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## WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 388.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

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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;  
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 388.6 (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) PETERSON, EDWARD I.  
Rank 2nd Lt. A. S. N. 0-818216  
Unit 379<sup>th</sup> Bomb. Gp.

Signed Edward I. Peterson  
Dated 7-18-44  
Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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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

TARGET:

Date mission in action: 6-16-44

Date arrived in UK: 8-16-44

PETERSON, EDWARD J. 2nd Lt 0-818216

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

7 (No. of missions)

526<sup>th</sup> Sqdn. 379<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gr.

(Squadron) (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT Mc Hugh, George

CO-PILOT Peterson, Edward J.

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

THIS WAS NOT MY REGULAR CREW - WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH THEM

Decorations: NONE

Date of Birth: July 26<sup>th</sup> 1921

Private Address: WENTWORTH, WISC.

Length of Service: 24 1/2 MONTHS

Job as Civilian: FOREMAN SHIPFITTER - (SHIPYARD)

From what field did you take off? Take off time.

KIMBOLTON - ABOUT 1600 PM

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

YES

Were you wounded? Give details.

BY FLAK - WRIST + FOREHEAD -

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much?

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

NORWEGIAN Did you have identity papers?

(over)

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

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

*YES*  
Did you report on your operations? 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 - 8-16-44 AT*  
Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air.

*AIR - AIRSTRIP MARS  
8-16-44*

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

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

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Ex No. 1018

E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)8/104

**TOP SECRET.**  
**I.S.9 (WEA)**

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

EVASION CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) RANGE

For All Personnel.

- 1. No. 0-818216 Rank 2d Lt Name Edward I. PETERSON  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 7
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details Yes, on wrist and forehead by pieces of flak
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 526th Sqn
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 379th B. Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) CO-PILOT
- 7. Date of Birth 26 July 1921 8. Length of Service 24 mos
- 9. Peace time occupation Rigger, crew foreman 10. Private address Wentworth, Wisc.  
boat construction
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Yes
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Norwegian, some French

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 CO-PILOT
- 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 George McHugh K.I.A. buried at Pont St. Maxence  
CO-PILOT Narrator  
NAVIGATOR Don't know remainder of crew.  
BOMBARDIER  
RADIO OPERATOR  
TOP TURRET GUNNER  
BALL TURRET GUNNER  
WAIST GUNNER (R.)  
WAIST GUNNER (L.)  
TAIL GUNNER

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17, Kimbalton, 16th June 44, about 1600

18. Where and when did you come down? In the Compiègne Forest near Pont St. Maxence

19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Parachute caught in tree, and could not get it down, buried mae west.

20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes, burned in plane.

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I was given help almost immediately after I landed, remaining with the people who originally helped me and the people to whom they sent me until I entered the camp in the Foret de Freteval about the middle of August. From here on my story is similar to I.S.9 (WEA) 8/59, 60, 61.

1. No. 0-818216 Rank 2d Lt Name PETERSON  
 (U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)  
 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 1  
 3. Were you wounded? Give details: Yes, on what and forehead by pieces of flak  
 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), 2nd. (Air Force)  
 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force)  
 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rtn., etc.) CO-PILOT  
 7. Date of Birth 26 July 1921  
 8. Length of Service SA  
 9. Peace time occupation Rigger, crew foreman  
 10. Private address Wisc.

11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Yes  
 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Norwegian, some French

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 CO-PILOT  
 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.

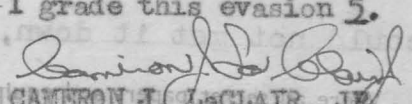
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BOMBARDIER  
 RADIO OPERATOR  
 TOP TURRET GUNNER  
 BALL TURRET GUNNER  
 WAIST GUNNER (R.)  
 WAIST GUNNER (L.)  
 TAIL GUNNER  
 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure—I-7, Kiska, 16th June 44, about 1600

18. Where and when did you come down? In the Compiègne Forest near Fort St. Nazaire  
 Date 15 August 1944  
 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and map? Parachute caught in trees

Attached:  
 Appendix "B" ✓  
 " "C" ✓  
 " "D" ✓

I grade this evasion 5.  
  
 CAMERON J. LaCLAIR, JR.  
 2d Lt AC  
 Major

Disposal: Returned to unit.

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APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)/8/104

If further circulation of this information is made, it is important that its source should not be divulged.

No. 0-818216 Rank 2d Lt Name Edward I. PETERSON

Date of Interview 15 August 1944 (Evaded in France)

I was helped by the following people:

Albert LeJeune (School Teacher)  
Framborg, Oise  
Resistance Leader

Mlle. Granier (Runs National Secours in Senlis)  
Supposed to be a German Collaborator, but isn't, she took me to Police Chief  
Possier in Senlis for identification (Police Chief also is supposed to be a  
collaborator, but isn't.

Mme. Diximere  
Rue Jean Moreas  
Paris

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APPENDIX "B" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)/8/104

List of all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defences, A.A. batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of Allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.).

No. 0-818216 Rank 2d Lt Name Edward I. PETERSON  
Date of interview 15 August 1944 (Evaded in France)

N.B.—It is of the utmost importance that when giving information on the above subjects you state clearly:—

- (1) Date, time and place where you obtained the information.
- (2) Was it the result of personal observation or a report by someone else?
- (3) If not from personal observation who was the source (*i.e.*, waiter, farm labourer, hearsay, cafe rumour, etc.), and how accurate do you estimate the source to be?

Evaluation of informant's  
credibility.

Key.

- 1.—Reliable.
- 2.—Credible.
- 3.—Questionable.
- 4.—Undetermined.

- 1. Air Field approx. 2 Kms. S. of Senlis being improved.
- 2. Air Field, fighters, long nosed 109's, located in zig-zag woods, approx. 20 kms. S. of Chantilly.
- 3. At Chantilly- 1 km. S. in large woods shaped like the spokes of wheel, 5,000,000 gallons of gasoline along roads.
- 4. Main hotels in Paris time bombed when U.S. occupied Paris.

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With the exception of items..... above, information herein has been given verbally by E. & E. to.....

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-818216 Rank 2nd Lt.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) EDWARD I. PETERSON

Unit 526th Sig. 379th Bomb Gp.

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

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

*Comdr J. S. Blair*  
2nd Lt A.C.

*Com Major. Ing*

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:—

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) NONE

IF Returned to U.K., this officer is to report to Special Interrogation Center, 63 Brook St., London, W.

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)