug store and purchased a bottle of carbolic acid on the day precessing the day of the offense. However, impate denies this but gives no other explanation as to how the cold was obtained. Instead he more or less gives a story of how his wife threatened to take the seid and how he attempted to knock it from her hand. The official informationally o indicates that the child was burned severely as the result of this incident and this source of information also indicates that immate's wife's face was harribly burned, so that surgery was required to remove all but a few permanent scars. Insets claims that he was first arrested when he was fifteen and at that time he was charged with robbery slong with another associate, with whom he had been involved in a purse snotch-ing on the streets of Quincy. He claims that he was placed on probation at that time but 1920; On Z-11-25 he tax admitted to the State Fenttentiary at Henord under a 1-14 year sentence for ascault with intent to kill. He served a reported term of eight years and three months and was released on a final discharge on 5-10-33. It appears that this offense occurred during a drunten fight in which a gun was discharged and as the result of this incident the other man's arm was injured to such an extent that it had to be exputated. Innate was arrested in Fort Worth, Texas and released before the authorities there became informed that he was wented on this present offense. His final arrest was due to the offorts of the F. B. I. in Konses City and he was apprehended at the post office when he called for his mail. Inmate admits that he has probably been arrested a total of fiftyfive or sixty times.

SCOTAL FACTORS:

Subject was born on 5-5-04 of Quincyk Illinois so the last of three children (one deceased). Inmate's mother had two children

by a previous marriage which had ended in divorce and these two children were placed in a children's home when the mother obtained the divorce. Inpute's father rented buggies or offered them in text service and was also engaged in "bootlegging" The father finally died in 1947. A brother is incarcorated in Fort Medicon, Iowa. Insate progressed to the eighth grade and was then forced to guit when he was sentenced to Fontiac as a probation violator. At Pontice he attended the seventh grade. For the rost part he has lived in the area of Quincy most of his life but his mobility has extended practically into all of the states of the union. It appears that he has followed a number of carnivals and travelling shows and it seems that his first wife, who he met on the cornival grounds, was travelling with him for some time. They were married in 1942 when inmate was thirtysight and she was thirty-four. We children resulted from this union and it ended in seneration in 1943 and divorce in 1946. In 1945 invote was forty-one and then servied an eighteen year old girl who had had an illegitiwate child when she was fifteen. Another child was bern to this union before the marriage ended in separation in 1947. It appears that innate's wife is now working to support herself and inmate's child. Insate was a transient fugitive previous to his arrest and he explains how he was almost forced to keep changing from one cooking job to another, as he know the F. B. I. was on his trail (due to

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CLASSIFICATION REPORT

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Name: PAT, Parl

Age:

Admitted:

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Sentence:

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Crime: Assault with Intent to Oceanit Magham

This forty-four year old man is somewhat above average in height PERSONALITY: and weight and claims to be in good health. He reports that he was hospitalized only once during his entire life spon and at that time, during his very young years, he underwent an adencidentomy. He had concerned in 1924 but denies may record of syphilis and his Fohn reaction was negative shortly after his admission here. His hand was badly bruised by a classing per foor in 1964 and a piece of cartilage was broken from one knuckle. This caused gangrene in his right hand and he also suffered considerably from blood poisoning due to the same reason. Jenate new claims to be in good health and his Paychemetric test indicates superior intelligence [AA 104). He is rather cooperative in the interview situation and makes no definite ettempts at evasion. He readily reports that he was arrauted upon a large number of occasions and that he drank at times. He expresses the belief that he had seven perjured witnesses opposing his in the course of his trial. He further explains that he wanted to take the three year old baby from his wife and as indicated above, his explanation points to the alleged fact that the wife threstened to take the acid when inmate visited her. Inmate says he was planning on seeing the judge about case. We explains that in his attempts to keep his vise from taking the soid, he knowled the acid from her hand. At present he does not correspond with his wife and he expresses a desire that she obtain a divorce from him. He made attempts to minimize the other conditions of his wife's face but upon further questioning he admitted that photo-graphic avidence showed that her face had been thoroughly diefigured. His plans for the future express no very definite sime and he indicates that he may work as a cook and truck driver.

