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I.S.9 (WEA)

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)/8/61//5

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No. 0-789887 Rank Captain, A.C. Name William M. DAVIS

Date of Interview 15 August 1944 (Evaded in France)

I came down near Allonne, 20 miles NW of Orleans. I received help there and in several other small places while on my way to the camp near Cloyes.

The last place I stayed in was called Boisville. The farmer there was a Belgian named Fontaine. I did not know the names of the Resistance chiefs who helped me.

Full information about the agents in the camp, and about the arrest of Virginia, wife of Paul, by the Gestapo is given in the report of F/Lt Berry (E & E 8/59).

At one point an American gunner named Craig developed appendicitis while in the camp. John the Belgian took him to a French doctor who worked for the Resistance, who arranged to have him admitted to a hospital as a Frenchman. John walked 15 miles in the rain to arrange this deal.

Towards the end of the time we were there, another agent called Louis appeared. He worked with John, but may possibly have been hiding out himself. He made contacts for us with the French around the camp, and told us he had been instructed to have us all go to the Brest Peninsula for evacuation.

Lt. Wiseman and a man called Solomon (known as the Greek) left the camp before we were found by the American forces. They expected to go to Switzerland, but are probably with the Maquis somewhere in Savoie by now.

Two other helpers from that neighborhood were Marcel Rideau, Le Richeray, Busloup, Loir et Cher, and M. Rene of the same village.

While we were in the camp a man wandered into the forest one day and was picked up by our guards. He turned out to be a Russian or Georgian who had deserted from the German army. We had to keep him a prisoner for fear he might tell too much. He spoke little French and no language any of us could talk. His name was Killadze. He was turned over to the CIC at the PWE where we were interrogated by I.S.9(WEA). I think he is harmless and hope he is well treated.

One other thing - I could not understand, and neither could the C.G., why nobody in the 5th Div. was informed of the presence of our camp in the Cloyes area when they neared that place. It was purely by chance that some of our boys stumbled on the 818th TD outfit last Sunday.

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~~ammunition dump only 400 yds away. Jean Croquet (see E & E No. 8/60) also did a good job in keeping us supplied with food and he acted as liaison officer between the two parts of the camp.~~

The Germans knew ^{that} a lot of people were hiding in the forest but thought they were all Maquis or Frenchmen trying to keep out of the labor draft. The Maquis themselves did not know what went on, in most cases. When a parachute operation took place and ~~both~~ supplies for us and arms for the Maquis were dropped, the Germans captured most of the stuff, but I think they thought it was for the Maquis.

When the American attack in Normandy began the Germans ceased to trouble us, anyway. We had news every day from London and began to hope for release soon. The men were under great tension and some of them could not wait. We had to guard the camp area and prevent anyone from leaving it. It was hard to get exercise, and we could not speak loudly. Our diet was poor and not very varied. Altogether it was a relief when the chief agent from the other camp came ~~On 12 August~~ ^{we were told} to tell us that U/S/ units were at Le Mans, and that we would be contacted soon and taken out. We packed up and waited, but it was not until the following evening about 1700 that a Rcn Trp from the 818th TD Bn reached us with their armored cars. We were taken to 5th Div Hq, and thence to Le Mans, where we saw Major Neave and others responsible for this operation.

~~Besides stressing how good John the Belgian was, I would like to say that I think our whole group was given far too much publicity and fanfare at 5th Div. The PRO was allowed to have us photographed with the insignia of the camp, which had been embroidered on chute silk. If there are to be any more camps like this one, less noise about it all would be a better policy.~~

(Capt. Davis had no "B" information of current value.)

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E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)/8/61/115

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I.S.9 (WEA)

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE

E+E#1039

For All Personnel.

1. No. 0-789887 Rank Captain, A.C. Name William M. DAVIS
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Approx. 61 Missions; Air Medal with 8 Clusters
3. Were you wounded? Give details. Yes. Explosive bullets peppered me, but not serious.
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 485 Fighter Sq.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 370 Ftr. Gp 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Sq. Leader
7. Date of Birth 11 Sept. 1920 8. Length of Service 2 yrs., 10 1/2 mos.
9. Peace time occupation Student 10. Private address High Street, Leesburg, Florida
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags; photos and escape aids.
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Poor French.

