

18 Aug 1944

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42. O, CMP, listed below, are rel'd from asgmt to Western Base Sec, Guard-house, are asgd to Hq Base Sec #2 for dy w/PM Sec:

1st Lt DAVID A. DANIELS, 0461792      2d Lt CHARLES E. MASGROVE, 01557646  
TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 60-136 P 431-02 A 212/50425.

43. EM, Signal Depot S-800, APO 559, listed below, are trfd in gr to 3110th Signal Sv Bn, APO 206:

Tec 5 ARRO BAIL, 39542112      Pvt TILLMAN FOMNESBECK, 39835297  
TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for qrs and rat while on travel status is atzd in accordance w/Cir 63, this hq, cs, as amended. TDN. 60-136 P 431-02 A 212/50425.

44. VCOG, 17 Aug 1944, assigning O, AC, listed below, to Hq US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, and placing them on temp dy w/Hq Comd, European T of Opns USA, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. Upon completion of this temp dy they will report to CG, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe:

Capt MOSES J. GATEWOOD, 025613      1st Lt FRED L. SHANTZ, 0745197  
Capt DONALD A. REIMMER, 0659484      2d Lt LEONARD J. SCHALLEHN, 0818032  
Capt WILLIAM M. DAVIS, 0789387      2d Lt EDWARD J. VESELY, 0812907  
1st Lt ALFRED H. RICHTER, 0724355      2d Lt HERMAN F. BUSSE, 0758151  
TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement not to exceed \$4.00 per day is atzd if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta, and alws of \$1.25 per day is atzd if govt messing facilities are not available. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

45. VCOG, 17 Aug 1944, assigning EM, listed below, to Hq & Hq Sq, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, and placing them on temp dy w/Hq Comd, European T of Opns USA, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. Upon completion of this temp dy they will report to CG, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe:

S Sgt HAROLD C. BROOKS JR, 16088694      Sgt RALPH J. WORKMAN, 16088167  
TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for qrs and rat while on temp dy is atzd in accordance w/Cir 63, this hq, cs, as amended. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

46. VCOG, 17 Aug 1944, assigning EM listed below to orgn as indicated, and placing them on temp dy w/Hq Comd, European T of Opns USA, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. Upon completion of this temp dy they will report to proper sta:

Asgd to

Pfc STANLEY B. CLEVER, 13092670      Hq Co, 101st AB Div  
Pvt ROBERT A. BURKS, 19097942      Hq Co, 101st AB Div  
Pvt MICHAEL GERVIN, 33151121      Hq Co, 82d AB Div  
Pvt NICK G. DALLAS, 36660020      Hq Co, 101st AB Div  
Pvt ROCCO J. MOREA, 39302815      Hq Co, 82d AB Div  
TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for qrs and rat while on temp dy is atzd in accordance w/Cir 63, this hq, cs, as amended. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

47. O, Ord, listed below, now on temp dy w/Ord Depot O-617, are rel'd from asgmt to this hq, APO 871, (Ord Sec) are asgd to orgn as indicated but will remain on temp dy w/Ord Depot O-617:

Asgd to

Capt ALFRED P. HEINTZ, 0371029      264th Ord Sv Composite Bn, ...  
APO 871

R E S T R I C T E D

(SO 231, European T of Opns USA, 18 Aug 1944, contd)  
(Par 47, contd)

1st Lt ROBERT E. HOWELL, 01548078      Asgd to  
3051st Ord Sv Composite Co,  
APO 871  
2d Lt CLARK E. CUMMINGS, 01573831      228th Ord Sv Composite Platoon,  
APO 871

48. VCOG, ordering 2d Lts, AUS, listed below, now at 3d Combat Crew Replacement Center Gp, Eighth Air Force, to EAD, DP, effective 14 Aug 1944, and assigning them to 3d Combat Crew Replacement Center Gp, Eighth Air Force, for dy w/AC, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. They will rank from 14 Aug 1944. Auth: WD Cable WAR 70587, 26 Jul 1944:

ROBERT EARLE HARTENSTEIN, 0557204      GEORGE ROBERT LEE, 0557051

49. VCOG, ordering 2d Lt ROBERT DEAN KOHLER, 0557759, AUS, now at 3d Combat Crew Replacement Center Gp, Eighth Air Force, to EAD, DP, effective 14 Aug 1944, and assigning him to 3d Combat Crew Replacement Center Gp, Eighth Air Force, for dy w/AC, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. He will rank from 14 Aug 1944. Auth: WD Cable WAR 72772, 29 Jul 1944.

50. Announcement is made of the temp promotion of 1st Lt WILLARD YOUNG, 01287807, Inf, 82d AB Div, to the gr of Capt, AUS, w/rank from date of this order.

