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E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA)/8/79/257

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

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE

For All Personnel.

E+E# 1020

1. No. 34505930 Rank S/Sgt. Name John F. GOAN  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Air Medal and 4 clusters, D.F.C., 32 ms.
3. Were you wounded? Give details Cut arm, bruised side and ribs
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 701 (H) Bomb Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 445 Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Tail Gunner
7. Date of Birth 24 May 1921 8. Length of Service 1 yr 6 mos
9. Peace time occupation Glass Blower 10. Private address 4216 Fagan Ave.  
Chattanooga, Tenn.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags
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 Tail 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 C.G. Miller  
CO-PILOT 2d Lt Ralph L. Hall Evader  
NAVIGATOR 2d Lt Arlee Reno K.I.A.  
BOMBARDIER 2d Lt W. Strychauss K.I.A.  
RADIO OPERATOR T/Sgt John H. Leahy K.I.A.  
TOP TURRET GUNNER T/Sgt Wayne Brand K.I.A.  
BALL TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt Walter Schum Note: 7 men killed in plane,  
WAIST GUNNER (R.) S/Sgt Selio Hall, Goan, and unknown  
WAIST GUNNER (L.) S/Sgt Edward Smith Blown out in explosion.  
TAIL GUNNER Narrator French said unknown was in  
German hospital badly wounded.
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24, Tibenhan Air Base 27 June 44  
1630 hrs.
18. Where and when did you come down? Near Cires and Mellon, north of Paris, 1930 hrs
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? French took parachute buried  
mae west and helmet
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Plane exploded in mid-air, hit by  
barrage flak

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EVASION CAPTURE FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE  
For All Personnel.

Name John F. GOAN

Rank S/Sgt.

No. 34502930

I was with 2d Lt Ralph H. Hall  
(see E & E report 10/19/44)

Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F. No. 100,000,000, 32 ms.)

Were you wounded? Give details: Out arm, bruised side and ribs

Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), 2nd (Air Force) 701 (H) "B" information

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BALL TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt Walter Schum

WAIST GUNNER (R.) S/Sgt Selio

WAIST GUNNER (L.) S/Sgt Edward Smith

TAIL GUNNER Navigator

Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24, Tienhan Air Base 27 June 44

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 15 August 1944

How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and map case? French took parachute

Appendix "B" none  
"C" none  
"D" none

I gave this evasion 5

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Plane exploded in mid-air, hit by

Disposal: Returned to unit

Major 2d Lt CAC



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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;  
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 supercedes 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.

GERTIFICATE

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) Goan, John F.  
Rank S/Sgt. A. S. N. 34505950  
Unit 701 Bul Sqd. 445 Bul Grp

Signed John F. Goan  
Dated August 17, 1944  
Witness First Lt. Capt. Al

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

E & E REPORT NO  
EVASION IN

August 17, 1944  
(Date)

John F. Goan S/Sgt. 34505930

TARGET:

Date Missing in Action: June 27, 1944

Date Arrived in UK: August 16, 1944

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
32 (No of Missions)

701 Bomb 445  
(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWLB)

Indicate what happened to  
each man  
and how you know

PILOT C. G. Miller - Unknown  
CO-PILOT R. F. Hall - Ender  
NAVIGATOR Reno - Unknown  
BOMBARDIER Trychess - Unknown  
RADIO OPERATOR Leahy - Unknown  
TOP TURRET GUNNER Brand - Unknown  
MID TURRET GUNNER Shum - Unknown  
WAIST GUNNER Smith - Unknown  
WAIST GUNNER Salis - Unknown  
TAIL GUNNER John F. Goan - Ender

Were you wounded? yes - Cut on left arm - Bruised around chest  
and ribs also strained back

## DISTRIBUTION:

Capt Devereux, Ops	1
Capt Arnold, 9AF	1
G-2 FUSA	1
G-2 TUSA	1
File	1
Hq. I.S.9 (WEA)	3
P/W & X Det. MIS ✓	
G-2 Div. SHARP	
(less App. "C" & "D")	
File	

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

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 34505930 Rank S/SGT

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) JOHN F. GOAN

Unit 445 4P 701 31

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.

*R H Danc*  
L/CT, CAC  
Major *Ref*

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.*

*sent to U.K., this man must*

*input to 63 Brook St, London*

*RAA*

IMPORTANT.

M.I.2. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.  
AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X. DET.  
THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)