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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

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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.

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.

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) GOFFRED F. MORETTO
Rank 2ND LT. A. S. N. O-814731
Unit 353 F. G - 350 F.S.

Signed Goffred F. Moretto
Dated August 19, 1944
Witness _____

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

E & E REPORT NO.
EVASION IN

August 19, 1944
(Date)

GIOFFREDO F. MORETTO 2ND LT. 0814731
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: Strafing

350 353
(Squadron) (Group)

MIA: June 12, 1944
Arrived in UK:

August 18, 1944

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MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

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

Were you wounded?

BURNS ABOUT FACE - HANDS - NECK.

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APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. IS9(WEA)/8/129 //1/

If further circulation of this information is made, it is important that its source should not be divulged.

No. O-814731 Rank 2d Lt Name Goffred F. Moretto

Date of Interview 17 August 1944

The following people kept the narrator for 3 weeks.

Mayo Albert	Moisville,	Eure
M. Wanboo	"	"
M. Des Mares	"	"
M. Jaffeau	"	"

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

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

For All Personnel.

E+E#1079

- 1. No. 0-814731 Rank 2d Lt. Name Goffred F. MORETTO
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Approx. 30 missions
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details Burns - 2d Degree, hands, face and neck.
- 4. Ship (Navy); Unit (Army); Sqn. (Air Force) 353 F.G. 350 F.S.
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 353 F.G. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Pilot
- 7. Date of Birth 10 Nov. 1919 8. Length of Service 2 yrs. 7 mos.
- 9. Peace time occupation Cabinetmaker 10. Private address 408-10th St.
Union City, N.J.
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dog Tags
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Italian

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 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.
PILOT Goffred F. Moretto
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-47 Ipswich, England. 12 June 1944
Approx. 0600 hrs.
- 18. Where and when did you come down? 5 miles north of "Nonancourt" approx. 0700
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Frenchman took care of it.
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes.

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Goffred F. Moretto

On 12 June I was brought down by a Me 109. As soon as I landed I contacted some French people. They told me they would take care of me, and took me away to a nearby town. I landed about 3 miles N of Nonancourt, and they took me to Moislville. I stayed with them for three days, and then was moved to another house where they treated my burns which I had received in the plane. I stayed three weeks in this house, and then went to another where I stayed the same length of time, which brought me to 14 August. Then the French told me that the Americans were in the vicinity. I started walking and met them the next day.

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- 18. BALL TURRET GUNNER
- 19. WAIST GUNNER (R.)
- 20. WAIST GUNNER (L.)
- 21. TAIL GUNNER
- 22. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure P-47 Ipswich, England. 12 June 1944

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 17 August 1944.

- 23. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mask? Frenchman took care of it
- 24. How did you evade this evasion? 5.

Robert Bacon
ROBERT BACON

2d Lt, AC

Disposal: Returned to unit.

~~SECRET~~

Major

If any further information is required concerning this report detailed application should be made to I.S.9 (WEA) G-2 Div S.G.A.E.F. giving the E and E Report No.

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G-2 Div. SHAEF
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12 June

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-814731 Rank 2d Lt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Goffred F. Moretto

Unit 350 Ftr. Sqdn. 353 HP.

has been fully/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 17 August 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should/should not/be re-interrogated.

Must report to 63 Brook Street,
London.

John Foyth
2d Lt, CAC
Major.

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.

This man is to the best of my knowledge and belief the person he represents himself to be.

John Farth
2nd Lt, RAF

IMPORTANT

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AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF PW & X, DET.
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