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E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)/8/523/530

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.

E+E #1115

1. No. 36560221 Rank. SGT. Name Eugene F Rider  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 25 missions
3. Were you wounded? Give details no.
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 514 Bomb Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 391 Bomb Gp.
6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) R.O. & Gunner
7. Date of Birth 25 Oct., 1922
8. Length of Service 20 months
9. Peace time occupation stock clerk
10. Private address 504 St. Johns St.  
Ypsilanti, Mich.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags, and photos
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No.

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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 Radio Operator
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 2/Lt DONAT DAUTEUIL - At VERNON with French 16 July  
CO-PILOT 2/Lt. JOHN WILSON- baled out  
NAVIGATOR 2/Lt. MARTIN KOEHLER- baled out.  
BOMBARDIER  
RADIO OPERATOR NARRATOR  
TOP TURRET GUNNER  
BALL TURRET GUNNER CPT. WALTER POLASKI- evaded  
WAIST GUNNER (R.) SGT CHARLES WADE ) -French report dislocated jaw, Now PW.  
WAIST GUNNER (L.)  
TAIL GUNNER  
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-26, 27 May, 1730, Sta. 166  
18. Where and when did you come down? 2045, 27 May, at MENILLES  
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? left where I fell.  
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes, plane burned.

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EVASION CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country)

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BALEOUT, 27 MAY  
AT MENILLES.

Bombing a bridge near PARIS we were hit by very heavy flak. The R. engine went out, our electrical system went out. I baled out and landed in a tree near MENILLES, 27 May, at 2045.  
I ran across the fields and a red headed girl helped me out by pointing out to the Germans to wrong direction. I went S. by escape compass about 10 miles and hid. I arrived at CHAIGNES about 0900 and tried to get help. They asked who I was and I replied, "Amerikaner". This seemed to scare them. Finally I got some cider and some wine, and was passed on to some people who took care of me until July 7th, when I met LT. SPRINGER. From then on my story is the same as his, (see E & E Report No. I.S.9 (WEA) /8/521.)  
On July 8 at 0015 a 4 engine plane crashed at CHAIGNES. It still carried bombs and all were killed. A hole 30 feet deep was torn in the ground. The remains of 5 flyers are buried at CHAIGNES.

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WHO BALE OUT

DISTRIBUTION:

I.S.9 (WEA) /8/523	3	PILOT
Capt. Devereux, Ops.	1	CO-PILOT
Capt. Arnold	1	NAVIGATOR
G-2 TUSA	1 (less "C")	BOMBARDIER
G-2 FUSA	1 (less "C")	
File	1	
	8	

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Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 20 August, 1944

Attached:

Appendix "B"  
"C" x  
"D"

Richard H. Dana  
RICHARD H. DANA

2nd/Lt., GAC

Disposal: returned to unit.

Major

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**APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA) /B/523/530**

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

No. 36560221 Rank SGT. Name EUGENE F RIDER.

Date of Interview August 20, 1944

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From May 28 to July 18 I was helped by the schoolteacher of CHAIGNES, BERTHE FOUCHERE. She fed me and housed me. DR. FRADIN helped also, and I believe he paid her for keeping me there. I met LT. SPRINGER at the house of M. ELMARD SAULE, about July 7.

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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 supercedes 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) RIDER EUGENE F  
Rank SGT A. S. N. 36560221  
Unit 391 Bomb ~~GRUP~~ 574 Bomb SQD

Signed Eugene F. Rider  
Dated 8-23-44  
Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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

E & E REPORT NO.  
EVASION IN

8-23-44  
(Date)

Eugene F. Rider Sgt. 36560221  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

574 391  
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET:

MIA: May 27-1944

Arrived in UK:

8-23-44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Official  
Disposition

Narrators  
Disposition

PILOT 2nd Lt. Donat Dauteriv

CO-PILOT 2nd Lt. JOHN J. Zuilson

NAVIGATOR 2nd Lt. Martin Koehler

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR Sgt. Eugene F. Rider

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WING GUNNER Sgt. Charles C. Wade

WING GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER Cpl. Walter F. Polaski

Are you wounded?

no

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**CERTIFIED THAT:**

No. 36560221 Rank Sgt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) EUGENE F. RIDER

Unit 574 Bomb Sq, 391 Bomb Grp.

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 21 Aug. 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

R. H. Dora  
21/21, 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  
man is the person he represents himself to be.

He returned to the U.K., this man  
showed report to G.3 Brook St, London.

R.H.D.

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)  
AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X. DET.  
M.I.2. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

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.