51. EM, Hq Det, Hq Comd, European T of Opns USA, APO 887 (G-2 Sec), listed below, are placed on DS w/Hq MI Sv, European T of Opns USA;

Tec 4 NICHOLAS R. DOLIDA, 32420332      Cpl LOUIS S. LOLLI, 33344259

52. Civilians, listed below, are attached to Hq MI Sv, European T of Opns USA, for dy:

Mr GERALD L. BEATSON

Mr CARL F. FIEBIG

53. 2d Lt CLYDE W. TOWNLEY, 01285141, Inf, is reld from asgmt to MP Platoon, Hq VII Corps, from temp dy w/European T of Opns Reclassification Center #1, APO 871, is atchd unasgd to 16th Replacement Depot for reasgmt. TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 60-136 P 431-02 A 212/50425.

54. O, Hq & Hq Det, O of Strategic Sv, European T of Opns USA, listed below, are temporarily promoted to the gr indicated in AUS w/rank from date of this order:

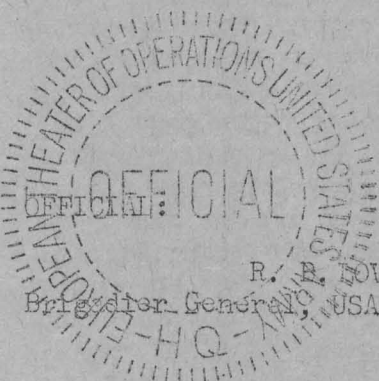
1st Lt to Capt

OWEN D. JOHNSON, 02044809, AUS      ERNEST F. FLOEGE, 02044516, AUS  
VICTOR J. LAYTON, 01114613, CE

55 and 56. Secret.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

R. B. LORD,  
Brigadier General, GSC,  
Deputy Chief of Staff.



R E S T R I C T E D



While on a mission to bomb Bordeaux my plane was hit by flak. I bailed out just south of Bazas, in Gironde. I was given shelter in the house of a farmer where I was met by a member of the resistance movement who took me to a farmhouse in Lerm et Musset. By this time 4 other members of my crew had joined me. From here we were taken to a Maquis headquarters and thence to another farm, close by, owned by Jean Meric. Meric was a member of the Maquis, and stored a great deal of ammunition on his farm. The rest of our bomber crew met us there. None were missing and all were unharmed. We stayed at Meric's ~~for~~ seven days, then were taken to another farm close by (between Lerm et Musset and Grignols). About 4 days later the Germans attacked Lerm et Musset with tracked vehicles, killing about 35 Maquis. We moved to a woods NE of Grignols where we stayed in a camouflaged shack for 24 hrs. The Maquis wanted us to remain with them, but Brooks and I left the next day, and walked to Allons. We were wearing our full uniform and flying boots. From here we walked to Bourriat-Bergance where we stayed in a barn. Other

Maquis took us from here to their headquarters at d'Armagnac, where we met an English colonel known as "Gaston". We went to work for these Maquis. They issued us arms and Maquis uniforms. The colonel told us it was impossible to get to Spain. We were still determined to try, however, and we left these Maquis on 8 July, after staying with them 2 1/2 weeks. We hiked to Ban by way of Eugenie les Bains, Geanne, Arzacq, Morlain, and Pau. At Ban we stayed 3 weeks at a farm just north of town. The farm consisted of people at the farm were mostly young men and women who were hiding from the Germans for various reasons. The farm was run by Maurice, a short, well-built young man with wavy hair. His sister Dunice (?) was also there. Likewise Helene Nadler; Robert (cook); André, a young boy of 16; Margot, an older woman, crippled; Pierre; John, an Englishman known in Gibraltar; Jean Boxalle (real name Jean Ferbussy), a French I.O. whose brother is a Capt. or Maj. in Free French in London. While here we also met an American girl named Rose Mary and an English girl

"C" - Workman (3)

hiding from the Germans. They were both "organization" (?) members. ~~Jean Bo~~

Jean Buxalle arranged our guides and identity cards. He sent us to Paris, later joining us there with new clothes for us.

From here we ~~were~~ were sent, with a series of guides, across the Pyrenees. We gave ourselves up a few miles inside the Spanish border. We were taken to Pamplona to a police station where we filled out routine reports and our money was collected. We were given a receipt for it which was, in turn, collected in Gibraltar. From here on our journey was the standard one.



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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.

### 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) RALPH JAY WORKMAN Signed Ralph Jay Workman  
Rank SGT. A. S. N. 16088167 Dated August 17, 1944  
Unit 381st BOMB GROUP 53450N Witness Noted in 1st 2y

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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

RALPH JAY WORKMAN SGT. 16088167  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

1 (No. of missions)

534 381  
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: 6-15-44

Date arrived in UK: 8-17-44

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

Indicate what  
happened to each man  
and how you know.

