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Lt. Waller and S/Sgt Yoder.

Waller and Yoder landed on 25 June 1944 just N of ETREPAGNY (EURE). With occasional but unidentifiable aid they made their way to LE BOIS RICARD (6 kms NW of ROUEN) where they met ~~an~~ ANDRE CORBEL who lives with his father-in-law, ERNEST LEGENDRE. ANDRE took them to the house ~~of~~ his father-in-law, and they lived there from 29 June until 24 August. During this time they were helped by the following people also:

GEORGE DACE, an Englishman who has lived in France for 20 years. His mother lives at 47 Palace Gardens, Buckhurst Hill, Essex. DACE now lives in ACQUIGNY (EURE), ~~but~~ but PERONNE was formerly his home in France.

MME. ROBERTE LEROUX, daughter of GEORGE DACE. Her husband is a P/W.

LOUIS CAPRON, pharmacist in LOUVIERS.

The vicar of ~~the~~ LE NEUBOURG (22 kms NW of EVREUX).  
The organization to which these people belonged was at the time sheltering 40 aviators. On 24 August Waller and Yoder joined the 5th Armored Division S of AILLY. They were sent to Div. HQ and finally to IX Air Force HQ where Capt. Luria gave them orders and arranged air transportation for them back to U. K. They arrived in the U. K. on 27 August.

N.B. On 13 July 1944 Waller and Yoder saw the Germans shooting from the ground at American airmen who had bailed out near LE BOIS RICARD.

In AILLY (7 kms SSE of LOUVIERS) during July 1944 a British aircraft with a crew of two men crashed and caught afire. The Germans threw the wounded ~~the~~ pilot who had managed to crawl out of his aircraft back into the burning ship.

SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

List all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defenses, AA batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.,.....)

1 UP TO 100 GERMANS (APPROX. 20 MACHINE GUNS) ON BOTH SIDES  
OF A ROAD 1/2 KM. S. OF ACQUINAY(?) SPELLING -

2 16TH GRENADIER SS TROOPS PULLED OUT OF "BOIS RICHARD"  
AUGUST 22, '44 - UP TO 100

3 CONVOYS PASSED IN BOTH DIRECTIONS (SOLIDLY) FOR 5-6 HRS.  
EVERY NIGHT FOR TWO MONTHS ON ROAD SOUTH OF  
ACQUINAY.

4 OBSERVED ONE B26 HIT AND 4 CHUTES OPEN AT  
HIGH ALTITUDE - ONE CHUTIST WAS THE TARGET  
OF ONE AA GUN - DEFINITELY - THE REMAINDER OF  
THE PLANES WERE APPROX. TWICE AS HIGH AS  
THE CHUTIST AND AA WAS DISTINCTLY BURSTING  
AROUND BOTH THE GROUP AND THE CHUTIST.

5 AN ENGLISH 2 PASSENGER PLANE CRASHED IN AILLY  
~~AND~~ AND THE PILOT WAS THROWN CLEAR, SUSTAINING  
A BROKEN ARM. THE PLANE BURST INTO FLAMES  
AND THE GERMANS CAME UP AND TOSSED THE  
PILOT BACK IN THE FLAMES. NAMES OF WITNESSES  
~~WAS~~ WERE OBTAINED BY AN ENGLISHMAN - GEO. DACE -  
ACQUINAY - CONNECTED IN A VERY LOOSE UNDERGROUND  
ORGANIZATION - HE WAS VERY ACTIVE BUT THE  
OUTSIDE CONTACTS WERE EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL.

ITEMS #3 & 5 CAME FROM GEO. DACE. HE HAD  
40 ODD AIRMEN IN HIS TERRITORY

GERMAN PRISONERS IMPRESS ME AS TRULY BELIEVING  
THAT GERMANY WILL WIN THE WAR.

THE FRENCH PEASANTS THINK (WITH LESS FANATICISM)  
THAT THE ALLIES WILL BE VICTORIOUS.

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SECRET

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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

ROY E. WALLER 2ND LT. 0-697749  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

AUGUST 28, 44  
(Date)

489TH B. GR. (H) - 845TH SQDN.  
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT  
OFFICIAL STATUS

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.

JUNE 25, 44 - 05 1600 - ETRAPAGNY - S.E. OF ROUEN

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

RT. WING 3/4 SEVERED - ONE KNOWN VERY LARGE HOLE ON FLT.

DECK - BOTH WINDOWS (NAV. COMPARTMENT) SHOT OUT - OTHER HOLES  
At approximately what altitude did source bail out? ALL MOVABLE EQUIPMENT THROWN  
OUT AT ALTITUDE

8000'

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

R.O. PEPPERED WITH FLAK - 17 HOLES

MY OWN LEFT HAND CUT - NO INFORMATION ON OTHERS KNOWN -  
NO ONE REPORTED BEING HURT

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

R.O. - ENG. - BOMB-NAV. - NOSE GUNNER IMMEDIATELY BEHIND

ME - CO-PILOT BEHIND R.O. - I SAW 4 CHUTES  
Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

YES - AND BURNED

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

R.O. ALIVE, AND NOW WITH ME

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?

