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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 35647617 Rank S/Sgt.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) COOKSEY. K.Q.

Unit 326 Sqdn 92 Yp (B)

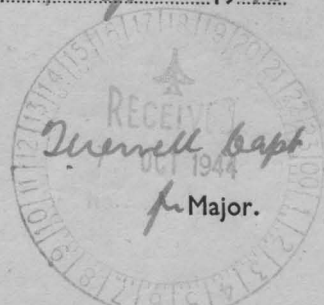
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and has signed a Security Certificate. ✓

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

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M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.



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This Officer/W.O./N.C.O. has special information on the following subjects:—

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) \_\_\_\_\_

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

has been fully/briefly interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.2.2 (WEA) on \_\_\_\_\_

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should should not be re-interrogated.

Major

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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) COOKSEY KERMIT A  
Rank S/sgt A. S. N. 35647617  
Unit 92nd B.G. 326th B.S.

Signed Kermit A Cooksey  
Dated Sept 6-44  
Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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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

Sept 6-44  
(Date)

COOKSEY KERMITH S/sgt 35647617  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Rail road near ST Omer  
F. reuse 20  
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: July 8-44

Returned to UK: Sept 6-44

92ND BG 326th B.S.  
(Unit)

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

PILOT Lt Sabine - Killed

CO-PILOT -

NAVIGATOR -

BOMBARDIER Lt Johnson - Killed

RADIO OPERATOR T/sgt Moyer - Safe

TOP TURRET GUNNER T/sgt Nelson - Killed

BALL TURRET GUNNER Sgt Rackeigle - Killed

W/ST GUNNER }  
W/ST GUNNER } S/sgt Cooksey - safe

TAIL GUNNER S/sgt Darden - safe

July 8-44 - 8:10 ST Saine France

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

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

Direct Flack Hit - 25000 ft - descending in dive - engines running  
Plane exploded

at approximately what altitude did source bail out?

approximately 300 or less ft - bailed before plane crashed. (myself)

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

yes - Pilot - Co Pilot - Navigator - Bombardier - T. T Gunner - B. T. Gunner

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

W/air Gunner Radio man  
Tail Gunner

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 - Tail Gunner was returned to house where I was staying.

Radio man was living in nearby village - exchanged notes

(over)



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

yes - Totally destroyed

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?

The dead were buried in village of plane crash - near wreckage.

Were you wounded?

yes - Head injury - Ankle & back slightly.

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?

Brief - by English.

What souvenirs do you still possess?

Home address. 1204 Sycamore St - Ashland, Ky.

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.

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE

For All Personnel.

1. No. 0 35647617 Rank S/Sjt Name COOKSEY K.Q.  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Air Medal. 20.
3. Were you wounded? Give details. Injured on landing. Head, back and 1 ankle.
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 326 Sqn (B)
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 92 (B) 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) -
7. Date of Birth 8 Sep 1920 8. Length of Service 2 yrs.
9. Peace time occupation Service Stn Operator 10. Private address
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Tags 6 Photos. ( 3 full 3 L )
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 TROOPSWHO BALE OUT

15. Post in Crew Waist Gunner.
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 SABIN.       | Killed.  |
| CO-PILOT           | } New to crew.  | -do-   |
| NAVIGATOR          |                 | -do-   |
| BOMBARDIER         | Lt JOHNSON.     | -do-   |
| RADIO OPERATOR     | T/Sjt MOYER.    | Evading last heard of BRAUSSAULT (NWE 4 M 5538.) Aug 4th 44. |
| TOP TURRET GUNNER  | T/Sjt NELSON.   | Killed.  |
| BALL TURRET GUNNER | Sjt RUCKREIGLE. | "  |
| WAIST GUNNER (R.)  | } Narrator.     |  |
| WAIST GUNNER (L.)  |                 |  |
| TAIL GUNNER        | S/Sjt DARDEN.   | See I.S.9 WEA/1/144.   |
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B.17 PODDINGTON. 8 JUL 44. 0400 hrs.
18. Where and when did you come down? NESLE HODENG ( M 5442 ) 0810 hrs.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Taken by French.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? A/c totally destroyed.

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TOP TURRET GUNNER T/Sgt NELSON. Killed.  
BALL TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt RUCKENSTEIN.  
WAIST GUNNER (R.) } Navigator.  
WAIST GUNNER (L.) }  
TAIL GUNNER S/Sgt DARDEN. See I.S.9 WEA/V/144.  
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B.17 BOBBINGTON 8 JUL 44. 0400 hrs.

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

18. Where and when did you come down? 4 Sep 44

19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and map case? Taken by French.  
Briefly interrogated.

Attached:

Appendix "B"

"C"

"D"

Disposal:

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request that the en-  
identity card  
be returned on  
due course



APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 WEA/V 139.975

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 4 Sep 44.

Map Used: NWE 4.

Helped by:

1. ROGER CRESSENT Schoolmaster. NESLE HODENG  
PAR SAINT SAIRE ( M 5442 )
2. M & M<sup>me</sup> MAURICE MARECHAL Farmer.  
ST SAIRE. ( M 5441 )
3. M<sup>lle</sup> JACQUELINE LEFEBURE  
NESLE HODENG PAR SAINT SAIRE.



## APPENDIX "D" TO E. &amp; E. REPORT No.

I.S.9 WEA/1/139/995

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Unit 326 SQN. 92 GP. (B)

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.

1. AIDS BOXES.

- (a) Did you use your aids box ? Yes.
- (b) If not, why not ?
- (c) If you used it, state briefly when and where
- (d) What did you use ? Helped immediately. Hidden and then after liberation given to helpers.
- (e) Did any of the items prove unsatisfactory ?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box ?
- (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 ?
- No.

2. PURSE.

- (a) Did you carry a purse ? If not, why not ?
- State colour of purse
- (b) Did you use it ?
- (c) If so which of the items in it were used ? Maps ?
- Compass ? File ?
- Foreign currency State countries and amounts used ? See above.
- What was it spent for ?
- (d) How did you dispose of : Maps File
- Compass Surplus currency
3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion ? Yes Pencil Clip Compass. 3 small compasses sewed on trousers.

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS.

- Did you carry any passport size photographs ? If so, how many ? 6 ( 3 full 3 L )
- Did you use them ? Yes.

5. LECTURES.

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape ? State where, when, and by whom if possible ? Yes.
- Frequently at SQN by Station I.Os and E & Es. Early 1944.
- (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 ? No.

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WIA 8 July

Murvell Kapsch  
Major.

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