PILOT CHARLES KELLY  
CO-PILOT ROBERT DISBROW  
NAVIGATOR FRANK CHAMP  
BOMBARDIER SIMON WILCZEK  
RADIO OPERATOR HAROLD G. BROOKS JR.  
TOP TURRET GUNNER CHARLES BRASHEAR  
BALL TURRET GUNNER RALPH J. WORKMAN  
WAIST GUNNER ALFRED CAMPBELL  
WAIST GUNNER RADIO MAN  
TAIL GUNNER DONALD GRAHAM

ALL MEMBERS OF THE  
CREW WERE TOGETHER  
THREE DAYS AFTER  
BAILING OUT

Decorations: NONE

Date of Birth: FEB. 10, 1922

Private Address: 528 OAK AVE. MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

Length of Service: 1 Yr. 9 mo.

Job as Civilian: SHIPPING CLERK

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

381st 4:30 A.M.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

YES

Were you wounded? Give details.

NO

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? NO

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

Did you have identity papers?

NO

(over)



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

YES. GIBRALTAR. ENGLISH REPRESENTATIVE

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

NO

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 GIBRALTAR AUG. 14, 1944

Date of arrival in Spain: AUG. 5, 1944

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: AUG. 14, 1944

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. AUG. 16, GIB. BY AIR

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

NONE

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

2. LT. CHARLES KELLY  
SGT. DONALD GRAHAM  
SISGT. CHARLES BRASHEAR  
SGT. ALFRED CAMPBELL  
SGT. SIMON WICZET  
F/O FRANK CHAMP  
LT. ROBERT DISBROW



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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

RALPH JAY WORKMAN SGT 16088167

P-17-441  
(Date)

381ST BOMB GROUP  
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT  
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT  
CO-PILOT  
NAVIGATOR  
BOMBARDIER  
RADIO OPERATOR  
TOP TURRET GUNNER  
BALL TURRET GUNNER  
WAIST GUNNER  
WAIST GUNNER  
TAIL GUNNER

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

6-15-44 20 miles N.W. of BAZAS  
8 A.M.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

No. 4 engine on fire.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

16,000

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

NO

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

ALL THE CREW.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

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

E & E REPORT NO 1032-1033  
EVASION IN FRANCE

17 August 1944

(Date)

Ralph J WORKMAN, Sgt, 16088167 - 1 mission  
Harold ~~A~~ BROOKS, S/Sgt, 16088694 - 1 mission

TARGET:

(Name) C (Rank) (ASN)

(No of Missions)

Date Missing in Action: 15 June 1944

534 Bomb Squadron, 381 B omb Group  
(Squadron) (Group)

Date Arrived in UK: 17 August 44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWLB)

Indicate what happened to  
each man  
and how you know

PILOT	O-753224	2d Lt	Charles H KELLY ✓	MIA
CO-PILOT	✓ O-815102	2d Lt	Robert C DISBROW	MIA
NAVIGATOR	T-123005	F/O	Frank A J CHAMP	MIA
BOMBARDIER				
RADIO OPERATOR	38396524	Sgt	Simon J WILCZEK ✓	MIA
TOP TURRET GUNNER	✓ 16088694	S/Sgt	Harold C BROOKS, JR	NARRATOR
REAR TURRET GUNNER	39544259	S/Sgt	Charles F BRASHEAR ✓	MIA
WAIIST GUNNER	WONE 16088167	Sgt	Ralph J WORKMAN	NARRATOR
WAIIST GUNNER	✓ 15171172	Sgt	Alfred M CAMPBELL, JR	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	36590221	Sgt	Donald S GRAHAM ✓	MIA

Are you wounded?



E + E - Workman

While on a bombing mission in S. France my plane was hit by flak. I bailed out at 16,000 ft. As soon as I reached the ground I was met by a farmer who arranged the rest of my journey.

E+E - Brooks -

Identical to story of Sgt. R. S. Workman

"C" - Brooks -

Ditto



SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

*Workman*

Unit:-

Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and comments will help others to evade capture or to escape.

1. AIDS BOX

- a. Did you use your aids box? *YES*
- b. If not, why?
- c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".

Horlicks tablets.

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *WHILE CROSSING MOUNTAINS*

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *WHILE WALKING TO THE BORDER*

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum. *WHILE WALKING*

Water bottle. *ALL THE TIME*

Compass. *WHILE WALKING*

Sewing kit.

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *YES*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box?
- f. Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger?

*NO*

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *YES*  
State color of stripes and letters. *RED MARK III*  
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? *YES*

(over)

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones? SOUTHERN FRANCE

Compass. YES

File (hacksaw). NO

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money? FRENCH 2,000 FR.

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. SPANISH BORDER GUARDS TOOK THEM.

Compass. NO

File (hacksaw). LOST

Surplus currency. GAVE TO COUNCIL

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

If so, how many? NO

b. Did you use them?

