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## WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

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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.

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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.
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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.

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### GERTIFIGATE

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

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Name (Print) HARRY G PACE, JR.  
Rank T/Sgt A. S. N. 16059707  
Unit 714 Bomb Sqdn, 448 Bomb Grp.

Signed Harry G. Pace, Jr.  
Dated Aug. 19, 1944  
Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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

E & E REPORT NO.  
EVASION IN

Aug. 19, 1944  
(Date)

PACE, HARRY G., JR. T/Sgt. 16059707  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET:

MIA: JUNE 27, 1944

Arrived in UK:

Aug. 18, 1944

714  
(Squadron)

448  
(Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT P. D. MACVEAN	EVASIED (in <sup>SAFE</sup> London)	
CO-PILOT J. E. HURLEY	EVASIED (in <sup>SAFE</sup> LONDON)	
NAVIGATOR J. SAVICH	UNKNOWN - BELIEVED to be P.O.W.	
BOMBARDIER L. E. CARNEY	P.O.W.	
RADIO OPERATOR C. E. MESSERLI	UNKNOWN - BELIEVED to be P.O.W.	
TOP TURRET GUNNER H. G. PACE	EVASIED (in <sup>SAFE</sup> London)	
<del>NOSE</del> TURRET GUNNER J. J. RUELLE	UNKNOWN - BELIEVED to be P.O.W.	
WING GUNNER M. W. ADAMSON	UNKNOWN - Believed to be P.O.W.	
WING GUNNER L. WILLIAMS	EVASIED (in <sup>SAFE</sup> London)	
TAIL GUNNER R. W. SLACK	KILLED by PLANE hitting him while descending.	

Were you wounded? No. French people told me one member of my crew was shot + killed by the Germans as he was descending by parachute, and from their description I believe it to have been either Messerli or Ruelle. They said in addition that three were captured + one was wounded.

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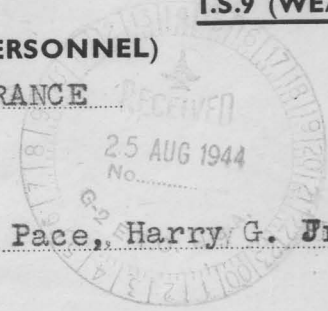
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**TOP SECRET.**  
**I.S.9 (WEA)**

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

EVADED CAPTURE/~~ESCAPED~~ FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE

For All Personnel.



- 1. No. 16059707 Rank T/Sgt. Name Pace, Harry G. Jr.  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 12 missions
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details No
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 714th Bomb Sqn. (H)
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 448th Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Engineer-Gunner
- 7. Date of Birth 2 Nov. 1920 8. Length of Service 2 yrs. 6 mos.
- 9. Peace time occupation Machinist 10. Private address 8017 Washington St.  
St. Louis County. Mo.
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dog-Tags, and escape 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 Engineer-Top Turret 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              | <u>P.D. MacVean</u>  | <u>Escaped</u>  |
| CO-PILOT           | <u>J.E. Hurley</u>   | <u>Escaped</u>  |
| NAVIGATOR          | <u>J. Savich</u>     | <u>Unknown</u>  |
| BOMBARDIER         | <u>L.E. Carney</u>   | <u>Prisoner</u> |
| RADIO OPERATOR     | <u>C.E. Messerli</u> | <u>Unknown</u>  |
| TOP TURRET GUNNER  | <u>(narrator)</u>    |                 |
| BALL TURRET GUNNER | <u>J.J. Ruelle</u>   | <u>Unknown</u>  |
| WAIST GUNNER (R.)  | <u>M.W. Adamson</u>  | <u>Unknown</u>  |
| WAIST GUNNER (L.)  | <u>L. Williams</u>   | <u>Escaped</u>  |
| TAIL GUNNER        | <u>R.W. Slack</u>    | <u>Killed</u>   |

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24 H, 1515 hrs. 27 June 1944 from Seething Aerodrome Sta. 146

18. Where and when did you come down? Approx. 1840 hrs., 27 June 1944 near Villers Cotteret

19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Frenchmen disposed of it for me.

20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes, Plane burned after crashing.

**Secret**

Returned to unit  
Disposal: