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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

REGAN JOSEPH F 2nd Lt O-816693  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
7  
(No. of missions)  
407<sup>th</sup> Bomb 92<sup>nd</sup> Bomb  
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: 30 April 44

Date arrived in UK: 3 Sept 44

| MEMBERS OF CREW:   | (Please list names next to positions) | Indicate what happened to each man and how you know. |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| PILOT              | CAMPBELL                              | KILLED - PLANE EXPLODED AS I LEFT & HE WAS INSIDE    |
| CO-PILOT           | REGAN                                 |  |
| NAVIGATOR          | KITT, MURRAY (NMI)                    | PARACHUTED - NO NEWS                                 |
| BOMBARDIER         | Do Not Know, HE WAS A SPARE           | KILLED   |
| RADIO OPERATOR     | WELLS                                 | KILLED   |
| TOP TURRET GUNNER  | POWERS, WILLIAM J                     | PARACHUTED - NO NEWS                                 |
| BALL TURRET GUNNER | WERNETH, HARRY E.                     | KILLED - NAMES OF PERSONS                            |
| WAIST GUNNER       | ANGELILLO, JAMES                      | KILLED - KILLED WERE PROCURED                        |
| WAIST GUNNER       | ADAMS                                 | KILLED - BY THE MAQUIS &                             |
| TAIL GUNNER        | MAGNANI, GEORGE                       | KILLED - TOLD TO ME                                  |

Decorations: COMPLETED FIVE MISSIONS FOR ONE "AIR MEDAL" BUT NEVER RECEIVED

Date of Birth: 12 APRIL 1920

Private Address: 924 MAIN ST - AVOCA, PA

Length of Service: 4 YEARS 1 MONTH 1 WEEK

Job as Civilian: LABORER

From what field did you take off? Take off time.

POTTINGTON — 0600

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? NO AVAILABLE INFORMATION AS PLANE EXPLODED & BURNED - BUT PRESUMED DESTROYED

Were you wounded? Give details.

SMALL CUT ON LEFT EYEBROW - LACERATION BRUSH BURNS ON FACE AND TWO VERY SMALL PIECES OF METAL STRIPS IN CALF OF RIGHT LEG.

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

NO - GUIDES WERE EMPLOYED BY ENGLISH GOVERNMENT

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

NO NO NO NO NONE

Did you have identity papers?

YES. ONE FRENCH & ONE SPANISH

(over)

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

YES - BY THE ENGLISH SECRET SERVICE IN GIBRALTAR. AMERICAN AIR ATTACHE MADRID SPAIN

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

ONLY OF THE ACTUAL HAPPENINGS IN THE AIRPLANE & UNTIL I REACHED

THE GROUND I GAVE THIS TO A FRENCH FRIEND & WE BURNED IT - TO BE SENT TO

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? MY WIFE AFTER THE WAR.

YES - ENGLISH IN GIBRALTAR - AMERICAN AIR ATTACHE (MADRID SPAIN)

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

YES - GIBRALTAR 2 SEPT 1944 AT 1400

Date of arrival in Spain:

14 AUG 1944

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

2 SEPT 1944

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air.

GIBRALTAR BY AIR

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

NONE KNOWN

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

NONE KNOWN

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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

30 APRIL 1944 - 1130 - SOUTH OF TIGY FRANCE

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.

Was it on fire, etc?

A SMALL FIRE IN COCKPIT. SEAMS OF COCKPIT SPLIT FROM TOP TO BOTTOM  
ALL WINDOWS BLOWN OUT OF COCKPIT, ELECTRICAL SYSTEM DESTROYED  
INSTRUMENT PANEL SMASHED ON COPILOTS SIDE. PROPELLERS WINDMILLING  
At approximately what altitude did source bail out? NO POWER

14,000 FT

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

I THINK BOMBARDIER KILLED. NO RADIO CONTACT WITH  
OTHER PLANES OR INTERPLANE.

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

NAVIGATOR — KITT, MURRAY (NMI) — NO INFORMATION  
FIRST ENGINEER — POWERS, WILLIAM J — NO INFORMATION

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.

YES — 7 DAYS AFTER CRASH I WAS NOTIFIED BY THE MAQUIS  
THAT 2 WERE DEAD AND ALSO THE NAMES

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

YES — COMPLETELY DESTROYED

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?

I BELIEVE THE NAVIGATOR AND ENGINEER ESCAPED  
BECAUSE I SAW THEM PARACHUTE FROM THE PLANE.



