

EXE# 1933

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

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-768398 Rank 2ND Lt.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) THOMAS R. Whitmore

Unit 390 B Gp 570th B Gp

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)
on 9 Sept 1944 and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

Howard P. Arnold
Major *Capt & S.*

IMPORTANT:

THIS CERTIFICATE ~~SHOULD~~ 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 ~~XXXXXX~~ FROM (Name of Country) .. FRANCE ..

For all Personnel.

1. No. 0-768393 Rank... 2nd Lt. Name... THOMAS. R. WHITMORE ..
(U.K: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) none
3. Were you wounded? Give details yes, flak thru rt. forearm
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) .. 570th Bomb Sqn
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 390 B.G. 6. Job. (Pl. Cmd., Rtn., etc.) .. Co. Pilot ..
7. Date of Birth .. May 28, 1921 8. Length of Service .. 18 mos.
9. Peace time occupation .. Student 10. Private address .. 2769 Arnold Way
Corwallis, Oregon
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 Co-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. Anthony J. Forte - unknown
- CO-PILOT. Narrator
- NAVIGATOR. Charles C. Arnao - unknown
- BOMBARDIER. Gregary W. Callius - unknown
- RADIO OPERATOR. Robt. T. McKnight - unknown
- TOP TURRET GUNNER .. Roland O'Leary believed returned
- BALL TURRET GUNNER Donald Jirek - " "
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) .. none
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) .. Sideroff - unknown
- TAIL GUNNER. John Graddeack - unknown
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure. B-17G - Framingham, Eng. ..
..... 1 Aug 1944 1000 hrs.
18. Where and when did you come down? S. of Tours 1430 hrs.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mac west? Do not know ..
..... was unconscious ..
..... when I landed.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? .. unknown

Interview by I.S.9. (WEA)

Date .. 9 Sept. 1944

Attached:

Appendix "B"

Appendix "C"

Appendix "D"

I grade this evasion No. 5

Disposal: .. Returned to unit ..

Joseph A. Birdwell
JOSEPH A. BIRDWELL
1st. Lt/, AC

Major

DISTRIBUTION:

Hq. I.S.9 (WEA) 2
12th Army Group 2 (less C)
9th AF 1

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA) / 6 / 496 / 1681

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

No. 0-768393 Rank 2nd Lt. Name THOMAS R. WHITMORE

Date of Interview 9 Sept. 1944

(1) Marcel Paulain - Luzille (Indre Et. Loire)

Taken away when I landed as I was unconscious - Helpers unknown
Was kept by Marquis in the Woods for 31 days - no names

Was kept in hospital at Loches and moved by FFI when Germans came
kept in ~~XXXXXXXX~~ old age home for 3 days.

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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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(See Reverse Side)

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) THOMAS R. WHITMORE Signed Thomas R. Whitmore
 Rank 2ND LT A.S.N. 2-768893 Dated..... Place.....
 Unit 390 BOMB GR Witness.....
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SECRET

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

10 SEPT 44
(Date)

WHITMORE, THOMAS R., 2ND LT, O-768373
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TOURS, FRANK
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: 14 AUG 44

Returned to UK: 10 SEPT 44

390th Bomb GR
(Unit)

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

PILOT

A. H. FORTE

CO-PILOT

SOURCE

NAVIGATOR

C. E. ARNAO

BOMBARDIER

G. W. COLLINS

RADIO OPERATOR

R. T. MCKNIGHT

TOP TURRET GUNNER

R. O'LEARY BELIEVED RET'D

BALL TURRET GUNNER

D. E. HIRSH

W/ST GUNNER

J. S. SIDEROFF

W/ST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

H. C. CRADDOCK

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

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

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?

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?

*BELIEVED A.E. & B.T.G. RETURNED
O.K. TO U.K.*

Were you wounded?

*YES FIAK IN RIGHT
FORE ARM*

Were you in German hands?

No

Did you kill any Germans in escaping?

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?

*BRIEF ON SEC. IN
FRANCE AFTER BEING INTERVIEWED*

What souvenirs do you still possess?

FRENCH CAP, PENKIE

Home address.

*EMERSON
7709 ARNOLD WAY, C.*

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.