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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.

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) Bruce D. Macdonald
Rank 1st Lt., A.C. A. S. N. O-806715
Unit 701st Sq., 445th B.G., 8th AF

Signed Bruce D. Macdonald
Dated 5 Sept 44
Witness Helen J. Hines, Capt., AFAC

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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(WEL) PERSONNEL

5 Sept 44
(Date)

Bruce D. Macdonald 1st Lt. 0806715
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Rocket Installation 30
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: 20 June 44

Returned to UK: 5 Sept 44

701st Sq., 445th B.G., 8th A.F.
(Unit)

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

PILOT 1st Lt. Charles H. Thornton - escapee (I saw him in France)

CO-PILOT Myself

NAVIGATOR Unknown

BOMBARDIER Nose Gunner - Unknown

RADIO OPERATOR T/sgt Brotherton - Unknown

TOP TURRET GUNNER T/sgt Prizinzano - I believe killed by flak

BELL TURRET GUNNER Unknown

WING GUNNER AS/sgt Harley Jones - escapee (also seen in France)

WING GUNNER S/sgt Krapff - Unknown

TAIL GUNNER S/sgt McGarry - "

Three men were killed in ship

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. 20 June 44, 0700
between Dieppe and Rouen

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

Flak burst in bomb bay, fire, controls inoperative

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 18,000 ft.

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

Three did not get out, probably hit by flak

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

The pilot, co-pilot (myself) and gunner Jones are alive, and several other chutes were seen

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Don't know

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

Yes - Pilot and Gunner Jones alive (seen 2 months later)

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.

The French people described a man like Tail-Gunner McGarry being taken prisoner, and also reported three bodies in ship.

(over)

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

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

ETA 1515

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-806715 Rank 1st Lt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) BRUCE D. MAC DONALD

Unit 701st Bomb Sq, 445th Bomb Gp

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)

on 5 Sept 19 44 and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

Robert H. Bacon
Major 2/Lt, Ac.

IMPORTANT:

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH) AN OFFICER OF M.I.9
OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X DET.-M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

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

EVASION CAPTURED/xxxxxx FROM (Name of Country) France.....

For all Personnel.

1. No. 0806715..... Rank... 1st Lt..... Name. Bruce D. MacDonald...
(U.K. Army, Temp. or F/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F. No. of medals) Air Medal, 3 clusters, 30 Miss.
3. Were you wounded? Give details... No.....
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force)... 701. B. Sqn.....
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 445. B. Grp. 6. Gp. (21. Gp., 22nd, etc.) Co-Pilot...
7. Date of Birth... 16 February 20..... Length of Service 2yrs. & 9 mos.....
9. Peace time occupation... Clerk..... Private address 8512 152nd St....
Jamaica, N. Y.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dog Tags, E. & E. photos
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Fair 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 FELL OUT.

15. Post in Crew.... Co-Pilot.....
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 Thornton, --Saw him Saint-Saen, 1 Sept. 44.....
CO-PILOT Narrator.....
NAVIGATOR... Unknown.....
BOMBARDIER.....
RADIO OPERATOR... T/Sgt Brotherton--unknown.....
TOP TURRET GUNNER... S/Sgt Prizinzano --killed in action.....
BALL TURRET GUNNER... Unknown.....
WAIST GUNNER (R) I. S/Sgt Jones --Saw him Saint-Saen, 1 Sept 44.....
WAIST GUNNER (L.)... Unknown.....
TAIL GUNNER... S/Sgt McGarry--Unknown.....
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure... B-24, Tibenham, Norfolk...
0400, 20 June 44.....
18. Where and when did you come down?... Seine-Superior. 1/2 way between Dieppe...
and Rouen, 0700, 20 June 44.....
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and bag, etc.....
Left them in haystack.....
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?.... Crashed and burned.....

Interview by I.S.9. (WFA)

Date... 5. September 44.....

I grade this evasion No. 5.

Attached:

Appendix "X"
Appendix "Y"
Appendix "Z"

Disposal: Returned to unit.....

ROBERT BACON
2d Lt, AC

Major

Robert Bacon

Bruce D. McDonald

Approximately 10 July saw three flying bombs going south into France. Approximately 20 July heard a plane in vicinity, and a definite cutting in of a flying bomb.

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APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. IS9(WEA)6/18/645

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

No. 0806715 Rank. 1st Lt Name Bruce D. McDonald

Date of Interview 5 September 44

St Victor-1'Abbaye

M. le Cure R. Petit
M Andre Gosse
M. Le Cam

Bullencombres

Emile Girot

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MIA 20 June

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