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On the 30 April 1944, ~~I~~ I landed in a farmers field 7 Km S of Tigy (Loiret). I gave my chute to a young boy who turned it over to the mayor of the town ( who later turned it over to the Germans) One of the men who was there wanted to help me but his wife was afraid. I walked away ~~and~~ down the road and was picked up by two boys who hid me in the woods for two days. They then took me to a deserted house where I stayed 24 Hrs. From there a man took me in a cart to Vienne-en-Val (Loiret) where I stayed with Rene Berge ( He was a teacher in Orleans and was ~~leaving~~ there in his summer house, aged 20, he helped the maquis) I stayed at this place 19 days. (On the 15 May a man called Martel <sup>(he works in an organisation owns a house in Paris)</sup> brought me civilian clothes. <sup>a man</sup> On the 21 May, Martel took me to Phitiviers to a man who has a sugar <sup>refinery</sup> raffinerie." I stayed there 4 hrs after which his chauffeur took me to Chilleurs-aux-Bois (Loiret) I stayed there (with M et Mme Emile Menou (she is a painter, poete et musicien) <sup>until the organisation moved me out of France.</sup> I ~~stayed there~~ for 43 days, and so no one else. Finally an English organisation from Paris picked me up. On the 2 July I was taken to Paris by M. Monnaie who had come to get me. ( he told me he was from a different circuit) In Paris I saw a chief who I think was English ( a thin man, black hair, aged 32, was in the paratroopers for a while, made 4 jumps). He saw me in the hotel in which I was staying. On the 8th day (I had been given false papers) an English woman called Mme Fern Berger ( her husband was an officer in the austrian army, her aged is 43). With her, I bicycled for 5 and 1/2 days to Bordeaux. my Identity said I was deaf and dumb. (Our route was, Jouvisy-Etampes-Orleans-Blois-Tours-Chattelrault-Poitiers-Melle-Cognac-Barbezieux-Bordeaux). In Bordeaux we stayed with ~~Met~~ Mme Renard, 11 Rue Surson. I stayed there 25 days, <sup>at that time</sup> and a man called Benito took me by truck to Bayonne, I stayed one night in Bayonne. The next day, 13 August we drove to St. Jean-de-Luz, we crossed the frontier <sup>2 Km</sup> S of Henday in the center of a village.

From there I went to Irun, then to Bilbao where I stayed 4 days with a family (The English took away there address). From there We drove to Madrid

There the English Consul gave me English papers as Joseph Hanley, home town S Africa. I stayed in Madrid 13 days and then went by train to Gibraltar. I saw there Col Foster and eight hours later I flew to the UK.

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Transmittal of correspondence.

1 P/W & X I.S.9 12  
Det. (WEA) Feb 1945 In compliance with telephone conversation between Capt. Smith and Capt. Wrensch, forwarded herewith correspondence Re: Airmen missing in action.

For the COMMANDING OFFICER:



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FRANK A. WRENSCH  
Capt., MI

2 AG Cas Det A 17 Feb 1945 1. The crew of Lt Campbell with disposition known to this Div P/W & X office is listed below:  
APO 887 Det Mil  
Int Sv  
APO 887

|                 |                                  |     |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----|
| Pilot:          | 2d Lt John C CAMPBELL, 0-747376  | MIA |
| Co-Pilot:       | 2d Lt Joseph F REGAN, 0-816693   | RTD |
| Navigator:      | 2d Lt Murray KITT, 0-814338      | P/W |
| Bombardier:     | 2d Lt Joseph B WILSON, 0-679267  | P/W |
| Radio Operator: | S/Sgt John E WELLS, 37655867     | MIA |
| Top Turret:     | S/Sgt William J POWERS, 32732538 | MIA |
| Ball Turret:    | Sgt Harry W WERNETH, 13045228    | MIA |
| Waist Gunner:   | Sgt James J ANGELILLO, 32726843  | MIA |
| Waist Gunner:   | Sgt George D ADAMS, JR, 39121194 | MIA |
| Tail Gunner:    | Sgt George F MAGNANI, 32863098   | MIA |

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5. No information was forthcoming from the above French source concerning the fate of the sergeants of this crew.

6. During Lt REGAN's three weeks with the Maquis he lived with RENE BERGE, Vienne-en-Val (Loiret) and if RENE BERGE can be found any information he may have will be forwarded.

7. Every effort is being made to learn how Lt KITT and Lt WILSON were captured and what has happened to Lt CAMPBELL.

For the Commanding Officer:

JFW/cmc

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FRANK A. WILSON

Capt., MI

JOHN F. WHITE, JR.

Major, AC

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O.C.,  
I.S.9 (W.E.A.) U.S. Element.

Subject: Interrogation Reports.

