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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

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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)

FRANK A. J. CHAMP

Signed

Frank A. J. Champ

Rank

E/0

A. S. N.

T-123005

Dated

8/28/44

Unit

381st Bomb Gr.

Witness

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

FRANK A. J. CHAMP F/6 T-133005
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET:

JUNE 16

Date mission in action: _____

APRIL 6

Date arrived in UK: _____

2 (No. of missions)

534 381
(Squadron) (Group)

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

Indicate what
happened to each man
and how you know.

PILOT C. H. KELLY — SAFE IN FRANCE, JULY 1
CO-PILOT R. C. DISBROW — RETURNED
NAVIGATOR F. CHAMP — RETURNED
BOMBARDIER S. WILCZEK — SAFE IN FRANCE, JULY 1
RADIO OPERATOR H. BROOKS — RETURNED
TOP TURRET GUNNER C. BRASHEAR — SAFE IN FRANCE, JULY 1
BALL TURRET GUNNER WORKMAN — RETURNED
WAIST GUNNER A. CAMPBELL — IN GIBRALTAR
WAIST GUNNER —
TAIL GUNNER GRAHAM — SAFE IN FRANCE, JULY 1

Decorations:

NONE

Date of Birth:

JAN 11, 1920

Private Address:

1026 KERLEREC

Length of Service:

2 YRS.

Job as Civilian:

JEWELER

From what field did you take off? Take off time,

RIDGEWELL, 0600

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

YES

Were you wounded? Give details.

NO

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

YES, 1,000 FRANCS

Do you speak FRENCH?

SPANISH?

GERMAN?

ITALIAN?

OTHER LANGUAGE?

A LITTLE

NO

NO

NO

NO

Did you have identity papers?

NO

(over)

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?
YES. MILITARY ATTACHE IN MADRID; SEC. OFF. (BRIT.) IN GIBRALTAR

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? YES - IN ZARAGOZA and ALHAMA, SPAIN

Date of arrival in Spain: AUG 4, 1944

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: AUG 25, 1944

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. AUG 26, 1944, GIBRALTAR (AIR)

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

NONE

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

CH. KELLY

DONALD GRAHAM

C. BRASHEAR

SIMON WILCZEK

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- T-193005, F/O FRANK A.J. CHAMP
Unit:- 381st BOMB GR.

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. NONE

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. YES, as food.

Milk (tube). NONE

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). NOT USED

Halazone tablets (water purifier). YES

Matches. YES

Adhesive tape. YES, BANDAGE CUT AND TO SILENCE DOG TAGS

Chewing gum. GIVEN TO FRENCH

Water bottle. YES, INDISPENSABLE

Compass. DEFECTIVE, NOT USABLE

Sewing kit. YES, TO MEND TORN CLOTHING

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

- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? NO

- 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?

YES, RAZOR REPLACED BY BETTER TYPE - BAND-AIDS ADDED
WITH TUBE OF MERCURIOCHROME OR IODINE

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? YES
State color of stripes and letters. RED
If NOT, State why not.

- b. Did you use the purse? YES

(over)

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

Maps. Which ones? FRANCE, SPAIN

Compass. NO, FAULTY

File (hacksaw). NO

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. 9000 FRANCES

How did you spend the money?

1000 GIVEN TO GUIDE; 1000 GIVEN TO MAQUIS

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. TAKEN BY SPANISH POLICE

Compass. DESTROYED

File (hacksaw). BURIED

Surplus currency. NONE

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? NO

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

If so, how many? NO

b. Did you use them?

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? YES

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM

BOVINGTON, ENGLAND, MAY 31 - OFFICER + SERGEANT ESCAPEES
381 BOMB RD. JUNE - S2 OFFICER

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

VERY LITTLE

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

USE YOUR OWN JUDGEMENT AND COMMON SENSE; DON'T PLACE TOO MUCH CONFIDENCE IN DIATIVES; CARRY CHOCOLATE BARS OR HARD SUBAR CANDY. ABOVE ALL, BELIEVE YOU CAN AND WILL ESCAPE. DON'T FORGET SECURITY; CIVILIANS ARE VERY INQUISITIVE. DON'T CARRY THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

SECRET

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FRANK A. CHAMP F/O 7-123605

(Name)

(Rank)

(ASN)

8/38/44

(Date)

381st BOMB GR.

(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 15, 1944 0830 20KM NW OF BAZAS, FRANCE

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

YES, NO 4 PROP FELL OFF NO 2 OUT PLANE OUT OF CONTROL

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

15,000

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

NO

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

ALL YES

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? NOT KNOWN

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

YES ALIVE

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.

YES, IDENTIFIED MERELY BY AMERICANS

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.

ON LAND

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

4 REMAINING MEN IN FRANCE. ON JULY 15 (APPROX.) FLED MAQUIS WHEN ATTACKED BY GERMANS
PRESENT WHEREABOUTS NOT KNOWN

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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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.,.....)

TOLD FLYING BOMB INST. IN RANNES; AMMO STORES
IN MONT DE MARSAN IN WHAT FORMERLY WAS FARM HOUSES
ARMORED DIV. MOVING TO DAX. HAVE SEEN CONSIDERABLE
PICTURES OF BOMBED AIRFIELDS AT TOULOUSE,
BORDEAUX (COMPLETE DESTRUCTION.)
GERMAN SOLDIER MORALE LOW.