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

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-672929 Rank 1/Lt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Charles W. Blight

Unit 451st Bomb Sq, 322nd Bomb Grp 9th

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.

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Robert Bacon
~~Major~~ 2/Lt, Ae.

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

EVADED CAPTURED/~~DISCOVERED~~ (Name of Country) FranceFor all Personnel.

1. No. 0-672929 Rank 1st Lt., AC Name Charles W. BLIGHT
(U.K: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Air Medal, 2 Silver Clusters, DFC, 59 miss
3. Were you wounded? Give details. No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 451 Bomb. Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 322 B. Gp. 6. Job. (Pl. Cmd., Rfn., etc.) Bombardier
7. Date of Birth 14 Jan 1918 8. Length of Service 3 yrs, 5 mos.
9. Peace time occupation Mechanical 10. Private address 740 Adams St.
Denver, Colo.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags, PW Photos
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? French

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

13. No. and location of C.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. Bombardier
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.
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|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| PILOT | <u>Major George B. Simler</u> | <u>Evaded</u> |
| CO-PILOT | <u>2nd Lt. Edward B. Moser</u> | <u>Evaded</u> |
| NAVIGATOR | <u>Capt. Harold J. Mecke</u> | <u>Evaded</u> |
| BOMBARDIER | <u>1st Lt. Charles W. Blight</u> | <u>Evaded</u> |
| RADIO OPERATOR | <u>T/Sgt. George R. Hill</u> | <u>PW</u> |
| TOP TURRET GUNNER | <u>S/Sgt. R.J. Tippett</u> | <u>PW</u> |
| BALL TURRET GUNNER | } | <u>Captured (Told by French)</u> |
| WAIST GUNNER (R.) | | |
| WAIST GUNNER (L.) | | |
| TAIL GUNNER | <u>S/Sgt. W.I. Windstead</u> | <u>PW</u> |
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-26, Andrews Field, England,
July 7, 1944, 0000 hrs.
18. Where and when did you come down? Near Abbeville, July 8, 0145 hrs.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Placed them under vines.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

Interview by I.S.9.(WEA)

Date 6 Sep 1944

Attached:

Appendix "X"
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ROBERT BACON
2nd Lt., ACDisposal: Returned to unit.

Major

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12th Army Group2 (less G)
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No. 0-672929 Rank 1st Lt., AC Name Charles W. BLIGHT

Date of Interview 6 Sep 1944

Help was received from the following:

Gilbert - Near Doullens

Bloquet, V. - Doullens

Bourbier - Colincamp)

Leeck, B. - Beaumont Hamel) N/W of Albert about 5 km.

Penet, J. - Colincamp)

Johnson - Romaucourt (Near Arras).

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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) CHARLES W. BLIGHT
Rank 1ST LT, AC A. S. N. 0-672929
Unit 322ND GR, 451ST SQD IX AF.

Signed Charles W. Blight
Dated Agst 7, 1944
Witness _____

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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

SEPT 7 1944
(Date)

BLIGHT CHARLES W. 1ST LT. 0-672929
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

VI HQ 59
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: JULY 8, 1944

322ND BR. 451ST BOMB SQ. 9 AIF.
(Unit)

Returned to UK: SEPT. 7, 1944

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

- PILOT *G.B. SIMMER For names of crew see Maj Simmer's report.*
- CO-PILOT *MOSER, G.B. 2ND LT.*
- NAVIGATOR *MECKE, H.J. CAPT.*
- BOMBARDIER *BLIGHT, CHARLES W. evaded.*
- RADIO OPERATOR *HILL, G.R. T/SGT.*
- TOP TURRET GUNNER *TIPPETT, R.J. S/SGT.*
- BELL TURRET GUNNER
- W/ST GUNNER
- W/ST GUNNER
- TAIL GUNNER *WINSTAD, W. S/SGT.*

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. *July 8, 1944 01:45, 10 miles W of Bouillon.*

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc? *Controls had been shot away.*

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? *6,000 feet*

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? *none*

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? *All members of the crew bailed and, All parachutes opened.*

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? *I saw the Pilot, co-pilot and navigator.*

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 civilians told me that the other enlisted members of the crew were captured. The

(over) *names were not given.*

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.

crashed on land

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

The pilot, co pilot, navigator, and bombardier evaded. We evaded together. The three gunners are believed to be P.W.s.

Were you wounded? *no*

Were you in German hands? *no*

Did you kill any Germans in escaping? *none*

Have you previously given the names of your helpers? *yes.*

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given. *none*

What security briefing were you given? *Complete*

What souvenirs do you still possess? *none*

Home address. *740 ADAMS ST, DENVER, COLORADO*

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

TIPPETT, R.J. 5/567.

HILL, G.R. T/567.

WINSTEAD, W. 5/567.

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