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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 Pilot of P-38. Crash landed.
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 //
CO-PILOT //
NAVIGATOR //
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 P-38-J-15
Departed Andover Base, 7 July, at approx. 1600 hrs.
18. Where and when did you come down? 20 mi. NW of Orleans; 7 July about 1800 hrs.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Left chute, harness, dinghy in burning ship. Buried mae west and flying suit in woods.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes; maps and IFF destroyed. Later heard Germans got part of chute.

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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

William M. Davis ^{capt.}
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) 6-789887

TARGET: ARM Rec

Date mission in action: July 7

Date arrived in UK: Aug 17
1944

61 (No. of missions)

485 F.S. (Squadron) 370 F.M. (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT

William M. Davis

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

P-38
Fighter

Decorations: Air Medal 8 or 9 clusters

Date of Birth: Sept. 11, 1920

Private Address: 1207 High St., Leesburg, Fla.

Length of Service:

Job as Civilian: Student

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

Andover Station. APP. 16:00

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

Yes - BURNED MAPS - Blew IFF.

Were you wounded? Give details.

MANY Explosive Bullets Had Zone off in the Cockpit
Peppering me in several places - NONE SERIOUS - WORST IN LEFT KNEE

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

Yes - ABOUT 1500 FRANCS IN ALL.

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

VERY BROKEN

Did you have identity papers?

Yes - Made by the resistance.

(over)

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

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

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?

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

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

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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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 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.

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) William M. Davis

Signed William M. Davis

Rank Capt. A. S. N. 0-789887

Dated August 18, 1944

Unit 370 I. I. - 485 I. S.

Witness _____

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18 Aug 1944

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42. O, CMP, listed below, are reld 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 ARRQ BAIL, 39542112 Pvt TILLMAN FONNESBECK, 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. VOCCG, 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. REHMER, 0659484 2d Lt LEONARD J. SCHALLEHN, 0818032
Capt WILLIAM M. DAVIS, 0789887 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. VOCCG, 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, 16038694 Sgt RALPH J. WORKMAN, 16038167
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. VOCCG, 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 reld 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

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(SO 231, European T of Opns USA, 13 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. VOCCG, ordering 2d Lts, AUS, listed below, now at 3d Combat Crew Replacement Center Gp, Eighth Air Force, to EAD, DF, 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 MARLE HARTENSTEIN, 0557204 GEORGE ROBERT LEE, 0557051

49. VOCCG, ordering 2d Lt ROBERT DEAN KOHLER, 0557759, AUS, now at 3d Combat Crew Replacement Center Gp, Eighth Air Force, to EAD, DF, 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. AM, 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. LOLLII, 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. FLEBIG

53. 2d Lt CLYDE W. TOWNLEY, 01285141, Inf, is rel'd 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. B. SOVETT,
Brigadier General, USA, Adjutant General.

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EVASION IN FRANCE

William M. DAVIS, Capt, O-789887

485 Fighter Sq, 370 Fighter Group

MIA 7 July 1944

UK-- 17 August 1944

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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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M.A 7 July
UK 17 Aug

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-789887 Rank Capt., A.C.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) WILLIAM M. DAVIS

Unit 370 Fr. Gp 485 Fr. Sq

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 Purdy
CAPT CE

for 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:—

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) *WILLIAM M. DAVISON* None

Unit *870 Ft. GP*

has been fully ~~completely~~ interrogated by an intelligence Officer of I.S. (WEA) on *10 Aug 1944*

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

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4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), 2dn. (Air Force) 487 Fighter Sq.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 370 Tr. Gp. Job Pl. Comd., Rtn., etc. Sq. leader
7. Date of Birth 11 Sept. 1920 Length of Service 5 yrs, 10 mos.
9. Peace time occupation Student Private address High Street, Leesburg, Florida
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11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dog tags; photos and escape aids.
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Poor French.

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FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS

WHO BALE OUT

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13. No. and location of O.T.U.
14. No. and location of Conversion Unit
15. Post in Crew Pilot of I-38, crash landed.
16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure I-38-7-15
18. Where and when did you come down? 20 mi. W of Orleans; 7 July about 1800 hrs.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mac west? left intact, harness, dump

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)
 Date 15 August 1944

Attached: Appendix "B"
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Disposal: Returned to 9th AF award for Capt. Davis.

Theodore M. Purdy
 Major
 Capt CE