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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 388.6 (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 supercedes letter, AG 388.6 (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**.
- 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) George B. Smiler IV
Rank Major A. S. N. 0-791733
Unit 322nd Bomb Gp. 451 Sgd.

Signed George B. Smiler IV
Dated Sept. 7, 1944
Witness _____

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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

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-791733 Rank Major

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) George B. Simler IV

Unit 451st Bomb Sq, 322^d Bomb Grp 9th AF

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)
on 6 Sept 19 44 and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

MIA: 8 July

Robert H Bacon
Major 2/Lt, AC.

IMPORTANT:

THIS CERTIFICATE ~~SHOULD~~ BE OBTAINED 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.

If E & E is returned to the United Kingdom, he will report to 63 Brooks

Street, London

He has information about flying-bomb
sites in Norway.

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

EVASION CAPTURED/~~EXCITED~~ FROM (Name of Country) France.....

For all Personnel.

- 1. No...0791733..... Rank..Major..... Name, George B. Simler, .IV.
(U.K. Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions).. DFC (1 cluster) Air Medal (9 plus)
59 Missions
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details.. No.....
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force)... 322nd B. Grp.....
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force).. 451. Sqn. 6. Job. (Pl. Cnd., Rfn., etc.).... Pilot....
- 7. Date of Birth.. 16 February 21..... 8. Length of Service.. 2 yrs. 10 mos....
- 9. Peace time occupation.... Student..... 10. Private address. 200 N. Waldran Blvd
Memphis, Tennessee
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph?... Dog Tags.....
- 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..... 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..... Sea 1st Lt. Charles W. Blight's Report No. 29.....
CO-PILOT..... 1355.....
NAVIGATOR.....
BOMBARDIER.....
RADIO OPERATOR.....
TOP TURRET GUNNER.....
BALL TURRET GUNNER.....
WAIST GUNNER (R.).....
WAIST GUNNER (L.).....
TAIL GUNNER.....
- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure.. B-26, England, July 8, 1944
0000 hrs
- 18. Where and when did you come down?.....
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?... Left in center..
of wheat field
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?.. Plane crashed and burned,....

Interview by I.S.9.(WEA)
Date 6 September 44.....

Attached:
Appendix "X"
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Robert Bacon

ROBERT BACON
2d Lt, AC

Disposal:..Returned to unit....

~~TOP SECRET~~

George B. Simler, IV

Approximately 10 July, ten miles west Dillens, I was told by Wadislaw Gradski, a Polish refugee, that there were super flying bomb sites on the south west coast of Norway aimed at England soon to be put into use.

French told us that all guns moved out of Maginot Line.

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