

WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

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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.

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GERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

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Name (Print) Robt. F. Tucker
Rank S/Sgt. A. S. No. 35663844
Unit 390th Bomb Grp.

Signed Robt. F. Tucker
Dated Aug 31, 1944
Witness _____

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.

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E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA) 8/213/525

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 # 1249

1. No. 35663844 Rank S/Sgt Name Robert F. TUCKER
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Air Medal, 19 missions
3. Were you wounded? Give details. Wounded in legs by flak.
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 568th B. Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 390th B. Gp. (H6) Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Gunner
7. Date of Birth 25 April 1922 8. Length of Service 2 yrs.
9. Peace time occupation Powder Plant 10. Private address 231 Railroad Ave.
Loveland, Ohio.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Pay book, dogtag, escape photos
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Some French

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 Right Waist 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.
- PILOT 1st Lt E.G. Sechrist
- CO-PILOT 2d Lt James H. Duncan
- NAVIGATOR 2d Lt Turmenne
- BOMBARDIER S/Sgt Wilson
- RADIO OPERATOR T/Sgt Lewis L. Lewis
- TOP TURRET GUNNER T/Sgt Mack A. Caldwell
- BALL TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt Wendell W. Oge
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) S/Sgt Tucker (Narrator)
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) S/Sgt Michael Ruta
- TAIL GUNNER S/Sgt David H. Helps
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure Fortress, Framlingham, 8 June 1944 0430 hr
18. Where and when did you come down? 8 June 1944 Amiens 1000 hrs
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Burnt them at the place I landed
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

Secret

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EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) ...

12/8/53

For All Personnel.

I hit the ground between ...
The ... at ...
I ... with ...
... a number of ...
... about June 14. ...
... Report No. ...

1. Were you wounded? Give details.
2. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), 2pn. (Air Force)
3. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force)
4. Date of Birth
5. Length of Service
6. Private address
7. Peace time occupation
8. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph?
9. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language?

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

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11. No. and location of Conversion Unit

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12. Post in Crew
13. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.
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16. CO-PILOT
17. NAVIGATOR
18. BOMBARDIER
19. RADIO OPERATOR
20. TOP TURRET GUNNER
21. BALL TURRET GUNNER
22. WAIST GUNNER (R.)
23. WAIST GUNNER (L.)
24. TAIL GUNNER
25. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date

Attached:

- Appendix "B"
- "C"
- "D"

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

Disposal:

returned to unit.

Major

E+E#1249

CONFIDENTIAL.

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 35663844 Rank S/SGT

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) ROBERT F. TUCKER

Unit 390 Bomb Gp, 568 Sq.

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.

R. L. Jans
207, 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.

CONFIDENTIAL

CERTIFIED THAT:

This Officer/W.O./N.C.O. has special information on the following subjects:—

ROBERT F. TUCKER

Name (BLOCK LETTERS)

If returned to U.K. report to 63 Brook St., London.

Unit

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Major
S.C.A.C.
J.S. [Signature]

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1249

BILLETING OFFICE
CENTRAL BASE SECTION
COM Z., ETOUSA

30-8-44

SUBJECT: Assignment of Billet.

TO : S/Sgt. Robert Tucker, 35664844, 390 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.

Page 2.

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

G. Vanhenger
(Hotel Cashier)

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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

June, 8, 1944 10:00 o'clock. Hamlet.

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

It was burnt up.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 9,000 ft.

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

✓

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

all.

yes.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? yes

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? No

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. No

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 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 reasons for his opinion?

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "B" 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.,.....)

Flying Bombs Near where I landed
in my parachute. Rocket installation
(~~Harriet Omicron~~)

SECRET

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Tucker, Robt. F. S/Sgt. 35665844
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: don't know

Date mission in action: Jun 8

19 (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: Aug 30

568th (Squadron) 390th (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

- PILOT 1st Lt. F. G. Sechrist
- CO-PILOT 2nd Lt. J. H. Duncan
- NAVIGATOR 2nd Lt. — Turmenne
- BOMBARDIER _____
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- WAIST GUNNER S/Sgt. M. (MNN) Rota
- WAIST GUNNER S/Sgt. R. F. Tucker
- TAIL GUNNER S/Sgt. D. H. Helps

all clues opened, no other info.

15-17

Decorations: Air Medal

Date of Birth: Apr. 25, 1922

Private Address: 231 Railroad Ave. Loveland, Ohio

Length of Service: 2 yrs.

Job as Civilian: Powder Factory

From what field did you take off? Take off time. Framlingham
4:00 o'clock.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? _____

Were you wounded? Give details. Yes.

Wounded by flack and by German Machinegun.

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

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

Did you have identity papers? yes.

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?

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

Yes. Le Mours
Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. *Aug. 29, 1944*

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

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

S/Sgt. Tucker

B 17. 8 June. don't know target - flew - one engine
had dog tags. also bill fold pay book.