CLABSIFICATION:

Adult doubtfully improvable offender. Superior intelligence. Freviously classified as psychopathic personality, exocentric

type. Doubtful prognesis.

RECOMMENDATION:

Menard Ceneral Division. Medium to maximum security. Houting unskilled or semi-skilled work assignment.

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R. H. Groff (Member) Classification Loard.

STATE OF ILLINOIS DIVISION OF CORRECTION Prediction Report of the Sociologist-Actuary ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY MENARD BRANCH

Number 21025 Name

Earl Ray

Docket APRIL, 1951 (March 8, 1951)

	Factor	Item	Score
1.	Type of Offense	Assault with intent to commit mayhem	
2.	Sentence	One to ten years (CFS 3-10)	O
3.	Type of Offender	<u> Habitual</u>	X
4.	Home Status	Inferior (St. Charles at 13)	0
5.	Family Interest	Very active	1
6.	Social Type	Alcoholic	x
7.	Work Record	Irregular	0
8.	Community	Urban	0
9.	Parole Job	Doubtful	x
		None	0
	•	Egocentric	0
	Psychiatric Prognosis		0
		Total Score	- 1

This inmate is in a class in which 40 percent may be expected to violate the parole agreement. 25 percent of the persons in this class may be expected to commit serious or repeated infractions of the parole rules, and 15 percent may be expected to commit new offences on parole.

FFENSE:

After pleading guilty, Earl Ray was received at Menard on October 4, 1948, from Adams County, Illinois, under sentence of one to fourteen years, with court fixing sentence at three to ten years, on charge of assault with intent to commit mayhem.

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Earl Ray, the defendant, is the husband of one Audrey. Prior to August 23, 1947, he had been separated from his wife and had been living separate and apent from her, except to visit their child, which was living with the wife. On August 22, 1947, at Quincy, Ray went to the Owl Drug Store and purchased a bottle of carbolic acid. On the following day he went to the home of his wife, and found her scrubbing the floors. As he approached her from the rear and called her name, she turned around, and Ray threw acid into her face. As she screamed and started to run out of the house, he threw the balance of the acid into her face and on her arms. The baby, crawling on the floor, contacted some of the acid and was severely burned. Ray left Quincy immediately afterwards and was not apprehended until about a year later in Kansas City, Missouri.

JRIMINAL ŒCORD:

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According to available information received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, this subject has had the following criminal record:

He admits having served some 18 months at the Boy's Training School, St. Charles, about 1916 or 1917, for bicycle theft. He violated one parole.

He also admits having served two or three months at SR, Eldora, Iowa, for larceny, but he escaped.

He was received at State Reformatory at Pontiac (#A-2632), on March 27, 1920, under sentence of one year, on a charge of petty larceny.

He was arrested at Quincy, Illinois, on June 1, 1921, on a charge of vagrancy, and sentenced to 1342 days in the Workhouse.

On July 3, 1922, he was arrested at Sacramento, California, for investigation and released on July 5, 1922.

He was arrested at Keckuk, Iowa, on December 17, 1922, on a charge of rape and robbery, and turned over to Adams County, Illinois authorities to be returned to Quincy, Illinois; He was received at Menard (#5786), on February 18, 1923, under sentence of one year on a charge of rape. He was discharged on expiration of sentence on January 17, 1924.

On July 14, 1924, he was arrested at Lincoln, Nebraska, for investigation of stolen car, and robbing some homes in Kansas and Nebraska. No disposition given, except be was turned over to the sheriff at Lincoln, Nebraska. (Acquitted).

He was received at Menard (#6588), on February 11, 1925, under sentence of one to fourteen years, on a charge of assault to kill. He was discharged on expiration of sentence on May 10, 1933.

He was arrested at Bloomington, Illinois, on August 23, 1933, on a charge of carrying concealed weapons, and on September 4, 1933, he was sentenced to the State Farm at Vandalia, Illinois, for six months.

