

1st Lt Charles Hochadel, 0796143, 506/404 Fighter Gp, MIA 30 June 1944
Intrv'd 30 Aug 1944

HOCHADEL made a good delayed jump and landed E of ESCORPAIN SW of DREUX, managing to hit a potato field instead of a flak tower. Some French children ran up, one of them with a pair of shoes. He hid his equipment, lay down in a wheat field, and talked by means of his phrase card with the French children who had followed him. They then scattered because the Germans were coming and one boy led him to a thicket. The Germans searched carefully but fruitlessly. Hochadel tried to treat his burned legs. That night Hochadel stayed in a hay stack. The next morning he had a chance to get in touch with the family of the boy who had first brought him the shoes. They fed him, gave him civilian clothes, and took two escape photos for souvenirs. They were a bit chary of keeping him and he wanted to go through the lines to Caen. They advised going to Paris instead. Hochadel followed the road to Escorpain, passing his crashed plane, approached a couple of farms, and had his burns treated at one, apparently near Romainvillers. He walked on and was taken in by a woman behind whose house was an AA position. He continued at dark and was taken in for the night at another place.

After a striking series of narrow escapes from German check and capture he was finally taken in for 17 days by Francois Boulanger who seemed to live somewhere in the vicinity of Laigle.

He started out on the road to Gace by himself and was finally taken in by Georges Cazaneuf (or Casanouve) a former purser on the Normandie. He was taken by bicycle to another house where he stayed a couple of days. He saw a man and sister who seemed to come from Beaufils N of Gaville. These people checked his story with the family Boulanger.

After about three days Cazaneuf took him to his house and then to another house where some Americans had been before. A resistance man came and they started for Brionne, went up by way of Beaumont, and at Brionne was turned over to a chief. Pierre Beaucourt took him to his sister with whom he was hiding.

Pierre's wife took him for several days to her place over a store in Brionne.

He went to a place where he met Holland and Casey, ¹¹⁷⁹ EEE, about 2 km from La
Maye de T. He stayed about three and one half weeks. He met MAGNUS from
~~Aboung~~ Elboeuf who was supposed to be the big chief. He was extremely im-
pressed by him. He met a Czech named Barbeck (doubtful spelling). He met a
school teacher who had been at the University of Delaware and who was killed by
the Germans for snooping around trucks. He met a chef de rsistance, Berthold.
He met Minette (doubtful spelling) who was with a group of Maquisards and brought
a Lancaster engineer. He met Dr ~~Berthold~~ Daniel from Berthold or Tourville.

Hochadel thought that Beaucourt was doing too much of a good thing by
charging black m rket prices for the sugar which he furnished the woman who was
keeping Holland, Casey, and him. In contrast Magnus brought food free.

About 24 Aug the 82 Armored Recon came in and from there on it was just a
story of evacuation and dodging WEA.

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH AIR FORCE

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APO 696 US Army,
26 August 1944

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : 1ST LT CHARLES B HOCHADEL, O-796143, AC, 404 Fighter Gp

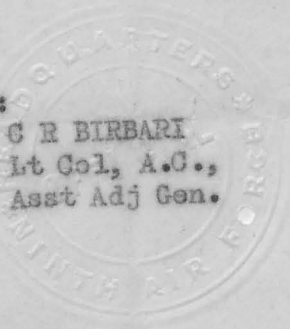
You will proceed on or about 26 August 1944 From Headquarters Ninth Air Force, to United States Special Reception Center, 63 Brook Street, London W-1, England. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

By command of Major General VANDENBERG:

V H STRAHM
Brig Gen, USA
C of S

OFFICIAL:

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



MIA 30 June
UK 29 Aug

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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.

- SECRET.**
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) CHARLES HOCHADEL
Rank 1st LT A. S. N. 0796143
Unit 404TH PTR GP 506TH PTR SB

Signed Charles Hochadel
Dated 31 Aug 1944
Witness J. C. ... Capt 805

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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

CHAS HOCHADEL 1st LT 0741143

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
25 _____
(No. of missions)
506TH FTR 404TH FTR

(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: *Stirling Chartes*
Date mission in action: *30 June*
Date arrived in UK: *29 Aug*

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

- PILOT *CHAS HOCHADEL*
- CO-PILOT
- NAVIGATOR
- BOMBARDIER
- RADIO OPERATOR
- TOP TURRET GUNNER
- BALL TURRET GUNNER
- WAIST GUNNER
- WAIST GUNNER
- TAIL GUNNER

Decorations: *A.M. 2 OAK CLUSTERS*
Date of Birth: *15 OCT. 1917*
Private Address: *RD 2 ALBION, PENNA.*
Length of Service: *2 YR. 8 MO.*
Job as Civilian: *EMPLOYED AT WESTINGHOUSE ELEC. MFG. CO. SHARON, PA.*
From what field did you take off? Take off time. *WINKTON. 10:00 AM*
Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *YES*
Were you wounded? Give details. *YES. BOTH LEGS BURNED AT CALVES + SHINS*
Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? *NO*
Do you speak FRENCH? *NO* SPANISH? *NO* GERMAN? *NO* ITALIAN? *NO* OTHER LANGUAGE? *NO*
Did you have identity papers? *NO DSG TRGS 2 1/P*

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?
YES. A-2, 9TH A.F.

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. 63 BROOK ST, LONDON. 29 AUG. 1944

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. 29/4

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.

