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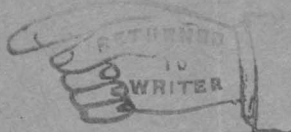
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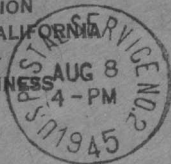


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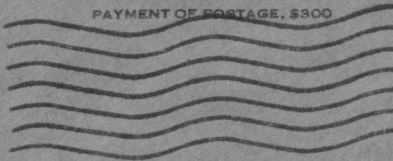


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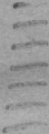
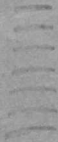
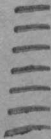
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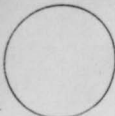
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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To: 2d Lt Charles H Kelly, O-753224

1034 N. Park Drive

Los Angeles, California

See Instruction No. 2

From:

Major John F White, Jr

6801 MIS-X Det, Mil Int Sv

APO 887, c/o PM, New York, N.Y.

29 June 1945

(Sender's complete address above)

Dear Lt Kelly

We have received a letter from

Monsieur Jean Louis Meric
a Sillas (par Grignols)
Gironde, France,

concerning your safe return.

We are sending his name and address to you so that you may write your appreciation in case you have not already done so.

Sincerely,

John F White, Jr
JOHN F WHITE, JR
Major, AC

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1953
Lt Charles H. Kelly - 381B9

Correct interogation
was told by French that
S/Lgt Harold C Brooks
Sgt Workman
had been shot Major Jones

now find that they
got back safely

18/9/44

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Collection
for Kelly AG
at port

2d Lt Charles H KELLY
O-753224
534 Sqdn, 381 B Gp

12 Sept 44

I bailed out on 15 June and landed near VILLANDRAUT (approx 28 miles se of BRODEAUX). Three hours after I landed, I was hidden in a farmhouse by a friendly Frenchman. My co-pilot was soon brought there ~~there~~ ^{my co-pilot} and I were together at a farmhouse. ^{Sgt} ~~WILCZEK~~ ^{WILCZEK} was soon brought to join us. ~~At the~~ ^{the} we were taken to the home of JEAN LAFFON in VILLANDRAUT, (Gironde). That night, our waist-gunner, Sgt WILCZEK was brought in and the three ~~of us~~ ^{of us} stayed ~~together~~ ^{there} two nights. I gave my pistol to M LAFFON.

Three guides came to take us to meet the Maquis. We traveled overnight and went to the farm of M. MERIC near GRIGNOLS (approx 45 miles se BORDEAUX). The Maquis had an ammunition dump here. Mme MERIC and ^{her} ~~her~~ daughter, JEANNETTE, were there, Their son was a prisoner of war.

Here we met ^{the} six others from our crew. We remained on this farm 5 days and then went to another farm with the Maquis. The Germans were nearby, so we hid in the woods.

We made plans to get to Spain in small groups, so ~~The end of June, Lt BROOKS and Sgt WORKMAN left to make their way to Spain.~~ /

We made plans to get to the Spanish border in small groups, so the end of June ^{Sgt} ~~LT~~ ¹⁰³³ BROOKS and ^{Sgt} ~~WORKMAN~~ ¹⁰³² left. Then Lt DISBROW, ¹¹⁹¹ Lt CHAMP, ¹¹⁹² and ^{Sgt} ~~CAMPBELL~~ ²¹⁵ left. We were planning to go in 4 days, ^{later} ~~but~~ ^{in spite of the fact that} an English colonel told us he had radioed London and received orders for us to remain there with the Maquis.

^(by a German attack) As we were leaving ~~On~~ 12 July, the Maqui group was scattered, and we lost contact with them. A farmer took us to REAUP (Lot et Garonne) where we remained a few days with another Maqui group. On 14 July we moved with them to SOS. We were being attacked almost daily by the Germans, so Sgts ~~WILCZEK~~ ²²⁹⁶, BRASHEAR, GRAHAM, and I went to MEZIN.

WE stayed with GUY SECRE at VILLENEUVE DE MEZIN (Lot et Garonne) for 8 days while we tried to contact the English colonel again. Then we went to AVERON* BERGELLE where we met Col. HILLAIRE of the English army. He was not too cordial as ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~friends~~ ^{friends} DISBROW, CHAMP, and CAMPBELL had gotten drunk. He told us that BROOKS and WORKMAN had been shot. The other three had gotten across the border into Spain.

We sent to TARBES but could get no help. Two weeks later we went to EAUZE, the French milice prison camp, where we were told the trips to Spain ~~were cancelled~~ ^{discontinued} because of the Allied landings in southern France. Accordingly, we went ~~back up~~ ^{back} to AGEN (Lot et Garonne) where we met Capt MICHEL of the British army and Lt GUY of the American army. They offered to take us north to ~~our~~ ^{the} lines. Near ST CERÉ, however, I fell out of the car and broke my arm. I stayed there and received very good medical care until 6 Sept when I went to TOULOUSE. Here I met an American major who arranged for me to fly back to the UK by way of CASERTA, ~~CASABLANCA~~ ^{CASABLANCA}. I arrived in the UK on 11 Sept 44.

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S/Sgt Herschel / L Wise

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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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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) CHARLES H. Kelly...

Signed.....

Rank. 2nd Lt......A.S.N. 0-753224

Dated.....

Unit. 381s Bomb Group, 534th Sqn......

Witness.....

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a cast. OK*

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *Charles, H. Kelly 2nd Lt. O-753224*
Unit:- *381st Group, 534th Squadron*

Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and comments will help others to evade capture or to escape.