He was arrested at Quincy, Illinois, on March 4, 1934, on a charge of grand larceny, and released to circuit court on \$1000.00 bond; On May 25, 1934, he was received at the State Farm at Vandalia, Illinois, under sentence of six months, on a charge of tampering with motor vehicle.

He was arrested at Edwardsville, Illinois, on February 9, 1935, as a suspect. He served thirty days in jail for vagrancy.

On August 15, 1941, he was arrested at Peoria, Illinois, for investigation, and he was later released.

He was arrested at Fort Worth, Texas, on November 27, 1947, for investigation and released.

He was arrested at Kansas City, Missouri, on July 5, 1948, for investigation and unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, and was turned over to U.S. Marshall from Springfield, Illinois, to be returned to Illinois on the present charge of assault to commit mayhem.

STITUTIONAL CORD:

This inmate has had one minor punishment report for violation of the institutional rules. He has been assigned to the Clothing House.

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This 46 year old white man was the youngest of three children, born at Quincy, Illinois, May 5, 1904, to native parents. His father, James, was in the livery business for a number of years, and he later spent much of his time in the restaurant and tavern business. He is reported to have been something of a bootlegger, and it is noted that the inmate's mother describes his father as having been "no good". The father was finally forced to retire and received an Old Age Pension. The mother, Louisa, age 81, was married previously and hed two children. The home seems to have structurally organized, and the inmate claims that he adjusted well with members of his family. His training and supervision, however, was apparently somewhat lax, and he began experiencing delinquency at an early age. He seems to have been about 12 or 13 years of age when committed to the St. Charles Training School, and he was home very little after that, due to later commitments in institutions. His father died in 1947. The mother has not remarried and now is living at 1439 Cherry Street, Quincy, Illinois. She keeps roomers in her home and has been receiving Old Age Assistance. The subject has a brother, sister, half brother and half sister. He tells that he has only seen his half siblings on one occasions and knows nothing about them. He has had no contact with his brother in several years, but his sister is married and resides in Quincy. His brother, George, served a term at the Iowa State Prison several years ago for larceny. The immate has been receiving correspondence about once each week from his mother and sister, and he has had one visit from them since his commitment.

GIONAL:

This inmate was born and reared in Quincy, Illinois. He was about 12 or 13 years of age when committed to St. Charles Training School, and he returned to Quincy after his release from there but was soon committed to the Iowa State Reformatory. In 1920, when only 16 years old, he was committed to Pontiac. He seems to have spent most of his time around Quincy, Illinois after that series of incarcerations. He was committed to Henard in 1925 and was paroled in May, 1933, going back to Quincy. He continued to reside in that community until about 1944, when he went to Skageway, Alaska to work. In 1945 he returned to the States and spent short periods at Omaha, Nebraska, Kansas City, Missouri and Galesburg, Illinois. He finally returned to Quincy and continued to live there until the present offense in 1947. After the offense he left the community and was a very mobile individual until his final apprehension about a year later.

UCATION:

He claims to have completed the sixth grade in a Catholic School in Quincy, Illinois, before quitting in 1920, at 16 years of age. He states that he was a fair student, and he had some additional schooling while at St. Charles Training School. After his commitment to Pontiac he continued in school and completed the eighth grade. Psychometric tests indicate superior intelligence.

CORD:

This inmate has had a rather irregular work history. He had very little steady employment, due to the various periods of incarceration from 12 years of age until about 1933. During that period when not in trouble he worked some as a teamster, taxi driver, common laborer and various odd jobs. After beind discharged from Menad, in May, 1933, he returned to Quincy and worked irregularly for about two years for his father as a bartender. He had commitments to the Illinois State Farm in 1933 and 1934. It was during periods that he was not incarcerated that he was on relief awhile and also worked about a year on a WPA project. He had short periods in carnivals, travelling shows, and some as a railroad breakman, construction laborer and bartender. He tells that he also farmed for his father about two years. In 1944, he