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. (over)

LANGLLEY FIELD VIRGINIA 3-15-1944

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

SOME THINGS

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers?

In most cases it is safe to walk up to a farm house with electric wires running to it



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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

*Sgt. H.C. Brooks JR. 16088694*

Unit:-

*301 Bn. 538 Sqn.*

Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and comments will help others to evade capture or to escape.

1. AIDS BOX

a. Did you use your aids box?

*yes to a very great extent*

b. If not, why?

c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".

Horlicks tablets.

*didn't use these*

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

*none in kit*

Milk (tube).

*none*

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

*over into (last night)*

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

*a number of times*

Matches.

*to light cigarettes*

Adhesive tape.

*no*

Chewing gum.

*made present to small girl*

Water bottle.

*many times while hiking*

Compass.

*while hiking*

Sewing kit.

*a few times*

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?

*none*

e. How did you finally dispose of the box?

*at Gibraltar General*

f. Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger?

*yes instead of water bottle have the box be the flask itself.*

2. PURSE

a. Did you carry a purse?

State color of stripes and letters.

If NOT, State why not.

*RED STRIPES-MARK III*

b. Did you use the purse?

*yes*

(over)

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones? *France and Germany*

Compass. *yes*

File (hacksaw). *no*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *all 1000 Fr in*  
How did you spend the money? *France to pay friendly*  
*people.*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *Border Guards*

Compass. *" "*

File (hacksaw). *" "*

Surplus currency. *" "*

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? *no.*

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?  
If so, how many? *no*

b. Did you use them?

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *many times*  
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *during those training*  
*in Avon Park Florida and Long Bay Fla.*

b. Did you find the lectures of value? *yes much so.*

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers?

*yes it isn't at all required to  
hide in woods or shy from roads  
when traveling. My personal  
experience was of walking 2300  
my whole journey in full uniform  
plus flying boots through cities  
and down main highways.*



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington

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6 August 1943

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TO: The Commanding Generals,  
Army Ground Forces;  
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.

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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.

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(See Reverse Side)

1. Because disclosures of information regarding evasion from capture, escape, details of imprisonment, release from internment, and repatriation have been made, the lives and services of fellow soldiers and those who help them have been lost or endangered. All information which you possess on these subjects, including the experiences of others as well as your own, briefings and equipment for evasion and escape, and preparations and other activities in connection therewith, constitutes MILITARY INFORMATION which is classified SECRET by the War Department.

2. You will therefore disclose no information whatever, beyond the fact of your return to duty from "missing in action" or "prisoner of war" or "internment", to anyone except the following military officials:

- a. The first Military Attache to whom you report;
- b. An officer designated by the Commanding General of an overseas Theatre of Operations;
- c. The Prisoner of War Branch, MIS, Washington, D.C., the interrogating agency designated by the A/C of S, G-2, War Department General Staff;
- d. Certain other officers holding written authority from the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, to interrogate you.

3. You will particularly guard against disclosure of SECRET information to relatives, friends, representatives of the press and radio, and military officials, except as noted in a, b, c and d above.

4. In order to protect yourself against disciplinary action, any question involving publicity must be referred BY YOU PERSONALLY to the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, Washington, D.C.

## CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have read and fully understand all of the foregoing and the Directive of the Secretary of War, 6 Aug 43 (on the reverse side), and will at ALL TIMES hereafter comply fully therewith.

I understand that all information concerning escape, evasion from capture, activities and equipment in connection therewith, and details of imprisonment or release from internment, is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone except the military officials specifically designated. I further understand that disclosure to any other person will make me liable to disciplinary action for failure to safeguard MILITARY INFORMATION.

I realize that publicity concerning my experiences, by word of mouth or otherwise, will endanger the lives of many persons and therefore it is my duty to take all possible precautions to prevent it.

I further certify that I have received a copy of the foregoing.

Name (Print) RALPH V. WORKMAN Signed Ralph V. Workman  
 Rank Sgt. A.S.N. 16022167 Dated 8-14-44 Place GIBRALTAR  
 Unit 3P1st BOMB GP. Witness any 1st Lt. W. H. H.

HORACE W. FORSTER,  
 Colonel, G.S.C.,  
 U. S. Mil. Lia. Off.

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DATE: 18 August 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, JAMES E. O'BRIEN, Capt., AC, O-566338

HEREBY CERTIFY that I have known and have been associated with

RALPH J. WORKMAN, Sgt., AC, 16088167

prior to his being reported missing in action over enemy territory.

The person whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon is the individual referred to above.

Ralph J. Workman  
RIGHT THUMB PRINT:

James E. O'Brien



The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as \_\_\_\_\_

RALPH J. WORKMAN, Sgt., AC, 16088167, 381 Bomb Gp., 534 Sq.

previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

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