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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

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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
J.A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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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) *Hillard, Major M. J.* Signed *Major M. J. Hillard*
Rank... *2nd Lt.* A.S.N. *0-817071* Dated *9/9/44* Place.....
Unit *67th Group 107th Sqn* Witness.....

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH AIR FORCE

APO 696, US Army,
8 September 1944

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : 2nd Lt. Major M. Hillard Jr., O-817031 67 T.A.C. Gp.

You will proceed on or about 8 September 1944 from Headquarters, Ninth Air Force to the United States Special Reception Center, 63 Brook Street, London, W-1, England. TDN by IFT, mil acft or rail. 60-156 P 432-02 A 212/50435.

By command of Major General VANDEBERG:

V H STRAHM
Brig Gen, USA,
C of S.

OFFICIAL:

C R BLIZZARD
Lt Col, A.C.,
Asst Adj Gen.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-817031 Rank 2d Lt.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Major M. HILLARD JR.

Unit 67 GP. 107 Tac. Rcn. Sq.

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)
on 4 Sept. 19 44 and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

Edward P. Arnold
EDWARD P. ARNOLD Major
Capt, 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.

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

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

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

1. No. 0-817031 Rank 2d Lt. Name Major M. Hillard Jr.
(U.K. Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 2
3. Were you wounded? Give details No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 107 Tac. Bn. Sq.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 67 GP. 6. Job. (Pl. Cmd. Rtn., etc.) Pilot
7. Date of Birth 28 Aug. 1922 8. Length of Service 18 mos.
9. Peace time occupation student 10. Private address Route #3
Portsmouth, Virginia.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph Dogetags
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? A little 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 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.....
- CO-PILOT.....
- 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 P-51 C. Le Molay 9 Aug. 44 1630
18. Where and when did you come down? NE of Lavergue 1900
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? French took them
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

Interview by I.S.9.(WEA)

Date 4 Sept. 1944

Attached:

Appendix ~~XXX~~Appendix ~~XXX~~Appendix ~~XXX~~Disposal: Returned to unit.

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Major
EDWARD P. ARNOLD
Capt, AC

Mission: NE of Lavergur-Recce

While taking photos at 800 ft. hit by small arms and ~~ME~~ fire- crash landed. Plane was not destroyed by self--received help immediately. Hid in woods and taken to stable. Picked up by Marquis took me to a small village. Stayed four nights, moved to Granvilliers, stayed one night, town filled of soldiers so moved to another village (Briol) where I stayed in a house til Allies came.

Germans slept in same house. Civilian clothes put on first day down. When British Recce Unit ~~and~~ had passed through I joined the Recon. Unit and proceeded with them on their mission. Came back to Granvilliers and fought with them against Germans. I assisted in attacking a truck load of German soldiers and destroyed a truck and several German soldiers. Went back to Briol and caught ride toward Amiens and was picked up by British officers who took me to Hqrs. Taken to RAF who brought us to Paris on 2 Sept. 44.

Was interrogated and ~~and~~ identified by G-2 Seine Base Section.

This evader did not carry his aids box as he thought he would not need it. The same applies to the Purse. He received his lecture at his home base. It did prove of importance to him while evading.

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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(WEA) PERSONNEL

9/9/44
(Date)

Hillard, Major M. Jr. 2nd LT 0-817031
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

67th Gray 107th Sqn.
(Target) (Number of missions) (Unit)

Date Missing in Action: 8/10/44

Returned to UK: 9/9/44

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

PILOT Major M. Hillard, Jr.

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WALIST GUNNER

WALIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. 8/10/44 1830 Granville

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

Did not bail out.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

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

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

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

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

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.

(over)

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

Broken in half.

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?

Were you wounded? *No.*

Were you in German hands? *No*

Did you kill any Germans in escaping? *yes*

Have you previously given the names of your helpers? *No*

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given.

What security briefing were you given? *Escape & Evasion.*

What souvenirs do you still possess? *None.*

Home address. *Route #3 Portsmouth Va.*

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.