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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) PAOLANTONIO ANTHONY L Signed Anthony F. Paolantonio
 Rank S/Sgt A.S.N. 32428719 Dated SEPT. 10, 1944 Place London
 Unit 392 B.G. 579 B.Sg Witness.....

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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 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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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 10, 1944
(Date)

PAOLANTONIO ANTHONY L. S/Sgt-32428719
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Frankfort 8
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: JAN 29, 1944

Returned to UK: SEPT 7, 1947

392 B. Sq. 579 B. Sq.
(Unit)

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

PILOT 1st Lt. J. STOKOS - prisoner

CO-PILOT 2nd Lt. J. MOFFAT - prisoner

NAVIGATOR 2nd Lt. R. LINDLOW - killed

BOMBARDIER 2nd Lt. K. GENTRY - killed

RADIO OPERATOR T/Sgt. J. DYKES - escaped

TOP TURRET GUNNER T/Sgt. B. MATTSOON - escaped

TAIL TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt. L. ROSATI - escaped

WAIIST GUNNER S/Sgt. A. PAOLANTONIO - escaped

WAIIST GUNNER S/Sgt. J. McHenry - escaped

TAIL GUNNER S/Sgt. W. Mc Ginley - escaped

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

JAN 29, 1944 - 13:00 WATERLOO - Belgium.

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

It was on fire when we bailed out and about 10 seconds later it blew up in mid air.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

5000 FT

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

I don't know

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

Every body bailed out except bombardier and navigator

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

It exploded in the air and when it hit the ground

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

I went up with 5 of the boys.

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.

after I hit the ground I was told 2 men were killed in plane
(over)

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.

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

Were you wounded?

A cut on my leg

Were you in German hands?

No

Did you kill any Germans in escaping?

No

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?

What souvenirs do you still possess?

Photos taken after Bruxelles was free.

Home address.

158 D'eyeste St North Jarrytown N.

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

Don't know

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

Don't know

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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~~G-2 Div., SHAEP~~

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

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 32428719 Rank 2/Lt
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Anthony L. Paolantonio
Unit 392 B 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 H 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 ~~the~~ to 63 Brook Street, London.

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

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) BelgiumFor all Personnel.

1. No. 32428719 Rank S/Sgt. Name Anthony L. PAOLANTONIO
(U.K. Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Air Medal 8 missions
3. Were you wounded? Give details. No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 579th Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 392 B. Gp. 6. Job. (Pl. Cmd., Rfn., etc.) Waist Gunner
7. Date of Birth 21 Jan 1921 8. Length of Service 2 yrs. 1 month
9. Peace time occupation Factory worker 10. Private address 158 Depeyster Street
North Tarrytown, N.Y.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dog tags, photos
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Italian

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. 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.
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|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| PILOT | <u>Lt. J. Stukus</u> | <u>Prisoner</u> |
| CO-PILOT | <u>Lt. J. Moffat</u> | <u>Prisoner</u> |
| NAVIGATOR | <u>R. Lindlow</u> | <u>Killed in plane</u> |
| BOMBARDIER | <u>L. Gentry</u> | <u>Killed in plane</u> |
| RADIO OPERATOR | <u>J. Dykes</u> | <u>Escaped</u> |
| TOP TURRET GUNNER | <u>B. Mattson</u> | <u>"</u> |
| BALL TURRET GUNNER | <u>L. Rosati</u> | <u>"</u> |
| WAIST GUNNER (R.) | <u>A.L. Paolantonio</u> | <u>"</u> |
| WAIST GUNNER (L.) | <u>J. McCrary</u> | <u>"</u> |
| TAIL GUNNER | <u>W. McGinley</u> | <u>"</u> |
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure. B-24H. Liberator. Wendling
29 Jan 1944, 2000 hrs.
18. Where and when did you come down? Waterloo, Belgium
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Belgians took them.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Ship exploded in mid air.

Interview by I.S.9. (WEA)

Date 9 Sep 1944

Attached:

Appendix "B"

Appendix "C"

Appendix "D"

I grade this evasion 5.

Robert H. Bacon
ROBERT BACON
2nd Lt., AC

Major

Disposal: Returned to unit.

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12th Army Group2 (less C)
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APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No.

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

No. 32428719 Rank S/Sgt. Name Anthony L. PAOLANTONIO

Date of Interview 9 Sep 1944

I was helped by the following:

Mr. & Mrs. Bottelier
29 Rue Verite
Anderlecht
Brussels, Belgium

I stayed with these people 7 weeks.

Mr. & Mrs. Vander Meiren
12 Rue Navez
Shaeerbeck
Brussels, Belgium

I stayed with these people 10 days.

I know a lot of other people that hid me but I did not take their addresses because of the Gestapo.