NONE

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 0-796143 1ST LT. CHAS. HOCHADEL

Unit:- 404TH TR. GP., 506TH TR SQ., 9TH A.F.

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).

*TWO IN RAIN WATER CAUGHT FROM
EAVES OF A BARN IN WATER BAG.*

Matches.

FOR CIGARETTES ONLY

Adhesive tape. *TWO BAND-AIDS ON FOOT BLISTERS*

Chewing gum.

Water bottle. *FOR TWO DAYS AFTER I LANDED, AND ONE DAY
LATER ON WHILE WALKING ALONG THE ROADS.*

Compass.

*FOR 1/2 DAY THROUGH WOODS UNTIL I STRUCK A ROAD WITH
SIGNS.*

Sewing kit.

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *NO*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *GAVE IT AWAY AS SOUVENIER TO
PEOPLE WHO AIDED ME*
- 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?

PUT IN MORE SULFA POWDER AND BURN OINTMENT.

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 YES

Compass. YES

File (hacksaw). NO

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. 500 FRENCH FRANCES

How did you spend the money? FOR CIGARETTES PURCHASED BY FRENCH RESISTANCE

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. SOUVENIERS TO FRENCH UNDERGROUND MEMBERS

Compass. YES

File (hacksaw). YES

Surplus currency. LOST IT AT 9TH A.F. ADV. H.Q. QTRS

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

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? YES

If so, how many? EIGHT

b. Did you use them? YES

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? YES

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. - (EVADER) FEB, 1944

SAVANNAH, GA. (INTELLIGENCE OFFICER) MARCH, 1944

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?

NO

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

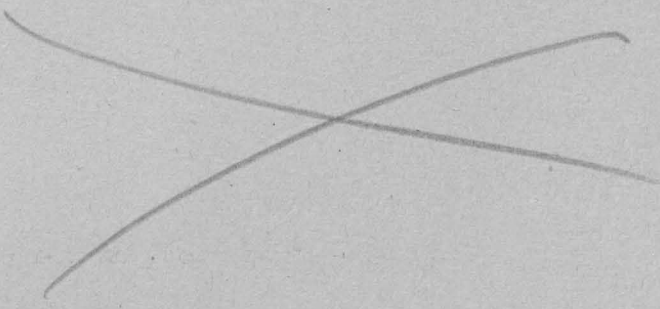
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Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

30 JUNE 1944 1120 10 MILES S.W. BREUX, FRANCE

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

WINGROOTS DAMAGED, MAIN GAS TANK AND COCKPIT ON FIRE

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 10,000'

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? NO

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

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? EVIDENTLY.

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

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? FROM A DISTANCE. ONLY A FEW SMALL PIECES WERE SEEN AROUND A HOLE.

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?

E Escarpment - SW Drump

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roll down behind - the bit - both wings - on fire - ground covered -
c10,000 unhooked safety belt - start at over top - 1/2 way out covers
wt - try - then let go - land over back out - figure if you don't

get hurt is bang in harness as delay to overcast c 7000 -

Open - pull - mull; fuzzer - the pull gain - open &
almost bear in 2.

c1120
Climb down on glade tower - experiment with shovels - come
down in potato field. Pa kids on top - on with pair shoes -
gather dirt - by digging in it - cover what with dirt -
Start across field to woods - there NW beside some potato
plants, by down in wheat field - Pa kids follow - the car
tell us - ask back - they seem to come - scatter - one
by some bush motion me follow - crawl in thick dirt - to ground

C1 you in truck, heat woods flat, but not find me.
keys not look very good - put on the powder for medical pack in
B. back of seat - 2 shovels -

P. A has bit wood back - go y tree - 16 on back - 25 short -
I record - left -

About dark to edge woods - see nothing - back - wait until - then go
to by track - legs bad.

C can walk across fields to 1st home - near glade tower - got water
from holy ears of bar - crawl up bar - drink water.

By car out who had hot shoes - whistle - over - shoe laces, want
in clothes - but for here, ditch.

The anxious get me out; Took off coversalls & helmet - hot
the jacket & grey wate - put on - T by spotted & pitkin
took C as someone

I decide go through near Caen
They say no - want go to Paris
I go on my walk (h. x 1/2) - follow road to Esquerpau
Saw where plane crashed - made me - afraid go on - still smoke in
that mine

Approach farms - till for - took work - got some - not left
I show leg - but outfit & bandy - gave paper with 3 towns on

In Roman villers
Kid give food - at out out - walk on - stop one for walk - given
under a bush

To another town
Approach town - woman grab me - in back of my
I see water & get out - a dark steep path through woods -

Approach town - now - slept out for night & food
Out in car - a 2 hour to Tillers - circle - ran into to
walk by bank - GI shoes, pilot pants, brown shirt, blue
socks, grey coat - bush, water by in hand.

Got a man by Orville - Paris
1/2 40 mins to his house with dog suit - to Vermeil - through -
port near to - start out 1/2 night - afraid stop - my home
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Met school teacher - killed by B. many - J. award to me.

Seen at V. J. Del

Met chief ^{lieut} ~~captain~~ on Bentwood

Minette - had lunch J. M. - 2 last in J. Lancaster who

27th. Dr Daniel from Bentwood or Trumbull

82 ~~Dr Daniel~~ ^{Dr Daniel} ~~from~~ ^{from} Bentwood

19th Corps to Artillery and 9th Tactical.

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