1. The att copies of letters have been passed from AG Branch, S.H.A.E.F. to G-2 Div, S.H.A.E.F. and finally to I.S.9(W.E.A.) S.H.A.E.F. for appropriate action.
2. Kindly investigated at the very earliest opportunity and forward all the relevant details direct to AG Branch S.H.A.E.F. as indicated in Minute 2 of Staff Minute Sheet, copy att.

/s/ P. S. MacCALLUM  
Major, G.S.

I.S.9(W.E.A.) Rear H.Q.  
c/o G-2 Div, O.I. Sub-Div,  
S.H.A.E.F. Main,  
B.L.A.

8 Feb 45.



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AG 704-1-AGP  
Casualties.

STAFF MINUTE SHEET.

6 February 1945

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1 AG G-2 6 Feb  
(Main) (Main) 1945

For necessary action.

For the Adjutant General:

H. L. ALLEN,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Asst. Adjutant General.

1 Incl:  
Mform, Mil Pers, Wash, D.C., file  
AGPC-S704, 20 Jan 45, w/1st Ind.

2 G-2 AG 8 Feb  
I.S.9 (Main) 1945  
(W.E.A.)  
Rear  
H.Q.

1. ISS.9(W.E.A.) U.S. Element is now under  
command of G-2 Div, Com Z.

2. Copies of the enclosures mentioned in Minute  
1 above have been forwarded to them for appropriate  
action and they have been requested to communicate  
on the subject direct with you.

1 Incl:  
M.form, Mil Pers, Wash, D.C., file  
AGPC-S 704, 20 Jan 45. w/1st Ind.

P.S. MacCALLUM.  
Major G.S.

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War Department  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington

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MESSAGE FORM.

File No. AGPC-S 704  
(20 Jan 45)

20 January 1945

Office of origin: Military Personnel, Casualty Branch, SR&D Section.  
SPXPC-S

Room No. 4602, Washington 25, D.C.

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To : Commanding General, United States Forces,  
European Theater of Operations,  
APO 887, c/o Postmaster, New York.

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1. All crew members of B-17G type aircraft, number 42-107012, Pilot - Second Lieutenant John C. Campbell, 0747376, were reported missing in action over France since 30 April 1944, by your casualty shipment No. 060.

2. Second Lieutenant Murray Kitt, 0814438, and Second Lieut. Joseph B. Wilson, 0697267, are prisoners of War. Second Lieut. Joseph F. Regan, 0816693, now evacuated to the United States, was informed by the Maquis that seven members of his crew were found dead in or near the wreckage of his plane.

3. Lieutenant Regan made a full report of his experiences while evading capture to a Captain Edwards, Intelligence Officer at the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, in England.

4. Request that you verify information furnished by Lt. Regan.

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

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HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U.S. ARMY

3 February, 1945

To: Commanding General, Supreme Headquarters, A.E.F., APO 750.

Request duplicate copies of the Interrogation Report of 2nd Lt. Joseph F. Regan, O-816693, referred to in paragraph 3 of the basis communication, be forwarded to this headquarters.

For the Theater Commander :

Sgd. H. M. RUND.

Colonel, AGD.

Asst. Adj. General.

Attachment No. 000.

Interrogation in section one, France since 30 April 1944, by Army Security  
Bureau - second lieutenant John C. Campbell, O-11348, male, reported  
J. VII crew members of B-136 false aircraft, number 45-10405.

VLO 887, c/o Postmaster, New York.

European Theater of Operations.

To : Commanding General, United States Forces.

Room No. 4903, Washington 25, D.C.

Office of origin: Military Personnel, Security Branch, G-2 Section.

(30 Jan 45)

File No. VSCB-2 107

30 January 1945

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Washington

The Adjutant General's Office

War Department

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1. The crew of Campbell with disposition known to the <sup>Office</sup> ~~list~~ <sup>list</sup>.

2. Lt. Joseph F Regan - - - when interrogated by PW & 2nd Lt. Smith, M's, ~~gave~~ ~~gave~~ gave this information:

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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.

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.

### 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) JOSEPH F. REGAN

Signed

*Joseph F. Regan*

Rank 2nd Lt. A. S. N. 0-816693

Dated

2 SEPT 1943

Unit 92nd Bomb Group

Witness

*Charles A. Byron*  
*1st Lt. A.C.*

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *REGAN Joseph F 2nd Lt 0-816693*

Unit:- *92nd Bomb Group*

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? *No*
- b. If not, why? *LOST IN AIRPLANE BEFORE PARACHUTING*
- 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?
- 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? *No*  
State color of stripes and letters.  
If NOT, State why not.