WATCHED IT BURN FROM APPROX. 1/2 KM. - VERY MUCH SMOKE

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?

PROBABLY ALIVE AND EVADING. THERE WERE NOT MANY

OVER

GERMANS NEAR POSITION I LANDED. THE FRENCH PEASANTS TOLD US THE PILOT WAS A PRISONER AND HAD BEEN TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL - WITH A BROKEN OR (MORE ~~HIGH~~ LIKELY) SPRAINED LEG (RT.) THAT REPORT ON THE GERMAN HANDLING OF ONE OF OUR CREW SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT THOSE PARTICULAR GERMANS DID NOT SHOOT THOSE THEY CAPTURED THEREFORE ANY OTHER MEMBERS CAPTURED IN THAT AREA ARE PROBABLY ALIVE.

I MIGHT MENTION THAT THE AVERAGE FRENCH PEASANT THINKS EVERYONE IN THE PLANE IS A PILOT THEREFORE THEIR REPORT ON OUR "PILOT" BEING CAPTURED MAY PERTAIN TO ANY MEMBER OF THE CREW.



1  
Walker + Yoder

Hit by flak as soon as we dropped  
our bombs. Wing ripped. We lasted 20 minutes.  
#4 engine hit + we ~~dropped~~ trouble with #3.

We dropped to 8000 feet as we headed up  
the Seine. <sup>We had this and every thing.</sup> At Etrepagny fighters approached.  
Got signal to bail out. Asked pilot whether he  
wanted us to wait. He didn't answer. I jumped.

R/O followed engineer out + co pilot behind.  
3 delayed jump to 500-1000 in ditch night

4 PM

I saw four clusters. Landed west N of  
Etrepagny. Five men right beside me + helped  
me into forest where I met Yoder. There  
was a whistle + all the men disappeared.  
We hid in bushes + saw Germans go by.

At 10 PM, five men returned + called us +  
after 15 minutes we answered. They had  
food for us + told us to stay there until

4 next morning. <sup>(26 June)</sup> Then we walked about  
2 hrs. Then we hid in a hayfield until  
3 PM. Then into forest until 11 PM. then  
walked until 2 PM. Then walked till  
5 PM. into haystack. At 10 PM some peasants

French told us  
had hit + killed  
taken + hospital  
tent our pilot  
went in morning + seen

found us + brought us food + civilian clothing.<sup>2</sup>  
Stayed until 11 PM + then walked until  
3 AM., then walked 2 hours + then we  
met a Turk (an ex P/W) who took us to a  
French girl who spoke English. She gave us  
milk + bread + told the Turk to take us  
across the Seine. He led us through  
Les Andelys + there took us a civilian  
rowboat ferry + then led us to VILLERS  
where he left us. We walked to GAILLON  
where NW of town in field we approached  
some farmers who took us to their house  
for the night (House NW of Gaillon - N. of road  
with brick wall surrounding it). Next  
morning (29 June) we walked to Le  
Bois Ricard. There we met a young man  
who took us to his house (ANDRE  
CORBEL, who lives with his father-in-  
law, Ernest Le Gendre). Andre went to  
get 'George Dace (An Englishman [mother's  
address: 47 Palace Gardens, Buckhurst  
Hill, Essex] who has lived in France  
20 years, married to a French woman,  
home is in Peronne; daughter: <sup>Mme</sup> Roberte  
Le Gendre [husband P/W]; Dace now  
lives in Acquigny). LOUIS CARRON  
druggist in LOUVIERS also helped <sup>with</sup> ~~supplies~~ <sup>all</sup>  
these people were holding 40 airmen.  
The Vicar in Le Neubourg (NW of Evreux) was  
in the organization.

We arrived on 29 June + stayed in Le Gendres house until 24 August.

— On 13 July we saw Germans shoot at a parachuting American near Bois Ricard.

— In Ailly a British 2 man plane crashed ~~in~~ <sup>on</sup> 24 July + the Germans threw the wounded pilot back into the burning plane.

On 18 ~~Aug~~ we heard the bombardment + from then on the bombardment became louder + louder.

On 24 ~~Aug~~ August we walked over to 5th Arm Division S of AILLY. They gave me coveralls. I sent the servant back with 2 riflemen to get goods. We were sent to Divisional H.Q. where I met Gen. Ranier.

They sent us to Champenard <sup>24 August</sup> + then to BOINVILLE. There an MP Major Sat 26

we got to LEMANS. Slept here + then went to

IX A.F. <sup>27 Aug</sup> HQ + were sent to Laval. ~~the~~

(Town of FORCE - 5 miles S of Laval)

where Capt. Luria who gave us orders to 63 Bn + we flew to U.K. on

27 August.



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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 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.

### GERTIFICATE

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) ROY E. WALLER

Signed Roy E. Waller - 2ND AT. AC.

Rank 2ND LT. A. S. N. 0-697749

Dated August 28, 1944

Unit 489TH BOMB. GR.(H) - 845TH SQDN.

