

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE

For All Personnel.

EYE# 1922

1. No. 0-814556 Rank 2d Lt Name ROY J. RICE, Jr
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 2 missions
3. Were you wounded? Give details. No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 535 Bomb Sq
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 381 Bomb Gp
6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Co-pilot
7. Date of Birth 6 May 1917
8. Length of Service 22 months
9. Peace time occupation Banking
10. Private address Route 3, Box 672
Salon, Oregon
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Bagtags; 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 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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|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| PILOT | <u>A.C. Claytor</u> | <u>Evaded - safe in Allied hands</u> |
| CO-PILOT | <u>R.J. Rice (Narrator)</u> | |
| NAVIGATOR | <u>R.H. Chisholm</u> | <u>Believed sold to Germans by French</u> |
| BOMBARDIER | <u>C. Middleton</u> | <u>Safe in Allied hands</u> |
| RADIO OPERATOR | <u>W.H. Williams</u> | <u>Broke leg in jump; died in German hands</u> |
| TOP TURRET GUNNER | <u>H.A. Sango</u> | <u>Believed sold to Germans.</u> |
| BALL TURRET GUNNER | <u>D. Souder</u> | <u>Safe in Allied hands</u> |
| WAIST GUNNER (R.) | <u>J.M. Cannable</u> | <u>Safe in Allied hands</u> |
| WAIST GUNNER (L.) | | |
| TAIL GUNNER | <u>R.D. Vitkus</u> | <u>Safe in Allied hands</u> |
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17F; Midgwell; 25 April 1944
About 0600
 18. Where and when did you come down? Between Moxey and Clewmont, about 0900
 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? French took them and destroyed them
 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes. French say ship burned

Secret

TOP SECRET
I.S.9 (WEA)

E & E Report No. 8/81

I was with S/Sgt Middleton (see E & E report No. 8/80) all the time I was evading. I reached the forest near Cloyes on 11 June, after staying for a few days in farms near there while we waited for the camp to open.

In my opinion F/O Berry was not too good at his job in the camp. Lucien was pretty good; John the Belgian better.

Originally we were told that the camp was to be kept together for 4 weeks. Actually it lasted 9 weeks. Any trouble was due to this fact. On the whole I think everybody behaved very well under trying circumstances.

B Information:

Around 15 May I saw an airfield at Bonneville, near Beauvais (south of city). This field was a very good one, but there were few planes on it at this time. There were few guards. I was told that the planes were hidden underground.

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Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 15 August 1944

Attached:

Appendix "B"

" "C" none

" "D"

Disposal: Returned to unit

I grade this evasion 5.

Theodore M. Purdy
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Capt. CE Major

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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-989 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,
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Theaters of Operations;
Defense Commands;
Departments;
Base Commands;
The Commanding Officers,
Base Commands;
Director, Bureau of Public Relations.

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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.

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/s/ J. A. ULIO
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GERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

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Name (Print) ROY J. RICE JR.

Rank 2nd Lt A. S. N. 0814556

Unit 381st Bomb GRP. 535 Sgd.

Signed Roy J. Rice Jr.

Dated 17 April 1944

Witness John White Capt

AG P BR HQ SOS

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

E & E REPORT NO.
EVASION IN

17-8-44
(Date)

RICE, Roy J. Jr 2nd Lt 0814556
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

2
(Number of Missions)

MIA: APRIL 25, 1944
Arrived in UK:

535
(Squadron)

381st
(Group)

16-8-44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT CLAYTON, A.G.
CO-PILOT RICE, R.J.
NAVIGATOR Chisholm, R.H.
BOMBARDIER MIDDLETON, C.
RADIO OPERATOR WILLIAMS W.R.
TOP TURRET GUNNER SANBO N.A.
BALL TURRET GUNNER Souder D.W.
WAIST GUNNER Connable J.M.
WAIST GUNNER None
TAIL GUNNER Vitkus R.D.
WERE YOU wounded No

Official
Disposition

Narrators

Disposition
SAFE ALLIED HAND
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{ FRENCH SAY
P.W.

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{ FRENCH SAY BROKE
{ LEG DIED IN P.W. HOS.

{ FRENCH SAY P.W.

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Unit 281st Bomb. GRP 535 Sgd

Signed Roy J. Price Jr.
Dated 17 April 1944
Witness _____

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P/W & X Det. MIS

G-2 Div. SHAEF

(less App. "C" & "D")

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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. 0-814556 Rank 2d Lt
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) ROY J. RICE, Jr
Unit 535 Sq 381 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.

Theodore M. Purdy
Capt CE Jr Major. Inf

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.

*If returned to U.K, report to
63 Brook St. London, W. 1.*

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