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E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA)/8/100/262

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.

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E&E # 1064

1. No. 35133894 Rank T/Sgt. Name William J. YANZEK
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 1st mission
3. Were you wounded? Give details Slight scalp wound landing, shaken up quite badly
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 533rd Sqn
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 381st B.Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Radio Op., Gunner
7. Date of Birth 5 Oct. 1911 8. Length of Service 2 yrs 5 mos
9. Peace time occupation Rest. Prop. 10. Private address 129 N. Monmouth St.
Dayton, Ohio
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags, and photos
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Little German

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 Left Waist 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 Lt. Duncan (saw no chutes open)
CO-PILOT Lt. Franek
NAVIGATOR Unknown
BOMBARDIER "
RADIO OPERATOR "
TOP TURRET GUNNER "
BALL TURRET GUNNER "
WAIST GUNNER (R.) "
WAIST GUNNER (L.) Narrator 1st out
TAIL GUNNER Unknown
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17 16 March 1944, 0700 hrs.
18. Where and when did you come down? Betz, France 1500 hrs
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Frenchmen buried all equipment
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Carried not secret papers

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- 1. No. 35133804 Rank T/Bgt Name William G. YANZEK
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- 7. Date of Birth 5 Oct. 1911 8. Length of Service 2 yrs 5 mos
- 9. Peace time occupation Res't. Prop. 10. Private address 139 N. Monmouth St. Dayton, Ohio
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photographs? Dogtags, and photos
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- CO-PILOT Lt. Franek
- NAVIGATOR Unknown
- BOMBARDIER "
- RADIO OPERATOR "
- TOP TURRET GUNNER "
- BALL TURRET GUNNER "
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) "
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) Navigator 1st out
- TAIL GUNNER Unknown
- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17 16 March 1944, 0700 hrs.

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Where and when you were interviewed? France 1500 hrs
Date 15 Aug 44

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

I made this evasion #5.
Cameron J. McClair, Jr.
2/14, Al. Major

Disposal: Returned to unit.

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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

YANZEK Wm J T/SGT 35133894
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

1ST (No. of missions)

533 RD 381ST
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: AugsBURG, GERMANY

Date mission in action: 16-3-44

Date arrived in UK: 16-8-44

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT 1ST LT DUNCAN
CO-PILOT 1ST LT FRANEK
NAVIGATOR)
BOMBARDIER)
RADIO OPERATOR)
TOP TURRET GUNNER)
BALL TURRET GUNNER)
WAIST GUNNER)
WAIST GUNNER (L) Wm J YANZEK
TAIL GUNNER)

*Saw
no
other
chutes*

Decorations: NONE

Date of Birth: OCT. 5-1911

Private Address: 129 N. MONMOUTH ST. DAYTON, OHIO

Length of Service: 2 5/12

Job as Civilian: RESTAURANT PROP.

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

381ST BOMB. GR. STATION (Ridgewell, Eng.) - 0700

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

EQUIPMENT BURIED BY FRENCH - CARRIED NO SECRET PAPERS

Were you wounded? Give details.

SLIGHT SCALP WOUND - RIBS ON RIGHT SIDE BADLY BRUISED,
TUMBLER UPON LANDING - MINOR SCRATCHES ON R. HAND

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

NO - THEY REFUSED MONEY.

Do you speak FRENCH? SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE?

SLIGHT AMT. OF GERMAN

Did you have identity papers?

NONE OTHER THAN ESCAPE PHOTOS + DOG TAGS.

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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**.

- 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) WILLIAM J. YANZEK
Rank T/SGT A. S. N. 35133894
Unit 381ST BOMB. GR. - 533RD SQDN

Signed William J. Yanzek
Dated _____
Witness John White, Capt AC

AG P BR HQ SOS 122472

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

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 35133894 Rank T/Sgt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) WILLIAM J. YANZEK

Unit 533 Bomb Sq 381 Bomb Grp

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} not/be re-interrogated.

Robert Bacon
2/lt, Major. *He*

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.

Robert H. Jones
W/O, Major, MC

IMPORTANT

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