

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) France

For All Personnel.

1. No. 18137059 Rank S/SGT. Name LOUIS I. WATTS  
(U.K.: Acting Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 18 missions.
3. Were you wounded? Give details no.
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 585 Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 394 Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Radio Operator.
7. Date of Birth 15 January, 1916 8. Length of Service 2 yrs.
9. Peace time occupation Lawyer 10. Private address 207 Dillard St.  
Monticello, Ark.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? dogtags.
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? 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 Radio Operator.
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 CAPT. J.A. JOY-wounded and reported PW.
- CO-PILOT 2ndLT. H.O. JOHNSON-wounded and reported PW.
- NAVIGATOR W/O EDGE-safe in French hands.
- BOMBARDIER ~~NARRATOR~~.
- RADIO OPERATOR NARRATOR.
- ENGINEER ~~TOP TURRET GUNNER~~ H. MAYNARD-wounded and reported PW.
- BALL TURRET GUNNER
- WAIST GUNNER (R.)
- WAIST GUNNER (L.)
- TAIL GUNNER JOSEPH J. HOULIHAN-evaded.
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-26, from Chelmsford, 0700, 10 May, 1944
18. Where and when did you come down? RAVENEL, 1000, 10 May.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? gave to French.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? plane burned.

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E & E REPORT NO. 8/185

EVASION CAPTURED FROM (Name of Country) France

For All Personnel.

Name LOUIS I. WATTS

Rank

No.

I came down near RAVENEL at 1000, 10 May, 1944. I was soon helped by the French, and on the 12 met SGT. HOULIHAN of my own crew. He was with me from then on. I also met EDGE of our crew, who later separated from us. We went to ST. JUST, then to FROMISSY for 3 weeks. Next we were at WAVIGNIES for 3 weeks, then 5 nights at PUTIS-LE-VALLE, where I met 1st/Lt. HARRY HUNTER. We passed through MAULERS and CREVECOURT, and then to PARIS. I met RAF SGT. CAREY on the way, safe in French hands. It was told me that at WAVIGNIES a Lancaster crashed about 15 June, and 5 of the crew were buried in the town, 2 others being hidden by the French nearby.

We were finally picked up in PARIS by the Americans on August 26.

Private address 507 Bedford St.

Peace time occupation Lawyer

Monticello, Ark.

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ENLT. E.O. JOHNSON—wounded and reported PW.

W/O EDGE—safe in French hands.

UNRECOVERED

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BALL TURRET GUNNER

W/ST GUNNER (R.)

W/ST GUNNER (L.)

TAIL GUNNER

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-25 from Chelmsford, 0700, 10 May, 1944.

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 27 August, 1944.

Attached:

Appendix "B" x

" "C" x

" "D" x

I grade this evasion 5

Richard H. Dana

RICHARD H. DANA

2nd Lt., CAC

Disposal: returned to unit.

Major



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~~TOP~~ SECRET  
I.S.9 (WEA)

APPENDIX "B" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA) 8/185/537

List of all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defences, A.A. batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of Allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.).

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Date of interview 27 August, 1944

N.B.—It is of the utmost importance that when giving information on the above subjects you state clearly:—

- (1) Date, time and place where you obtained the information.
- (2) Was it the result of personal observation or a report by someone else?
- (3) If not from personal observation who was the source (i.e., waiter, farm labourer, hearsay, cafe rumour, etc.), and how accurate do you estimate the source to be?

1. At GRANVILLIERS the RR station is a main center for the distribution of V-1 bombs for the area. It was very active early in July.

Evaluation of informant's credibility.

Key.

- X 1.—Reliable.  
2.—Credible.  
3.—Questionable.  
4.—Undetermined.

OBSERVATION AND  
HEARSAY.

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With the exception of items above, Information herein has been given verbally by E. & E. to G-2, TUSA.

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I.S.9 (WEA)

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)9/185/537

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

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Date of Interview 27 August, 1944

A. FROISSY I spent 3 weeks with EUGENE ROPITAL.

A<sup>T</sup> WAVIGNI~~SI~~ spent 3 weeks with MME ANTOINETTE DHUYVETTER

M. BRESSILEAU was the Resistance chief at FROISSY.

In PARIS I stayed with MME. ELLEN WALKER

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## WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

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

6 August 1943

KLS/el-2B-939 Pentagon

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 supercedes 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) WATTS, LOUIS I.  
Rank S/Sgt A. S. N. 18137059  
Unit 394 BG-5854 BS

Signed Louis I. Watts  
Dated Sept 1, 1943  
Witness Dolly G. Smith Capt War

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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

Sept. 1, 1944  
(Date)

WATTS, LOUIS T. 1837059  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
MANTES OR CREIL 18  
(Target) (Number of missions)  
394TH BOMB GR - 585 B. SQUADRON  
(Unit)

Date Missing in Action: MAY 19, 1944  
Returned to UK: AUG 31, 1944

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

PILOT - JOY, J.A. - WOUNDED - TAKEN PRISONER BY JERRIES  
CO-PILOT JOHNSON, J.O. - WOUNDED " " " "  
NAVIGATOR } EDGE, W.O. - TOGETHER AMHILE IN FRANCE - IN HANDS OF FRENCH  
BOMBARDIER }  
RADIO OPERATOR - ME  
TOP TURRET GUNNER - MAYNARD, H.J. - WOUNDED - TAKEN BY JERRIES  
TAIL TURRET GUNNER  
WAIST GUNNER  
WAIST GUNNER HOWLINAY - J.J.  
TAIL GUNNER RETURNED WITH ME

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

NEAR RAVENEL (in France)

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

RIGHT ENGINE HIT - SMOKING BADLY - INSTRUMENTS ALL SHOT OUT, HIT IN NOS 2  
INTERPHONE SHOT OUT - NO CONTACT BETWEEN TAIL AND PILOT.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

ABOUT 9000 FT.

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

NO. PILOT BADLY WOUNDED

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

ALL BAILED OUT - ALL CHUTES OPENED

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?

YES - SAW TAIL GUNNER HOWLINAY and BOMBARDIER EDGE.

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.

RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM FRENCH THAT PILOT, CO-PILOT, and ENGINEER WERE WOUNDED AND TAKEN PRISONER. THEY WERE IDENTIFIED BY DESCRIPTION

(over)

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

NO, INFORMED BY FRENCH THAT IT WAS A TOTAL WRECK

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?

AM POSITIVE PILOT AND ENGINEER TAKEN PRISONER. NOT SURE OF COPILOT INFO. FROM FRENCH THAT HE WAS ALSO TAKEN PRISONER. TAIL GUNNER AND BOMBARDIER I TALKED TO ON THE GROUND.

Were you wounded? NO - FEW SCRATCHES

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.

Le COG - JEAN - <sup>La Garonne</sup> furnished and cooked food for us while we were in Paris during the time that there was no gas or electricity

What security briefing were you given? - REGULAR

What souvenirs do you still possess? - FERRY HAT

Home address. 907 DILLARD - MONTICELLO, ARKANSAS.

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

ONLY CREW MEMBERS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED

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

HARRY HUNTER -

DEAN MCCALL

W.O. EDGE

(2 BRITISH - NAMES UNKNOWN -