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## WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

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

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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) Gerald Hyson  
Rank 1st Lt A. S. N. 0-665920  
Unit 585 Sqn 394 Group

Signed Gerald Hyson  
Dated 9/1/44  
Witness Delroy Smith G-2 PWAR

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~~—~~ If any further information is required concerning this report detailed application should be made to I.S.9 (WIA) G-2 Div. S.R.A.S.F. giving the M and E Report No.

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P/W & X Det. MIS ✓

G-2 Div., SHARP

(Less App. "C" & "D")

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AND THAT:

S. 0-665920 Rank 1st Lt.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) GERALD HYSON

Unit 585 sqn 394 BOMB GP

has been fully/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on Aug 30 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should/should not/be re-interrogated. upon return to U.K. he must report to 63 Brook St London.

Ston Chipper  
1st Lt

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.

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE

For All Personnel.

- 1. No. O-665920 Rank 1st Lt Name Gerald Hyson  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Airmedal - 3 bronze clusters
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details Sprained ankle when landing
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 585 (M) Bomb Sqn, 394 Grp
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 9th AF 6. Job (Pl. Comd, Rfn., etc.) Navigator
- 7. Date of Birth 21 March 1920 8. Length of Service 2 yrs 7 mos
- 9. Peace time occupation Stenographer 10. Private address 115 West 73rd St.  
New York City
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Photos (all)
- 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 Navigator
- 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 Darrell R. Lindsay - French reported killed MIA
- CO-PILOT 2nd Lt Peter Erbe - received message from him. 1264
- NAVIGATORS 1st Lt William J. Smith - PW P/W
- 1263 - BOMBARDIER 1st Lt Hooper - received message from him. 1263
- RADIO OPERATOR T/Sgt Willy - don't know P/W
- TOP TURRET GUNNER Does not know one man's name- French told me he
- BALL TURRET GUNNER 3722 Sgt FEE S Perla R. Jr was killed. P/W
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) S/Sgt Albert P. Dawson, 345 05409 - P/W
- WAIST GUNNER (L.)
- TAIL GUNNER S/Sgt Donald E. Wilson, 15 016611 MIA

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B17

18. Where and when did you come down? 9 Aug, Taveiny 20 miles NW of Paris, 1900 hrs

19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? French disposed of it.

20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Ship burned and exploded

If further circulation

MAP: France GSGS 4042, sheet No 7

On Aug 9 1944 at 1700 hrs we took off from Holmsey South, UK. Our target, bridge near Pontaise (R8866). About one minute from target we were hit by flak. The left engine caught fire. We dropped our bombs on target, and then the order was given to bale out. I was the first man to bale out; altitude 11,500 feet. I saw two chutes in the air. I opened my chute at 3000 feet, and saw the plane hit the ground near Taveeny (R9863). I landed in a small patch of woods. About 15 or 20 Frenchmen came to my aid, took my chute and mae west and hid it. A man came up, gave me a bicycle, indicated for me to follow him. He took me to his house near Taveeny. I stayed in his house until 2400 hrs. A French student came to see me here. At 2200 hrs a French police officer came to see me. These 2 people and the man whose home I was staying in took me at 2400 hrs to St Peix (R9863). I was taken to a house ~~xx~~ but as the Germans were patrolling, I was told to walk up the street and lay down in the gutter, which I did. The Germans were patrolling very close to me. At one time a German truck passed within 3 feet of me. I was taken back to the house, and here I was questioned and received medical aid.

From here my journey was arranged.

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Hq, IS9(WEA) ..... 2 ✓  
G-2 FUSA ..... 1 (less "C")  
G-2 TUSA ..... 1 " "  
12th Army Group ..... 2  
Capt ARNOLD, 9AF ..... 1  
File ..... 1

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure  
18. Where and when  
19. How did you escape  
20. Were all secret papers and equipment disposed of?  
TOP TURRET GUNNER  
BALL TURRET GUNNER  
WAIST GUNNER (R.)  
WAIST GUNNER (L.)  
TAIL GUNNER  
RADIO OPERATOR  
BOMBARDIER  
NAVIGATORS  
CO-PILOT  
PILOT  
Does not know one man's name - French told me he was killed.

