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E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA) 8/174/518

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.

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1. No. 33271671 Rank. Sgt. Name. Eugene KIEFER  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Three
3. Were you wounded? Give details. No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 847th Bomb Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 489th B. Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Top Gunner
7. Date of Birth 7 Sept 1921 8. Length of Service 23 mos
9. Peace time occupation Student 10. Private address 812 N.W. 43 St.  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Identification Tags, Photos
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Yes, German

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

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 Top Gunner
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.  
same as E & E Report No. 8/176
- PILOT
- CO-PILOT
- NAVIGATOR
- BOMBARDIER
- RADIO OPERATOR
- TOP TURRET GUNNER
- BALL TURRET GUNNER
- WAIST GUNNER (R.)
- WAIST GUNNER (L.)
- TAIL GUNNER
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24, Hailsworth, England, 2 June 1944 1600
18. Where and when did you come down? Cretz at 2000, 2 June 1944
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Hid them under leaves in the woods
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? went down with plane

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For All Personnel.

I came down at GRETZ about 2000, 2 June. Soon I met F/O  
BARTLETT and three members of my crew. From then on my trip was  
the same as theirs, (see E & E Report No. 8/174).

1. Saw first my no trip was the same as theirs, (see E & E Report No. 8/174).
2. Decorations, U.S.A.A.F. No. of missions: 112911
3. Were you wounded? Give details: No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), 2nd. (Air Force) 847th Bomb Sqdn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 489th B. Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rtn., etc.) Top Gunner
7. Date of Birth 1 Sept 1921 8. Length of Service 27 mos
9. Peace time occupation Student 10. Private address: 812 N.W. 43 St. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Identification Tags, Photos
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Yes, German

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CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WING GUNNER (R.)

WING GUNNER (L.)

TAIL GUNNER

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17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24, Halifac, 2 June 1944 1500

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 28 August 1944

Attached:  
Appendix "B"  
"C"  
"D"

Richard H. Dana  
RICHARD H. DANA  
2nd/Lt., CAC

Disposal: returned to unit.

Major



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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.

### 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) Eugene Kiefer  
Rank Sgt. A. S. N. 38271671  
Unit 489 "Bomb Grp"

Signed Eugene Kiefer  
Dated 8/31/44  
Witness Charles A. Brown

1st Lt. A.C.

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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
and QUESTIONNAIRE FOR I.S.9(WEA) PERSONNEL

8/31/44  
(Date)

Eugene Kiefer, Sgt. 38271691  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

South of Paris Three  
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: JUNE 2, 1944

Returned to UK: 8/30/44

489<sup>th</sup> Bomb. Grp.  
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (List names by positions and indicate what happened to each one)

PILOT - Cross, A.W. 2nd Lt. -  
CO-PILOT Bartlett, P.E. F/O - Evaded - Here  
NAVIGATOR Wood, J.B. 2nd Lt. - Evaded  
BOMBARDIER Little, B.E. 2nd Lt. - Evaded  
RADIO OPERATOR Harris, R.J. Sgt. - Captured  
TOP TURRET GUNNER Kiefer, E. Sgt. - Evaded - Here  
BALL TURRET GUNNER Dentino, D.M. Sgt. - Evaded - Here  
WAIST GUNNER - Reeverts, B. Sgt. - Evaded  
WAIST GUNNER Laurent, J.H. Sgt. - ~~Evaded~~ Captured  
TAIL GUNNER Le Blanc, J.A. Sgt. - Evaded - Here

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. JUNE 2, 1944 - 2000  
East of Paris.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
3 Flak Hits - 344 ENGINE out. Hydraulic system out. Electric system out. Cross Feed out. Cross Tank between Fuselage & NO 3 ENGINE  
At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 5,000 ft. Hit - No fire

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

Not to my knowledge

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

All but Pilot were seen bailing out. chutes open

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

DO NOT KNOW

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

Yes - Co-pilot - Tail Gunner - Ball Gunner - Engineer

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 - Navigator Bombardier I were staying in Paris. - Engineer  
saw Bombardier c Pitcher - Navigators Name

(over)



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?

*7 Evaded*

*3. Captured - information from French*

Were you wounded?

*No*

Were you in German hands? *No*

Did you kill any Germans in escaping? *No*

Have you previously given the names of your helpers?

*Yes*

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given.

*NONE*

What security briefing were you given?

*S-2*

What souvenirs do you still possess?

*Bayonet - GERMAN*

Home address. *812 N.W. 43 St. Oklahoma City 6, Oklahoma*

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.

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.

# DISTRIBUTION:

Capt Devereux, Ops	1
Capt Arnodl, 9 AF	1
G-2 FUSA (less "C")	1
G-2 TUSA (less "C")	1
File	1
Hq. I.S. 9 (WEA)	3
P/W & X Det. MIS	
G-2 Div. SHAEF	
(Less App. "C" & "D")	
File	

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**CERTIFIED THAT:**

No. 382274671 Rank Sgt.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) EUGENE KIEFFER

Unit 489<sup>th</sup> Bomb Grp 847<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sqdn

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9 (WEA) on 28 Aug 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

*Dr. J. J. Dore*  
2-LT, 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:—

Name (BLOCK LETTERS)

*Ken*

Unit

*If returned to the U.K. this officer  
should put to 63 Brindley Lane*

*RHD.*

IMPORTANT

M.I.2. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.  
AN OFFICER OF M.I.3 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF F.W. & X. DET.  
THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)

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BILLETING OFFICE  
CENTRAL BASE SECTION  
COM Z., ETOUSA

30-8-44

SUBJECT: Assignment of Billet.

TO : Sgt. Eugene Kiefer, 382716711 489 Bomb Gp.  
(Name, rank, branch and ASN)

1. You are assigned the following government billet:

Room 4, Lurgan Hotel, 115 Cromwell Rd. SW 7  
(Room No., hotel and address)

2. You are responsible for extras which you incur; for example; Laundry, cleaning, food, etc.

3. You will check in and out of the hotel in the usual manner.

4. Officers leaving this station must leave billet and clear with the Billeting Office before 1000 hours on date of departure. This is accomplished by obtaining Hotel Cashier's signature on the space allotted on reverse side and presenting this chit to the Billeting Office. Failure to comply with this directive will be reported to your Headquarters for disciplinary action.

Assignment of Billet.

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5. Officers leaving this station on Temporary Duty or Leave will notify the Billeting Office. Failure to comply will result in termination of billet.

For the Commanding General:

*Donald E. Wentzel*  
DONALD E. WENTZEL  
Captain, AC  
Billeting Officer

This is to certify that the officer named hereon has paid all bills for extras as outlined in paragraph 2 on reverse side.

Date

31-8-44

*P. V. Vanhugen*  
(Hotel Cashier)