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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) M. E. GINLEY, William C. Signed William C. GINLEY
Rank Sgt A.S.N. 170.14751 Dated Sept 10 Place La. St.
Unit 392 BG 579 BS Witness Captain Kilman the CO

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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

KIS/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 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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(See Reverse Side)

CONFIDENTIAL *REF# 1874*

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 17014751 Rank S/Sgt
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) William C. Mc Gintley
Unit 392 Bomb. Gp

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)
on 9 Sept 19 44 and has signed a Security Certificate.
He ~~should~~/should not be re-interrogated.

Robert 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.

If E & E is returned to the United Kingdom, he will
report to 63¹ Brook Street, London.

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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P/W & X Det. MIS

~~G-2 Div., SEAF~~

~~(Less App. "C" & "D")~~

File

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

EVADED CAPTURED ~~RESCUED~~ FROM (Name of Country) BelgiumFor all Personnel.

1. No. 17014751 Rank S/Sgt. Name William C. McGINLEY
(U.K: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 9 missions, Air Medal
3. Were you wounded? Give details. No - frozen leg
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 579 Bomb. Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 392 Bomb. Gp. 6. Job. (Pl. Cmd., Rfn., etc.) Tail gunner.
7. Date of Birth 21 August 1922 8. Length of Service 3 yrs. 4 mos.
9. Peace time occupation School 10. Private address R.I. Mabelrale
Arkansas
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Yes - no 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 BAIL OUT.

15. Post in Crew. Tail 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 | <u>Lt. John Stukus</u> | <u>POW</u> |
| CO-PILOT | <u>Lt. John Moffat</u> | <u>POW</u> |
| NAVIGATOR | <u>Lt. Rondal Lindlow</u> | <u>Unknown</u> |
| BOMBARDIER | <u>Lt. Lester Gentry</u> | <u>Unknown</u> |
| RADIO OPERATOR | <u>T/Sgt. J.R. Dykes</u> | <u>Escaped from PW train</u> |
| TOP TURRET GUNNER | <u>T/Sgt. W.R. Maston</u> | <u>Evaded</u> |
| BALL TURRET GUNNER | <u>S/Sgt. L.P. Rosetti</u> | <u>Evaded</u> |
| WAIST GUNNER (R.) | <u>S/Sgt. A.N. Poalontiona</u> | <u>Evaded</u> |
| WAIST GUNNER (L.) | <u>S/Sgt. J.E. McCavay</u> | <u>Evaded</u> |
| TAIL GUNNER | <u>S/Sgt. W.C. McGINLEY</u> | <u>Evaded</u> |
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure. Lib. 484. Windling, 29 Jan 1944.
0730 hrs.
18. Where and when did you come down? Near Waterloo, Belgium, 29 Jan 1944, 1300 hrs.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Belgians hit it.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Plane exploded, crashed, and burned.

Interview by I.S. 9. (WEA)

Date 9 Sep 1944

I grade this evasion No. 5.

Attached:

Appendix "B"
Appendix "C"
Appendix "D"

Robert Bacon
ROBERT BACON

Disposal: Returned to unit.

2nd Lt., AC

Major

DISTRIBUTION:

Hq. I.S. 9 (WEA)2
12th Army Group2 (less C)
9 AF1 "

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S. 9 (WEA)/6/94/773

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

No. 17014751 Rank S/Sgt. Name William C. McGINLEY

Date of Interview 9 Sep 1944

I was helped by the following:

Mr. Henry Vander Build - Chapal St. Lambert

The Ford car dealer at Nivell.

In Brussels I got in touch with Madame Ann. She knows all the places we stayed. I don't know any of their addresses for fear of capture by the Germans who might force me to tell them.

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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 (WIA) PERSONNEL

Sept 10, 1944
(Date)

McGinley W.C. Capt 17014751
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
Frankfort 9th
(Target) (Number of missions)
392 BG 579 BS
(Unit)

Date Missing in Action: *JAN 29*
Returned to UK: *Belgium*

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

PILOT *Stukus, J. P.W.*
CO-PILOT *Moffat, J.I. PW*
NAVIGATOR *Lindlow, R.N. ?*
BOMBARDIER *Jentry L.P. Killed*
RADIO OPERATOR *Dykes J.R. Evaded*
TOP TURRET GUNNER *Mattson W.R. "*
MID TURRET GUNNER *Postia R.P. "*
WING GUNNER *Portantonia A.N. "*
WING GUNNER *McCay J.E. "*
TAIL GUNNER *McGinley W.C. "*
NAV *Crouch MC. "*

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. *near Waterloo Belgium*

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

On Fire - and shot up badly.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? *2000 ft.*

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? *No*

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

All but Bombardier, I think

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? *Yes and in air also.*

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

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.

*We were told that 3 were P.W. and 2 were killed.
(over) But scense them things have turned out different.
Dead- Bom. PW. P. Co P. Nav.*

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

No. Because of the Germans guards.

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?

We were told that 2 were killed but I don't know what to say.

Were you wounded?

Froze.

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?

I sign the security slip in France -

What souvenirs do you still possess?

only post cards.

Home address.

R.I. Mabelvale Arkansas.

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.

All I know of has evaded