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)  
Date 30 August 1944

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

I grade this escape No 4

STONE CHRISTOPHER  
1st Lt, MISAC Major

Disposal: Returned to UK

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. IS9 (WEA) 7/113/569

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

No. 0-665920 Rank 1st Lt Name Gerald Hyson  
Date of Interview 30 August 1944

The name of the man I stayed with at Taveiny is Jules Merrier. The name of the man I stayed with at St Peix is Paul Radaroff, 1 rue de Rubelle, St Peix. I stayed there until Aug 28 1944. I left here and went to Paris, where I was taken to a broadcasting studio by the FFI where I made 2 broadcasts. I gave a brief resume of my escape. I was told by the French it was allright to give the names of people that helped me. I was taken to a Hotel Lido, then to S-2 V Corp, then to Hotel Windser where I met Lt Moraub then taken by truck to 1st Army PWE.

PERSONNEL ONLY

PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS

WHO BALE OUT

Navigator

Capt Darrell E. Lindsay - French reported killed

1st Lt [unclear] - received message from him

1st Lt William J. Smith

1st Lt Hooper

T/Sgt [unclear]

TOP TURRET GUNNER [unclear] - French told [unclear]

BALL TURRET GUNNER [unclear] was killed.

WAIST GUNNER (R.) [unclear]

WAIST GUNNER (L.)

TAIL GUNNER 3/Sgt V Donald E. Wilson, 15 616611

Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure

Where and when did you come down? 9 Aug, Taveiny 20 miles NE of [unclear]

How did you dispose of your parachute, having the [unclear]

SECRET

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)

Gevald Hyson 1st Lt 0-665920  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Pontoisse 47  
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: 8/9/44

Returned to UK: 8/31/44

585 Sqn 394 Group 9AF  
(Unit)

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

|                               |                        |               |                                     |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| PILOT                         | <u>D. R. Lindsey</u>   | <u>Capt</u>   | <u>Killed + went down with ship</u> |
| CO-PILOT                      | <u>P. ERBE</u>         | <u>2nd Lt</u> | <u>Parachuted + Evaded</u>          |
| 2 NAVIGATOR                   | <u>G. Hyson</u>        | <u>1st Lt</u> | <u>" " + P.W.</u>                   |
|                               | <u>William J Smith</u> | <u>1st Lt</u> | <u>" " + Evaded</u>                 |
| BOMBARDIER                    | <u>Hooper</u>          | <u>1st Lt</u> | <u>" " - Unknown</u>                |
| RADIO OPERATOR                | <u>Wylie</u>           | <u>7/Sgt</u>  | <u>" "</u>                          |
| TOP TURRET GUNNER             | <u>Lanson</u>          | <u>5/Sgt</u>  | <u>" "</u>                          |
| <del>TAIL</del> TURRET GUNNER | <u>Tail Wilson</u>     | <u>5/Sgt</u>  | <u>" "</u>                          |
| WALIST GUNNER                 |                        |               |                                     |
| WALIST GUNNER                 |                        |               |                                     |
| TAIL GUNNER                   |                        |               |                                     |

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. 8/9/44 1900 Pontoisse

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
R. Engine on fire + later explosion.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 8000 ft

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

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? 9 Bailed out  
1 without chute

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? No

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?  
2 chutes some distance away

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.

Lt Erbe + Lt Hooper communicated with me by messenger  
French Police informed me that Capt. Lindsey was in plane  
when it hit ground + they have his rings + dog tags  
S/Sgt Wilson hit ground without aid of chute + Police have  
his Dog tags + rings

(over)



Lt. Smith is a P.W.

landed in telegraph wires and is slightly burned

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.

No

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

Capt Lindsay + Ssgt Nelson Killed  
Lts Hyson, Hooper & Erbe evaded  
Lt Smith P.W.

Were you wounded?

Fractured ankle upon hitting ground & was forced to remain in bed for 10 days

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.

What security briefing were you given?

P.W.E.

What souvenirs do you still possess?

Coins

Home address.

115 W. 73rd Street

New York, N.Y.

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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