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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 38467558 Rank S/Sgt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) CLARK, N E.

Unit 786 Sqn U S A A F

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 31 Aug 44 19

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

13 Aug
Stamerton Bay
capt. 20

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.

SECRET

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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Norman C. Clark S/Sgt 38167558
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Sept. 2, 1944
(Date)

466 Bomb group, 78th Air Division
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT
CO-PILOT
NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER
RADIO OPERATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER
BALL TURRET GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER

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

Aug. 13, 1944 11:30 PM. Somewhere near Rouen France.

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

LARGE FIRE UNDER FLIGHT DECK AND FLIGHT DECK

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? BETWEEN 14,000 TO 18,000 FT.

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

T/SGT CHAS. VEJDA, 1ST, 2ND & 3RD, DEGREE BURNS. T/SGT B. H. TIGHE, SERAPNEL WOUND IN SIDE & BURNS. BELIEVED 2 KILLED.

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

S/Sgt. NORMAN CLARK, T/SGT CHAS. J. VEJDA, T/SGT B. H. TIGHE, S/Sgt. JOE MICHAEL (BELIEVED BAILED OUT) - S/P AND PITTMAN, S/P E. C. SCHROEDER

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?

T/SGT CHAS. J. VEJDA.

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.

T/SGT B. H. TIGHE IN FRENCH HOSPITAL. 2 BELIEVED EVADING. P. W. 3 EVADING.

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?

NEWS FROM FRENCH PEOPLE, 2 PRISONERS OF WAR ONE WOUND IN HOSPITAL. 3 BELIEVED EVADING. 8 PARACHUTES OF 10 SEEN BY FRENCH PEOPLE.

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

TARGET:

NORMAN C. CLARK S/SGT 38467558
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Date mission in action: Aug 13, 1944

28 (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: SEPT 3, 1944

7862d 4662d
(Squadron) (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

- PILOT 1ST LT. RICHARD WOLLESTEIN (NO NEWS)
CO-PILOT 1ST LT. JAMES B. SMITH (NO NEWS)
NAVIGATOR 1ST LT. M. C. OWENS (NO NEWS)
BOMBARDIER 1ST LT. FRED. A. RIEBE (NO NEWS)
RADIO OPERATOR T/SGT. CHARLES J. VEJDA (CAME OUT WITH MYSELF)
TOP TURRET GUNNER T/SGT. BERNARD H. TIGHE (IN FRENCH HOSPITAL AND NOT P. W.)
BALL TURRET GUNNER S/SGT. JOSEPH MELIA (BAILED OUT SAFELY BUT NO NEWS)
WAIST GUNNER S/SGT. ELDRED C. SCHROEDER (NO NEWS)
WAIST GUNNER S/SGT. NORMAN C. CLARK (MYSELF)
TAIL GUNNER S/SGT. ALBERT W. PITTMAN (NO NEWS)

Decorations: AIR MEDAL 3 OAK LEAF CLUSTERS

Date of Birth: APRIL 22, 1923

Private Address: BOX 290, JAY, OKLA.

Length of Service: 18 MO.

Job as Civilian: AIRCRAFT WORK

From what field did you take off? Take off time. 10:30 AM.

ATTLEBRIDGE, STATION 120

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? YES

Were you wounded? Give details. NO

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? APPROX 7000 FRANCS

Do you speak FRENCH? NO SPANISH? NO GERMAN? NO ITALIAN? NO OTHER LANGUAGE? NO

Did you have identity papers? NO

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?

BRITISH INTELLIGENCE 159, BAYEUX, FRANCE

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?

BRITISH INTELLIGENCE 159 BAYEUX, FRANCE

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?

BRITISH INTELLIGENCE 159, BAYEUX, FRANCE

Date of arrival in Spain: _____

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: _____

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. BY AIR, NEAR BAYEUX, FRANCE

SEPT. 2, 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.

NO NEWS

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To be signed and
one returned
to Clark

WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

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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,
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Army Air Forces;
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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
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Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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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.

GERTIFIGATE

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) NORMAN CAROL CLARK Signed _____

Rank S/597 A. S. N. 38467558 Dated _____

Unit 466 Bomb group, 786th sgdn. Witness _____

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Name (Print) NORMAN CAROL CLARK

Signed _____

Rank S/SGT. A. S. N. 38412558

Dated _____

Unit 7867th Sgdn 466 Bomb Grp P.

Witness _____

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E+L. app. 1-5-9. (W. E. A). 2/292/183

38467558. MSPT. CLARK. N.C.
786. SQN. USAAF.

1000 frames. rec'd by above.
(see app. 5).

1-5-9. (W. E. A.)
31. Aug.

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rec'd. forwarded
for Capt. White.
C. W. White
4 Oct 44

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) France

For All Personnel.

