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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;
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Defense Commands;
Departments;
Base Commands;
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Name (Print) WEBB, Zollie P.
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Unit 367 FC GP 392nd F. Sqn.

Signed Zollie P. Webb
Dated Aug. 21, 1944
Witness John F. White, Captain

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Zollie P. Webb, 2d Lt., 6756016
33 missions
392 F.S. 367 F. Gr.

EVE #1098
TARGET: Communications, Normandy
MISSING IN ACTION: 14 Aug 44
ARRIVED UK 18 Aug 44
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No Crew
~~I~~
~~My P-38~~ was shot down in a battle with 16 FW 190's ~~in~~ near Chartres.
I bailed out at 600 feet while the ship was on fire, and my chute opened just before I hit the ground. ~~My head was bleeding but I don't know how it was cut.~~
I landed in ^a ~~an open~~ wheat field near Voves and after hiding my chute and flying suit I destroyed private papers and took off my insignia.

As I left the field in the direction of Voves a French farmer motioned for me to hide in a nearby thicket. I did so and the farmer indicated by pointing to his watch that I should remain in the thicket until ^{1800 hrs.} ~~6~~, when someone would come. Not sure whether to trust him, I hid in another thicket from which I could observe the one in which he had told me to remain. At ¹⁸⁰⁰ ~~6~~ the same Frenchman returned and I accompanied him to his house, where I received food, wine and civilian clothes.

The next day a French officer on a motorcycle appeared, and ^{although} ~~while~~ I could not understand him he was very friendly. I gathered he had sighted an American patrol and, after changing back to my uniform, ^I ~~^~~ went with him to a barn which a resistance unit used as an arms depot. It was full of German rifles. Soon afterward, a recon unit of the 5th Armored arrived and I joined them.

APPENDIX B

~~None.~~ Territory now in Allied hands.

APPENDIX C

~~I don't know the names of the French who helped me.~~

APPENDIX D

AIDS BOX: I used most of the contents and found it very useful. In the first days of evading it is almost impossible to get water and I wished many times that I had a canteen full.

PURSE: I carried a yellow purse that was very helpful. I gave the money to the French.

PHOTOS: I carried 12 but did not use them.

LECTURES: I heard several lectures on escape and evasion in US and UK. They were valuable.

Compiled by
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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

NEBB 2011, P. 2011, 0756066 Aug 21, 1944
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)
367th FA, 392nd FG
(Unit)

<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>	<u>PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
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.

Voer, 1500 14 Aug 44

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
PLANE ON FIRE BEFORE CONTROL

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 2000 FT.

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

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? None

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? DIDN'T SEE IT HIT, BUT WAS BURNING WHEN LAST SEEN.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?
YES. LT. YORK, MY ELEMENT LEADER, BAILED OUT.

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? NO

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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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

WEBB Zollic R and Lt. 0756066
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

33 (No. of missions)

392nd FS. 367th F. G.
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: 14 Aug.

Date arrived in UK: Aug 18

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

Indicate what
happened to each man
and how you know.

PILOT Shot down by F.W. 190's

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

Decorations: Air Medal

Date of Birth: Oct. 12 1917

Private Address: Ethridge Tenn. Route #2

Length of Service: 23 Mts.

Job as Civilian: Student & Farmer

From what field did you take off? Take off time. AUG. 10, 1300 O'clock

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? yes

Were you wounded? Give details. WAS hit IN head, SLIGHT, CUT, Etc.

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? yes. 1000 FRANKS.

Do you speak FRENCH? NO SPANISH? NO GERMAN? NO ITALIAN? NO OTHER LANGUAGE? NONE

Did you have identity papers? yes.

(over)

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom? *No*

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? *S-2 Officer*

392 ND Fth. Spdr.

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When? *Yes*

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. *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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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH AIR FORCE

APO 696, US Army,
19 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : 2ND LT ZOLLIE P WEBB, 0756066, 367th Fighter Group.

You will proceed on or about 19 August 1944 from Headquarters, Ninth Air Force to the United States Special Reception Center, 63 Brook Street, London, W-1, England. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

By command of Major General VANDENBERG:

V H STRAHM
Brig Gen, USA
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OFFICIAL:

C R BIRBARI
Lt Col. A.C.,
Asst Adj Gen.

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

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).

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *yes*

Matches. *✓*

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum. *✓*

Water bottle. *kept maps in this*

Compass. *yes*

Sewing kit.

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *no*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *gave to trench*
- 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?

should have lantern

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *yes*
State color of stripes and letters. *yellow*
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? *gave to trench*

(over)

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

Maps. Which ones? *North France*

Compass, *yes*

File (hacksaw). *no*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *French 1000 fr.*

How did you spend the money? *Spent to travel*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *gone to French*

Compass. *no*

File (hacksaw). *no*

Surplus currency. *none*

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? *12*

b. Did you use them? *no*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *yes*

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

U.S. and England

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

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

16. 7th's pushed down -
balled out - hid chute head
bleeding - don't know how out -
in open wheat field ^{destroyed papers, hid flying suit, insignia} cut between
boxes and other small village -
hid in thicket until dark, entered
at direction French farmer in cart -
told by mother water would come at
6 - hid in another thicket where
saw water original - at 6 saw
French man, wife, food - stayed in
his house in Vore - saw civilian
clothes -

next day Fr. Officer on motorcycle
couldn't understand but friendly -
French sighted German unit - went
by motorcycle, put on uniform
again - rode to barn where arms
stored - taken in by 5th German
Division unit =

Doesn't know names -