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The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

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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) Reedy Edward F
Rank S/Sgt A. S. N. 13082141
Unit 852 sqdn 491st Bomb Sq

Signed Edward F Reedy

Dated 15-17-44

Witness John H. White, Capt

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E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA)/8/106 264

TOP SECRET.
I.S.9 (WEA)

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) France

FE# 1007

For All Personnel.

1. No. 13082141 Rank S/Sgt Name Edward F. Reedy
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 1 mission
3. Were you wounded? Give details. No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 852 B. Sqn
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 491 Gp
6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Engineer
7. Date of Birth 16 Jan 1917
8. Length of Service 2 yrs
9. Peace time occupation Gov. Employee
10. Private address 2138 Dwightway
Berkeley, Calif.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags, 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 Engineer and Top Gunner
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 1st Lt Wm. J. Evans heard French got him to Eng.
CO-PILOT 2d Lt Norman Krasnow
NAVIGATOR 2d Lt Malcom L. Blue
BOMBARDIER 2d Lt Russell E. Tickner parachuted and evaded
RADIO OPERATOR Sgt M.J. Brush probably out
TOP TURRET GUNNER Narrator
BALL TURRET GUNNER Sgt Raymond Lemay parachuted
WAIST GUNNER (R.) Sgt E.J. Friel
WAIST GUNNER (L.) Sgt C.A. Blair parachuted and evaded
TAIL GUNNER Sgt G.E. Countryman Blair witnessed capture
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24 (H), Nr. Matsfield, 2 June 44
1800 hrs.
(A)W 2.2.1 yd baw/iv/ncal
18. Where and when did you come down? Nr. Bacumont, 2 June 1944, 2100 hrs
Date
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? opening of chute rendered me
unconscious, and landed so
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Don't know

Secret.

S E C R E T

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

E & E REPORT NO
EVASION IN

8-17-44
(Date)

Reedy E. F. S/sgt 13082141
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
1 (No of Missions)

TARGET:

Date Missing in Action: 6-2-44

Date Arrived in UK: 8-16-44

852nd 491st
(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Indicate what happened to
each man
and how you know

PILOT 1st Lt. Wm. J. Evans

CO-PILOT 2nd Lt. Norman Krasnow

NAVIGATOR 2nd Lt. Malcolm L. Blue

BOMBARDIER 2nd Lt. Russell E. Tickner - Evaded

RADIO OPERATOR Sgt. Milton J. Brush

TOP TURRET GUNNER S/sgt. Edward F. Reedy - Evaded

LEFT TURRET GUNNER Sgt. Raymond G. Lemay

WAIST GUNNER Sgt. Clare A. Blair - Evaded

WAIST GUNNER Sgt. Edward J. Friel

TAIL GUNNER Sgt. George E. Countryman - Heard of his capture

Were you wounded?

No

If any further information is required concerning this report detailed application should be made to D.S.9 (WEA) G-2 Div S.H.A.E.F. giving the E and E Report No.

DISTRIBUTION:

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| P/W & X Det. MIS | |
| G-2 iv. SHAEF | |
| (less App. "C" & "D") | |
| File | |

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 13082141 Rank. S/Sgt.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) EDWARD F. REEDY

Unit 852 Bomb Sq 491 Bomb Gp

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 15 Aug 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

Robert Bacon
2/Lt, AC 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:—

None.

He will report to 63 Brook St, London,
if returned to the UK.

IMPORTANT

M.I.5. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.
AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X. DET.
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