- 1. No. 38467558 Rank S/Sjt Name Clark, N.C. (U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Air Medal, 3 oak leaf clusters
3. Were you wounded? Give details No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 786 Sqn
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 466 Gp 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) W. Gunner
7. Date of Birth 22 Apr 23 8. Length of Service Jay Oklahoma Box 290
9. Peace time occupation Farmer 10. Private address
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Discs, 6 photos
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

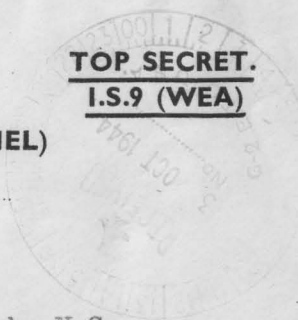
- 13. No. and location of O.T.U.
14. No. and location of Conversion Unit

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS

WHO BALE OUT

- 15. Post in Crew
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 Wollstein, R.S. F/U
CO-PILOT Lt Smith, J.B. F/U
NAVIGATOR Lt Owens, R.C.
BOMBARDIER Lt Riebe, F.A.
RADIO OPERATOR T/Sjt Vejda, C.J. In allied hands
TOP TURRET GUNNER T/Sjt Tighe, B.H. Possibly wounded in French hands
BALL TURRET GUNNERS/Sjt Mellin, J. Baled out
WAIST GUNNER (R.) S/Sjt Clark, H.C. E and E Report 2/292
WAIST GUNNER (L.) S/Sjt Schroeder, E.E. F/U
TAIL GUNNER S/Sjt Pittman, A.W. F/U
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B.24 Liberator Attlebridge, 13 Aug, 1030 hrs

- 18. Where and when did you come down? Nr Rouen, 1330 hrs, 13 Aug
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Left on landed
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Unknown



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

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

EVADÉD CAPTURE/ESCAPÉD FROM (Name of Country) France

For All Personnel.

1. No. 38167558 Rank S/5jt Name Clark, H.G. U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W(2)

2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A. Air Force) Distinguished Flying Cross (D.F.C.)

3. Were you wounded? Yes, two bullets in the leg after being out of the plane

4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), No. (Air Force) No. 1-1-1 (WEA) 2/292

5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) Add Gp. Gp. 100

7. Date of Birth 22 Apr 23 Length of Service 14y 10m 15d

10. Private address Box 290

11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photographs, discs, or photos? No

12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign languages? 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/Parachute Troops: 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.

16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B.24 Liberator Attlebridge, 13 Aug, 1050 hrs

PILOT Lt Wolfstein, R.S. Y/U

CO-PILOT Lt Smith, J.B. Y/U

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WING GUNNER (L.) S/5jt Schroeder, E.E. Y/U

TAIL GUNNER S/5jt Pittman, A.W. Y/U

18. Where and when did you come down? In house, 1350 hrs, 13 Aug

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 21 Aug

19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and map west? Left on landing

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

20. Were there papers and equipment destroyed? Unknown

Disposal:

Major

James Forley

APPENDIX "D" TO E. & E. REPORT No. IS9WEA/2/292 ~~18~~ ⁸¹⁸

No. 38467558 Rank S/Sjt Name Clarke, N.C.

Unit 786 Sqn, USAAF

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 or escape capture.

I. AIDS BOXES.

- (a) Did you use your aids box ? No
- (b) If not, why not ? Not necessary
- (c) If you used it, state briefly when and where
- (d) What did you use ?
- (e) Did any of the items prove unsatisfactory ?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box ? Hidden by helpers
- (g) 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 it cannot be larger ?

2. PURSE.

- (a) Did you carry a purse ? Yes If not, why not ?
State colour of purse Brown, Mk. 3
- (b) Did you use it ? Yes
- (c) If so which of the items in it were used ? Maps ? No
Compass ? No File ? No
Foreign currency Yes State countries and amounts used ? French
What was it spent for ? Part payment helpers
- (d) How did you dispose of : Maps Hidden File Hidden
Compass Hidden Surplus currency 1000 Francs

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion ? No

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS.

Did you carry any passport size photographs ? If so, how many ? Yes, 6
Did you use them ? No

5. LECTURES.

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape ? State where, when, and by whom if possible ? Yes
USA and England. Station IO and Evaders
- (b) Did you find the lectures of value Yes
- (c) Do you have any suggestions based on your experience which will help other evaders and escapers ?

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

Maps. Which ones? *MAP OF FRANCE*

Compass, *yes*

File (hacksaw). *NO*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *FRANCIS MONEY*

How did you spend the money?

TO PAY PEOPLE FOR HELP TO ESCAPE

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *HIDDEN OR DESTROYED BY FRENCH PEOPLE*

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency. *TURNED IN TO BRITISH INTELLIGENCE, 1959*

DIY CARTRIDGE

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion?

NO

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? *yes*

If so, how many? *6*

b. Did you use them? *NO*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *yes*

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

WESTERN FIELD, MASS, SPRING 1941 I BELIEVE. + BY 466 BOMBERS

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

yes

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

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

Unit:-

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1. AIDS BOX

- a. Did you use your aids box? *no*
- b. If not, why? *DID NOT NEED.*
- 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?

- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *HIDDEN OR DESTROYED BY*

- 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?

PUT OINTMENT FOR BURNS, AND LABEL IT.

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *YES MARK III*
State color of stripes and letters. *RED STRIPES*
If NOT, State why not.

- b. Did you use the purse? *YES*

(over)

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "D" 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.,.....)