went to Skageway, Alaska and was a cook on a construction job for a few months. He then returned to the States and secured employment at Omaha, Nebraska on the C.B.&Q. Railroad. He worked for this company for about nine months around Omaha and Galesburg, Illinois. He then went to Kansas City, Hissouri and worked about three months for the Missouri Pacific Railroad. After returning to Quincy, Illinois he worked irregularly for ten or twelve months at a soybean plant. He also had short jobs as a truck driver, taxi driver and about about three works at the Ernst Plumbing Company. He was employed at the plumbing company at the time of the original offense in 1947. After the offense he left the community and was very mobile until apprehended, and he had worked at various odd jobs during this period.

MARITAL STATUS:

This inmate states that he was first married about 1942, at Benton, Missouri to Patricia Garrison, a 34 year old woman, who was then travelling as a carrival trouper. No children were born to them. Ho states that their adjustment was quite poor from the beginning, as she "drank too much". They were finally separated about 1943 and were divorced in 1944.

On December 4, 1945, he was married at Kansas City, Kansas to Audrey Ferguson, an 18 year old girl, who had an illegitimate son prior to the marriage. One daughter was born to them. He claims that he and this woman adjusted fairly well together until about six months prior to the present offense in 1947. He states that his wife began running around, and he also admits that his drinking caused some of their troubles. They had been separated about four months in 1947, when she became the victim in this offense, during an attempt by him at a reconciliation. His wife secured a divorce in 1950, and he has had no further contact with her. He supposes that she and their daughter are now residing with her mother in Quincy, Illinois. She has worked out considerably, and he thinks that it is possible that she may be securing ADC assistance.

The inmate also admits that he had a common-law relationship back about 1937, with a Fannie Welch, who was married. They lived together for about three years before splitting up. No children were born to them, and he has lost contact with her.

PERSONAL FACTORS:

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His health is good at this time, although he tells that he has been bothered by some kidney trouble since his commitment. There is a history of gonorrhea about 1924. He admits that he has been a rather intemperate user of intexteants for several years and usually became intexticated once or twice each week. He enjoyed sports, shows, dancing, considerable association with women and frequenting taverns. Regarding this offense he admits guilt and tells that it occurred during his attempt at a reconciliation with his wife.

He tells that he had been drinking rather heavily at the time, and after becoming involved in an argument with his wife, he three the small bottle acid on her. He states, however, that she has apparently received no permanent scars from this offense. This inmate came from a rather inferior home background and apparently had limited opportunities during youth. He began getting into trouble at 12 or 13 years of age and was more or less constantly involved in trouble until 1935. From then until this difficulty he seems to have adjusted much better. His record has been rather extensive in former years. He attributes most of his past difficulties to his drinking activities, and there seems to be a definite tendency towards wanderlust. We feel that he is a doubtfully improvable type. He is a rather egocentric and psychopathic personality type. His institutional adjustment has been good, having had only one minor infractions of the institutional rules. Since his commitment he has worked for short periods in the four gang and crank gang. He was employed about fourteen months in the inmate's kitchen and has been working the past year in the clothing house.

OST-NSTITUTIONAL PLANS:

This inmate is planning to return to Quincy, Illinois, in event of parole in the near future, where he can reside with his mother at 1439 Cherry Street. He has no definite plans for employment at this time but expect that he would be able to find something suitable in that community. Although his wife has secured a divorce, he states that he is willing to support their daughter and the stepson. We feel that he is poor parole material because of the alcoholic factor and his general personality makeup. We would suggest very careful placement and close supervision if parole is granted.

EPENDENCY:

This inmate has a widowed mother who has apparently been receiving Old Age Assistance. He does not know the exact amount which she has received and states that she has also had some income from keeping roomers in her home. He is intending to live with her and will be willing to assume responsibility for her support if necessary. He has a daughter who is apparently with the ex-wife at Quincy. She has secured a divorce and has apparently been supporting herself, along with some possible ADC assistance. He states that he will contribute towards the support of his daughter as much as possible.

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