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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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CERTIFICATE

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

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Name (Print) John D. Bonnin
Rank 2nd Lt A. S. N. 0-695561
Unit 801st Bomb Gp - 850th Sq.

Signed John D. Bonnin
Dated Aug 29, 1944
Witness John White, 1st Capt

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
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E & E REPORT NO. 1092-1093
EVASION IN FRANCE

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S.S. 9 (WEA) 8/50/185
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proof
by*

(Date)

John D BONNIN, 2d Lt, O-698861 - 8 missions
John J MEADE, 1st Lt, O-810192 - 7 missions

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

850 Bomb Squadron, 801 Bomb Group

(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: SECRET

MIA: 4 July 1944

Arrived in UK:

20 August 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition NARRATOR	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	O-810192	1st Lt	John J MEADE		
CO-PILOT	O-758588	2d Lt	James L LOVELACE	MIA	
NAVIGATOR	O-699945	2d Lt	Gerald E MITCHELL	MIA	
BOMBARDIER	O-698861	2d Lt	John D BONNIN	NARRATOR	
RADIO OPERATOR	34645699	T/Sgt	Edward J JONES	MIA	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	35374005	T/Sgt	Frank E HINES	E&E #1145	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	NONE				
WAIST GUNNER	12039333	S/Sgt	William R DU BOIS	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	NONE				
TAIL GUNNER	35572604	S/Sgt	Ellis H SYRA	MIA	

Were you wounded?

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) France

For All Personnel.

1. No. 0-698861 Rank 2nd/Lt. Name JOHN D BONNIN
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 8 missions
3. Were you wounded? Give details no.
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 801 Group. 850 Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) _____ 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) bombardier
7. Date of Birth 9 April, 1922 8. Length of Service 26 months
9. Peace time occupation _____ 10. Private address 10 Welwyn Rd.
Great Neck, N.Y.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Photo, dogtags
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 Bombardier.
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 INFORMATION BELOW SAME AS THAT OF LT. MEADE
- CO-PILOT E & E Report No. IS.9 (WEA) /8/
- 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 _____
18. Where and when did you come down? Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Date
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Appendix "B"
"C"
"D"

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E & E REPORT NO.
EVASION IN

Aug 20, 1944
(Date)

John D. Bonnin - 2nd Lt - 0-698861
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

850th 801st
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET:

MIA: July 4 - 1944
Arrived in UK: Aug 19 - 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWID)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT Meade, John J. - With myself		
CO-PILOT Lovelace, James L. - Killed when he got entangled in parachute		
NAVIGATOR Mitchell, Gerald E. - Bailed out, no information		
COMBARDIER Bonnin, John D. -		
RADIO OPERATOR Jones, Edward J. - on way to Spain		
TOP TURRET GUNNER Hines, Frank E. - on way to Spain		
MID TURRET GUNNER None		
WALST GUNNER Du Bois, W. R. - on way to Spain		
WALST GUNNER None		
TAIL GUNNER Syra, Ellis, H. - Killed by messerschmitt's bullets		

Were you wounded? NO

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.

DISTRIBUTION:

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

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-698861 Rank 2LT

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) JOHN D BONNIN

Unit 801 GP, 8505

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

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should/~~should not~~/be re-interrogated.

R. J. Dora
2/17 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
To the best of my knowledge and belief, this
officer is the person who presented himself to be
He should not be re-interrogated.
and has signed a Security Certificate.
If sent to the U.K., this officer
should report to 63 Brook St, London

IMPORTANT

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