- b. Did you use the purse?

*No*

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

Maps. Which ones?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.  
How did you spend the money?

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

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?

*YES*

b. Did you use them?

*YES*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?  
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

*YES*

*PRIOR TO MISSION BY INTELLIGENCE AT 92ND HOGTS*

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?

*No*



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.,.....)

THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES I HAVE BEEN  
IN ARE NOW IN ~~THE~~ ALLIED HANDS.

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MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE  
AMERICAN CONSULATE  
GIBRALTAR

2 September 1944

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1. Pursuant to authority contained in WD Cablegram, Number 45, Dated 4 February 1943, the officer named below, having reported at this station on 2 September 1944, is placed on temporary duty at this station. Upon completion of this temporary duty you will proceed by first available transportation to LONDON, ENGLAND, where you will report to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, U.S. Army. In lieu of reimbursement for actual expenses a payment of a flat per diem of \$5.00 exclusive of transportation charges is authorized while traveling on official business (except by belligerent or government vessel) and while on temporary duty at this station, in accordance with existing law and regulations.  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

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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) *REGAN, JOSEPH F.*

Signed *Joseph F. Regan*

Rank *2nd Lt* A.S.N. *4-816693*

Dated *2 Sept 44* Place *Subalter*

Unit *92nd Bomb Group*

Witness *Thos W. Mohr*

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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 Forces;  
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  
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Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

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30 April - On the way back from target shot down by fighter. The pilot bombarded killed in the plane, ~~there were~~ out the five enlisted men in the back were killed. Went out cart 1400. I delayed until 5000 then the chute did not work it opened at 3500. Saw nothing in the air.

Landed in a farmers fields south of Tilly Flum (Loiret). ~~Came into~~ (walked with chute towards some men. I gave it to a young boy (who later instead of hiding it gave it to the mayor who turned it over to the Germans) the man wanted to help me but his wife was afraid, so I left. Walked down the road 2 french boys hid me in the woods for 2 days. The second night the took me to a deserted house where I stayed 24 hrs. That night at 10 PM. A man took me in a cart. Took me to a Vicune-~~et~~ en-Val (Loiret) I stayed with RENE' BERGE (keeping his family summer home, they were teachers in Orleans, aged 20, helped the mayor) stayed 19<sup>th</sup> days. A man called MARTEL (owns a home house in Paris) brought me clothes on the 15 May. - (Martel was a gunnery)

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on the 21<sup>st</sup> May Martel took me to  
Phitivier to a man who has a sugar  
refinery. Stayed there 4 hrs. His chauffeur  
took me to CHAILLEURS - AUX - BOIS.

(Loret) stayed there with me & mine EMILE  
<sup>was in Paris with my mother</sup> MENOU. I stayed there for 43 days. So no  
one else. - Finally an organisation from  
Paris picked me up. An English organisation -  
On the 2 July taken to Paris by Mr Monais  
MONAIS who had come to get me. He told  
me he was from a different circuit.  
In Paris I saw a chief who I think  
was English (a thin man, black hair, 32  
was in paratroops for a while, made 4 jumps)  
He saw me in the hotel (I was staying

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I stayed in the hotel 8 days. Got false  
papers (in Belgium taken by English)

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day a woman called Mrs FERN  
BERGER (English her husband an officer in the  
Australian army, <sup>was</sup> aged 43) we bicycled from  
Paris to Bordeaux - (Route Tourvy - Etampes  
→ Orleans → Blois → Tours → Chateaufort.  
→ Poitiers → Melle → Cognac  
→ Barthezieux. → Bordeaux. took us  
5 1/2 days.



Joseph F. Reegan

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I was deaf & drunk. - In Bordeaux we  
stayed with M et Mme <sup>He is engaged to daughter of hotel owner.</sup>  
RENAUD.

11 Rue SURSON. I stayed there 25 days.

A man named Benito took me  
by truck to Bayonne. Stayed one  
night at Bayonne on the 13 August.

The next day we drove to St. Jean-de-Liz  
we crossed the frontiere South of Henday. 2 km  
in the center of a village. -

From ~~the~~ there to Irun, from  
Irun to Rithau. —> Melhao stayed 4 days  
with a family (the english took away the  
address from me) —> Melhao by car to  
Madrid got in touch with the British  
consul consul gave me english papers  
my name Joseph Hanley, home town

Cape Town, S. Africa. — stayed there 13 days. —

left by train for Gibraltar. Stayed 8 hrs  
there. Saw Col Foster. — left by plane

Gibraltar on the 2d at 2:40 pm and got  
to U.K. in the morning. —