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- **ROY E. WALLER - O-697749 - 2ND LT.**

Unit:- **489TH BOMB. GR. (H) - 845TH SQDN.**

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. — **GAVE AWAY FOR FAVORS**

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. — **ATE THE SECOND DAY IN AN OPEN HAY FIELD**

Milk (tube). — **HAD NONE**

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). — **SHORTLY AFTER LANDING (1) WHILE HIDING IN THE WOODS - ONE OTHER THE NEXT NIGHT BEFORE STARTING**  
Halazone tablets (water purifier). — **TO LEAVE THE SECOND WOODS.**

Matches. — **ONCE - IN CREEK WATER - USING GLASS BOTTLE FROM FRENCH**  
**NONE**

Adhesive tape. — **NONE**

Chewing gum. — **NONE**

Water bottle. — **CARRIED ESCAPE EQUIPMENT -**

Compass. — **BROKEN -**

Sewing kit. — **EXCELLENT - ON THE SECOND DAY THE FRENCH PEASANTS GAVE US CLOTHING - KIT WAS VERY HANDY**

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?

**COMPASS -**

- e. How did you finally dispose of the box?

**DUG HOLE IN WOODS - BURIED**

- 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?

**MORE THAN ONE RAZOR BLADE**

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? **-DISPOSED OF IT IMMEDIATELY - CARRIED MONEY LOOSE**  
State color of stripes and letters. —  
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? — **MONEY FOR FAVORS**

(over)

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

Maps. Which ones? **A+B.**

Compass. — **BROKEN**

File (hacksaw). — **NOT NECESSARY**

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts **40.00 + IN F. FRANCES**  
How did you spend the money? **YES**

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. — **BURIED OR CARRIED**

Compass. — **WHEAT FIELD**

File (hacksaw) — **STILL HAVE**

Surplus currency. — **STILL HAVE SEVERAL BRITISH POUNDS.**

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion?

**NO — IT WOULD HAVE HELPED**

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? **NO — NEVER MADE**  
If so, how many?

b. Did you use them? —

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? **YES**  
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

**APPROX. 10 TIMES — BY G-2 — ESCAPEES — EVADERS — IN U.S. & U.K.**

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 escapees?

**— ALWAYS CARRY AT LEAST A .45 AND A KNIFE.**

**— THE POOREST PEASANTS ARE THE MOST WILLING TO AID — OTHER THAN ORGANIZATIONS.**



S E C R E T

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

TARGET:

VERSAILLES

ROY E. WALLER 2ND LT. 0-697749  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Date mission in action: JUNE 25, 1944

16 (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: AUGUST 27, 1944

845 TH 489 TH (H)  
(Squadron) (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT — J.D. COFFMAN — FRENCH PEASANTS TOLD US THE PILOT WAS TAKEN PRISONER - HAD SPRAINED OR BROKEN LEG.

CO-PILOT — FRED. W. CARR — ? MIA

NAVIGATOR ROY E. WALLER — I AM FILLING OUT THIS INFORMATION —  
BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR — DAYLE YODER — MY R.O. IS WITH ME. - WE STAYED TOGETHER

TOP TURRET GUNNER — DOUGLAS CHESSHIRE — ? MIA

BALL TURRET GUNNER — WM. ALEXANDER — ? MIA

WAIST GUNNER — HENRY VAN DONGEN — ? P/W

WAIST GUNNER — WM. MAUK — ? MIA

TAIL GUNNER — EARL FIX — ? MIA

Decorations: — AIR MEDAL - EXPERT (SUBMACHINE GUN) - MARKSMAN (COLT .45)

Date of Birth: — AUGUST 13, 1922

Private Address: — 3104 DOUGLAS ST., N.E., WASHINGTON, D.C.

Length of Service: — 26 MONTHS - JULY 11, 1942 (2 P.M.)

Job as Civilian: — I.B.M. OPERATOR

From what field did you take off? Take off time. — HALESWORTH - 1100 (APPROX)

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? — AIRPLANE CRASHED - EXPLODED + BURNED - ALL SEEN

Were you wounded? Give details. — MY LEFT HAND REC'D CUTS WHEN BOTH ANKLES SPRAINED - FLAK TOOK OUT THE RT. OR LEFT WINDOW BLISTER IN NAV. COMPARTMENT - BY FLAK

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much?

\$20.00 TO \$30.00

Do you speak FRENCH? SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE?

SLIGHTLY - 1 YR. OF SCHOOL ALSO SLIGHTLY

Did you have identity papers?

DOG TAGS ONLY

(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?

*NO*

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

*NO*

Date of arrival in Spain: —

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: —

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. *LAVAL 8-27-44 - AIR -*

List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans.

*J.D. COFFMAN - PILOT -*

List names of American or British personnel believed to be evading.

*SITUATION OF OTHERS ON CREW INDETERMINABLE*



25420 old  
taken  
P/w near  
AILEY

Spears  
English,  
Finnish  
Russian,  
Czech, Polish  
Germans  
Latvian  
Italian

2 Faustical Nazi  
- youth

Overleutnant  
von Stosch

Salzwedel / Altmark  
Neuktor-Str. 52  
Germany.

H. Roy Waller

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