1. AIDS BOX

- a. Did you use your aids box? *Yes - razor is M.G.*
- b. If not, why? *—*
- c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".
- Horlicks tablets. *No - don't like.*
- Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *Yes.*
- Milk (tube). *Had no milk tube*
- Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *No.*
- Halazone tablets (water purifier). *Yes very handy*
- Matches. *Yes*
- Adhesive tape. *Yes very handy, little cuts, dog tags from mingling.*
- Chewing gum. *Yes*
- Water bottle. *Yes*
- Compass. *Yes very handy*
- Sewing kit. *- Used very much.*
- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *None*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *threw it away.*
- f. Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger?

Just put a decent razor in it. And one you can get blades for.

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *Yes*
State color of stripes and letters. *Red F, red stripes*
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? *Yes*

(over)

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones? *France.*

Compass, *Yes*

File (hacksaw). *No*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *French, 2000 francs*
How did you spend the money? *used for hotel, Food, cigarettes.*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *Gave away*

Compass. *Still have it*

File (hacksaw). *Thrown away*

Surplus currency. *Used all currency*

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? *None*

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? *No, Left at Base*
If so, how many?

b. Did you use them? *No*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *Yes*
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

Bovington - May - An evadee.

b. Did you find the lectures of value? *Yes*

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapees?

Keep your uniform and sidearms.

S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
P/W and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Charles H. Kelly 2nd Lt *0-753224*
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: *Airfield nr Bordenux*

Date mission in action: *15 June 1944*

Date arrived in UK: *11 Sept 44*

2 (No. of missions)

534 *381st*
(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (Please list names next to positions)

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT *Charles H. Kelly - R D*
CO-PILOT *R. C. Disbrow - Evading hearsay in Spain*
NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER *Frank Champ - Evading hearsay in Spain*
RADIO OPERATOR *H. C. Brooks - Killed hearsay*
TOP TURRET GUNNER *C. F. Brashear - Evading*
BALL TURRET GUNNER *Workman - Killed hearsay*
WAIST GUNNER *S. Wilczek - Evading*
WAIST GUNNER *Campbell, Harold - IN Spain - Evading - hearsay*
TAIL GUNNER *Donald Graham - Evading*

Decorations: *None*

Date of Birth: *6 April 1916*

Private Address: *10 1/2 N. Park Drive, Los Angeles.*

Length of Service: *3 years 2 months*

Job as Civilian: *Field Supt. Pineapple Plantation - Hawaii*

From what field did you take off? Take off time.

Near Braintree, Essex. 5:00 clock AM

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

Were you wounded? Give details.

NO

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? *NO*

Do you speak FRENCH? SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE?

Did you have identity papers? *NO*

(over)

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?

Yes - MAAF - Couzerta

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?

Yes - at same place

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?

No

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When?

~~No~~ Yes C 3 Brook St. 12/9/44

Date of arrival in Spain: _____

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: _____

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. *Naples - 9 Sept 44*

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.

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Charles A. Kelly 2nd Lt 0-753224 12 Sept 1944
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)
381st Gp - 534th Squadron
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT
CO-PILOT
NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER
RADIO OPERATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER
BALL TURRET GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER

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

15 June, 8 AM Near Villandrant, S. of Bordeaux

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

prop out No. 1, No 2 out, No 3 OK, No 4 gone and on fire.
Plane was on fire.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

13500'

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 bailed OK.

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?

All alive.

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.

Col. Hillar (Eng. Col) gave information that Workman & Brooks were shot by Germans about a month after crash.

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.

No

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

Know 6 are definitely all right. 3 in Spain
3 in France

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

List all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defenses, AA batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.,.....)

Now in Allied
Hands

June 15th - bailed out - (flak) - landed in VILLANDRAUT
(28 miles S.E. Bordeaux) - farmhouse - 3 hrs later. met co-pilot. Hidden. Brod
waist-gunner, Sgt. Wilezek, sent to VILLANDRAUT - there 2

Jean LAFFON
Villandraut
(Gironde)
France

into 1 day. civies.
3 together. Gave
pistol to him.

3 guides over to meet magnis. To farm of
amino dump
there for magnis.
girl Jeanette (45 miles Bordeaux)
Mr. Meric (d. + wife son a H/W)
Mr. & Riavols Gironde

met 6 others from crew. there 5 days. To another
farm - magnis. Germans nearby - woods. Brooks +
WORKMAN CAMPBELL left end of June. Planned stay in Spain in groups
Bis Brow, Champ + Campbell left.
Eng. col. spared, advised Lon + reply to stay put.

In 4 days to leave. July 12 - left - attacked - scattered +
lost magnis. Farmer - taken to magnis at REAUPH - couple
days. July 14 - to SO.S. attacked ~~several times~~ almost daily by
Germans. - to Mezin (4 tog) { Guy Secré
trying to contact Ville Neuve de Mezin
Eng. col. (Lot + Gironde)

left aft 8 days - Fr SO of magnis helped.
to AVERON-BERGELLE ~~12~~
met col. HILLAIRE (Eng) not too cordial - 3 former had gotten
drunk. Said Brooks + Workman shot.
(RAF pilot also) (sent to Tarbes - no help) Other 3 or border into Spain.
2nd later - EAUZE - Fr milice prison camp.
(also)

~~trip~~ trip to Spain cancelled bec of allied
landing in southern

to Agen (Lot et GARONNE) ran into 132 capt Michel + Amer Lt Guy
wd take in. W lines. To St. cere.

Broke arm - fell out of car - X-rays etc. v. gd care
worked here till (Sept. 6th)

has to Montauban - trip to Toulouse, met major Amer.
Flew to CASERTA, orders, ALGIERA, CASABLANCA - 11/9
UK 11/9/44.

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