Hit by flak at 9,000, Co-pilot ordered bail out.
All bailed out. I delayed jump for 2000 ft. ^{berry jumped me} Landed
in woods at Wamelet # of Amies. Fox chute & burned
I with Mae West. Had from German who were numerous in
vicinity. When Germans left. Frenchmen of Wamelet
picked me up, fed & clothed me. Stayed till 2 P.M.
then left headed for Caen. Walked Peronne Bay Rd. where flt
shook of rockets or fly bomb being launched. Knocked down
4 times nr. Omme court ~~ix~~. Stayed 1st night at
Omme court at Resistance ^{to get me to} 2nd night at Beaulieu S. Maye
at home of Resistance. 3rd night Courmayeur Bray
4th night Caillon near Seine. where Frenchman forced me
across. Stayed at Caillon 5 day at home of man introduced
to by spy man. Coverage! 1 night - then Bernay for
eats then spent night Orbec. next day passed Flanc
to Moult. Stayed at Moult 6 weeks at home of
Robert Kumpf of French Secret Service. (Paris address
is 136 Ave. Emile Zola. XV. Germans moved into
farm. I & Robert cycled to Paris (2 days). &
stayed at his flat for 1 week. when he sent me to Maurice
Villarsand ^{F.F.I.} of 129 Blvd. Le Breuille. XV. when
I stayed there till American entered 24th.
I saw Capt Bill Brunsle, T.R.A. 38th Cav. APO 238
Sent me to 9 A.F. agent Capt. Next day went to
Le Mans stayed overnight & then to 9 A.F. at Chartres
A. Capt. Arnold

They sent us to Loral (29th). Saw Capt Arnold,
Lt Col Nelson, Lt Col. Mahar, & 30th left
Loral for A22.

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29 / web.

S Sgt. Tucker

I baled out at 9,000 ft. and pulled cord at 7,000 ft.
I landed in a woods where I buried my chest &
mae west, and where I remained until picked up
by Frenchmen who fed and clothed me and sent me on
my way. The first night I spent ~~four~~^{three} days I walked
in direction of all ed line, each night stopping at
finding shelter with friendly French. The fourth day I was
ferried across the Seine by a ~~fr~~ Frenchman who introduced
me to a friend at whose home I stayed 5 days. I walked
the next two days and was again sheltered each night. After
the following day I met another Frenchman who
cared for me until the arrival of American troops.

S/Sgt. Tucker

I broke out and landed in a wood at Wamelet E. of Amiens. Here I was picked up by French who fed & clothed me and sent me on my way. I headed towards Allied lines & passed thru Amielcourt, Preteuil, Sur Noye, Gournay en Bray, Gaillon nr. Seine, Coreux, & Orbec. At each of these places I was sheltered for 1 or more nights by the French. I then passed Falaise & reached Moult where I encountered Robert Ruauy, a member of French Secret Service, I stayed with him on a farm for six weeks. Germans moved into the farm and we fled to Paris on ~~two~~ bicycles, arriving there two days later. I stayed at his Paris flat for 1 week, address unknown. The address of his business in Paris is 136 Ave Emile Zola, XV. We then sent me to Maurice Willaumont; 129 Blvd. de Grenelle XV, a member of F.F.I. with whom I stayed until arrival of Americans on 24 Aug.

In Paris I reported to Capt. Bill Buenzle Troop A 38TH Cav. APO 230 who sent me to a 9 A.F. agent, Capt. ?. The following day ^{we} were taken to Le Mans where we spent one night, and from there to 9 A.F. Base at Chartres. From here, we were sent to Laval where we were cleared by Capt. Arnold, Lt. Col. Nelson & Lt. Col. Mahat. for Strip A22.

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Name (Print) Robt. F. Tucker
Rank S/Sgt. A. S. N. 35663844
Unit 390th Bomb Grp

Signed Robt F. Tucker
Dated Aug 31, 1943
Witness _____

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *Robt. F. Tucker S/Sgt.*
Unit:- *390th Bomb Grp.*

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).
- Matches.
- Adhesive tape.
- Chewing gum.
- Water bottle.
- Compass.
- Sewing kit.

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *No*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *Buried it with my Uniform*
- 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?

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *Yes*
State color of stripes and letters.
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? *Escape Kit.*

Yes (over)

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

Maps. Which ones? *France*

Compass, *Yes*

File (hacksaw). *No*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money?

Gave it to the French who kept me.

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass. *Buried it.*

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

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? *4 x 4*

b. Did you use them? *Yes*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

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

S/Sgt. Robt. F. Tucker - 35663844

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8 JUN - 30 Aug

On the 8 June, 1944, after being hit by flak, I baled out and landed in the woods at Hamelet (SOMME). Frenchmen picked me up, fed and clothed me, and showed me the road toward the Allied lines. I reached Omiecourt (SOMME) where I spent the night at the home of a Res. man. The next day they sent me to Breteuil Sur Noye (LOISE) where I again found shelter at the home of a Res. man. The 3rd night I was sheltered at Gournay en Bray (S.INE.). The 4th day I was ferried across the Seine by a Frenchman who took me to the home of a friend in Gaillon (EVRE). I stayed here for 5 days and then left, reaching Evreux (EVRE) where I was given shelter for 1 night, and passing through Bernay (EVRE) to Orbec (CALVADOS) where I was sheltered overnight. I then made my way through Falaise (CALVADOS) to Moulton (CALVADOS) where I met a M. Robert Ruaux who worked for the French Secret Service. His Paris address is: 136, Ave. Emile Zola, Paris XV. I stayed with him in Moulton for 6 weeks. Germans moved into the farm where we were staying so we cycled to Paris where I stayed at his flat for 1 week. He then sent me to M. Maurice Hillairaud, 129, Blvd. De Grenelle, Paris XV with whom I stayed until the arrival of American troops on the 24 Aug. M. Hillairaud was a member of the FFI.

R. Sarant
2nd Lt. AUS

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R.F.