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It is impossible to say how many of the escape kits were smuggled into the prison camps successfully and how many were actually put to use. All we know for certain is that over 35,000 British and other Allied troops trapped behind enemy lines did manage to make their way to safe territory before the end of the war. It is estimated that nearly half of them would have with them a silk map, a tiny compass, and other escape aids that they must have gotten through the cunning and resourceful Monopoly game plan.

Clutty Hutton was later asked to train American Military Intelligence officers in the art of concealing escape tools in ordinary looking stuff. The Americans enhanced Clutty's ideas and started concealing radio parts in the cores of baseballs sent to prison camps. They also used the game board from Snakes and Ladders, chess sets, and playing cards to hide escape tools.

But by the end of the war in 1945, there was only one escape kit that the Germans never found out: Monopoly.

The role that the game played in the war remained top secret and was finally declassified in 2007. And until then, no one realized how Clutty Hutton contributed so much to the victory over Germany.

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