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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.

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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  
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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) NEWKIRK ARINGTON VI.

Signed Arlington W. Fairbank

Rank S/SGT A. S. N. 13157600

Dated 1 September 44

Unit 416 BOMB. GP 668 BOMB. SQ

Witness Adolph Smith Capt WRC

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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

9/1/44  
(Date)

NEW KIRK ARLINGTON W. 13157600  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

SOUTH OF PARIS 32  
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: JUNE 3-44

Returned to UK: 8/31/44

416 BOMB. GRP. 668 BOMB. SQ  
(Unit)

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

PILOT LT. NICKAS - P.W. - INFORMED BY FRENCH

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

~~TOP TURRET GUNNER~~ - MYSELF

~~TUNNEL~~  
~~BALL TURRET GUNNER~~ BAILED OUT - NO KNOWLEDGE  
SGT. SCOTT.

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. JUNE 3-2130  
o'clock

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

ONE ENGINE GONE. NO INTERPHONE

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 800 FT. chute did not open.

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

No

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

TUNNEL GUNNER ?

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? No BY FRENCH REPORTS

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.

FRENCH INFORMED ME OF A COMPLETE CRASHED-  
LANDING WAS BOSTON WITH PILOT P.W. NUMBERS  
54-5 - MY PLANE.



Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

YES

COMPLETE

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?

PARACHUTE DIDNT OPEN. MY OWN EXPERIENCE

Were you wounded?

YES

Were you in German hands?

NO

Did you kill any Germans in escaping?

NO

Have you previously given the names of your helpers?

NO

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

What security briefing were you given?

E AND E SAID TO REPEAT NOTHING. THAT HAPPENED

What souvenirs do you still possess?

RIFLE. GERMAN ENSIGNIAS

Home address.

POSTMASTER POST OFFICE HERSHEY PENNIA.

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.

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1. Because disclosures of information regarding evasion from capture, escape, details of imprisonment, release from internment, and repatriation have been made, the lives and services of fellow soldiers and those who help them have been lost or endangered. All information which you possess on these subjects, including the experiences of others as well as your own, briefings and equipment for evasion and escape, and preparations and other activities in connection therewith, constitutes MILITARY INFORMATION which is classified SECRET by the War Department.

2. You will therefore disclose no information whatever, beyond the fact of your return to duty from "missing in action" or "prisoner of war" or "internment", to anyone except the following military officials:

- a. The first Military Attache to whom you report;
- b. An officer designated by the Commanding General of an overseas Theatre of Operations;
- c. The Prisoner of War Branch, MIS, Washington, D.C., the interrogating agency designated by the A/C of S, G-2, War Department General Staff;
- d. Certain other officers holding written authority from the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, to interrogate you.

3. You will particularly guard against disclosure of SECRET information to relatives, friends, representatives of the press and radio, and military officials, except as noted in a, b, c and d above.

4. In order to protect yourself against disciplinary action, any question involving publicity must be referred BY YOU PERSONALLY to the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, Washington, D.C.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have read and fully understand all of the foregoing and the Directive of the Secretary of War, 6 Aug 43 (on the reverse side), and will at ALL TIMES hereafter comply fully therewith.

I understand that all information concerning escape, evasion from capture, activities and equipment in connection therewith, and details of imprisonment or release from internment, is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone except the military officials specifically designated. I further understand that disclosure to any other person will make me liable to disciplinary action for failure to safeguard MILITARY INFORMATION.

I realize that publicity concerning my experiences, by word of mouth or otherwise, will endanger the lives of many persons and therefore it is my duty to take all possible precautions to prevent it.

I further certify that I have received a copy of the foregoing.

Name (Print) *William W. Newkirk* Signed *William W. Newkirk*  
Rank *S/Sgt* A.S.N. *13157600* Dated *27/8/43* Place *Remours*  
Unit *668 Bomb Sq, 416 MP* Witness *John Forsyth*  
*2d Lt, CAE*



EVE# 1262

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 13157600 Rank S/Sgt.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Arlington W. Newkirk

Unit 668 Bomb Sqdn, 416 Bomb Group

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.

*Cameron J. Labeling*  
2nd Lt. A.C.

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:—

NONE.

If returned to U.K, this N.C.O. should report  
to Special Interrogation Center, 63 Brook St,  
London.

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E. & W. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)8/204/2612

TOP SECRET  
I.S.9 (WEA)

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVASION CAPTURED/DISCARDED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE

For all Personnel

1. No. 13157600 Rank S/Sgt. Name Arlington W. NEWKIRK  
(U.K. Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F. No. of missions) Purple Heart, Air Medal, 32 missions
3. Were you wounded? Give details. Yes, thumb shot by flak
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 668 Bomb. Sqn
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 416 B. Gp. Job. (Pl. Cmd., Pln., etc.) Turret gunner
7. Date of Birth 30 April 1924 8. Length of Service 1 yr 7 mos
9. Peace time occupation Student 10. Private address Miss Elizabeth Mathiot, 133 Bethel Street, Columbia, Penna.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags, photos
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

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 Turret-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 Lt. Nickas No knowledge of plane or crew.  
CO-PILOT  
NAVIGATOR  
BOMBARDIER  
RADIO OPERATOR  
TOP TURRET GUNNER Narrator  
BALL TURRET GUNNER Turret Gunner - Sgt. Scott  
WAIST GUNNER (R.)  
WAIST GUNNER (L.)  
TAIL GUNNER
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure. A20 Boston Havoc, Whetersfield  
3 June 44, 1900 hrs
18. Where and when did you come down? North of Rambouillet, 2130 hrs, 3 June 44
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Buried it
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Had none on me.

Interview by I.S.9, (WEA)

Date 28 August 1944

I grade this evasion 5

Attached:

Appendix "B"

Appendix "C" ✓

Appendix "D"

*Cameron J. LaClair, Jr.*  
CAMERON J. LaCLAIR, JR.  
2d Lt AC

Disposal: Returned to unit.

Major

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Though I landed near a German convoy (2130 hrs 3 June 44), I managed to get away without being seen by the convoy since I actually landed in a wheat field. Crawling to the end of the field, I stopped to fix my hand, which had been injured in the plane, with the first aid kit from the chute strap. As I was burying my chute and mae west, three French saw me. One of them yelled, "American", at the same time making motions that they couldn't help me, but at the same time pointing south.

So I started South. It was then 0100 hrs by the village clock. By morning I was in a woods N. of Rambouillet near a lone cabin next to a lumber mill. I knocked on the door. It was opened by a man who immediately yelled, "American" seeing my .45. He gave me civilian clothes and then took me to Rambouillet, where he put me in the hands of a helper who took me to Les Essarts.

Here I was told that on 5 June I would go to Spain with 20 other Americans. That afternoon the railroad was bombed with the obvious result that the Spain trip was called off. Later that day I was taken to St. Hubert where I met Sgt. Herd (see I.S.9(WEA)/8/200) going to Paris with him, and remaining with the same group as he until about 14 August when I joined the FFI as a soldier. I was with the FFI until I went to the Hotel Windsor.

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APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)/8/204/2612

If further circulation of this information is made, it is important that its source should not be divulged.

No. 131576000 Rank S/Sgt. Name Arlington W. NEWKIRK

Date of Interview 28 August 1944

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In Rambouillet I was taken to the Red Cross and put in charge of a doctor who took me to Les Essarts.

In Les Essarts I was helped by M. Got.

I was taken to M. Coxx and M. Charles Godard in ST. Hubert., when the Germans took M. Goddard prisoner, I was hidden by M. Got.

I went to Paris with Mme. Lillie de Costa's group.

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