

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

EVASION CAPTURE, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ (Name of Country) France

For all Personnel

1. No. **0-800071** Rank **2nd Lt.** Name **Douglas J. EAMES, Jr.**
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) **8 missions**
3. Were you wounded? Give details **No**
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) **713 Bomb. Sqn.**
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) **448 Bomb. Gp.** Job (Pl. Cmd., Rtn., etc) **Co-Pilot**
7. Date of Birth **6 Feb 1920** 8. Length of Service **4 yrs. 7 mos.**
9. Peace time occupation **Cook** 10. Private Address **14 Beacon Street
Hyde Park, Mass.**
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? **Dogtags and E&E Photos.**
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 **1st Lt. Harrison C. Mellor**
- CO-PILOT **Narrator**
- NAVIGATOR **2nd Lt. Frank Jacobson**
- BOMBARDIER **2nd Lt. Goff**
- RADIO OPERATOR **Unknown**
- TOP TURRET GUNNER **Unknown** I was told by French that 6 of crew were captured right after landing. All baled out OK.
- BALL TURRET GUNNER **Branch**
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) **Allen**
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) **Mike Little**
- TAIL GUNNER **Unknown**
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure **B-24J, Seething, Eng, 1 Apr 1944
approx. 0900 hrs.**
18. Where and when did you come down? **N of Chateau Thierry, 1 Apr 1944, 1415 hrs.**
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? **Buried them in a small cluster of trees.**
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? **Radio equipment was destroyed by Lt. Eames. All papers destroyed. Plane crashed but did not burn. Atrocious story.**

Interviewed by I.S. 9 (WEA)

Date **29 Sep 1944**

Attached:

Appendix "B"

Appendix "C"

Appendix "D"

I grade this evasion No. 5.

Disposal: **Returned to unit.****ROBERT BACON**
2nd Lt., AC

Major

DISTRIBUTION:

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12th Army Group ... 2 (less C)

9 AF ... 1 "

Our mission was Ludwigshaven on 1 Apr 1944. We made 4 bomb runs before dropping bombs due to pathfinders "going out". We had a new plane and the engines were overheating badly. Suspect flak in one gas tank. Heavy concentrated flak over target, no enemy fighters. Stayed in formation into Belgium. Lost one engine due to lack of fuel and left formation after calling leader. Transferred gasoline and got all four engines started again but after five minutes two engines stopped. Tested gas supply by transferring all tanks--almost dry. No chance to make channel. Headed south at 18000 feet on two engines. Destroyed radio, papers, and bombsight. Gave bale out alarm. I baled out at 5500 ft and opened chute at 600 ft. Buried equipment and flying clothes and headed south. Evaded one command car (5 men) sent to pick me up. ~~Waded~~ Walked south for next 24 hours, sleeping in woods (in uniform). 2 p.m. next day met Frenchman who spoke english. I was hidden in a house in a small village for two days with civilian trousers and coat over uniform. I was taken to Paris on 8 Apr 1944 and contacted underground. I was forced to leave the first place due to the Gestapo. Stayed at another place for 25 days and then returned to original place. On 22 Jun 1944 I witnessed the bombing of gasoline at Gemevilliers by B-17s. Two ships were shot down and five chutes opened. Witnessed Germans machine gun one of these chutists. Reported by underground to be still alive on reaching the ground but killed while wounded by two Germans with rifles.

While at Rigals I saw three photos taken of Germans burying Russian prisoners alive. Photos were taken by a French doctor inspecting camp.

On 22 Sep at 0600 hrs. I heard eight flying bombs pass over house on SW course toward Paris. Heard one explode within one minute of passing.

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I carried an aids box which I used. I also carried a yellow striped money purse which I spent for food. I had been briefed at least 6 times on escape and evasion at my base.

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S. 9(WEA)/6/361/1289

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

No. 0-800071 Rank 2nd Lt. Name Douglas J. EAMES, Jr.

Date of Interview 29 Sep 1944

I was helped by the following:

Mr. Charles Sol
45 Rue de Rennes
Paris, France

Mr. Edmond Cavaille
49 Rue Rambouteau
Paris, France

Mrs. Germaine Heraux
5 Avenue D'Orleans
Paris, France

Mr. Maurice Rigal
12 Place de la Marie
Gennevilliers, France

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

Sept. 30, 1944
(Date)

EAMES, DOUGLAS J. JR. 2ND LT. O-800071
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

LUDWIGSHAVEN 8
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: APR. 1, 1944

Returned to UK: SEPT. 30, 1944

448th Bomb Gr. 713th SQDN
(Unit)

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

PILOT MELLOR, HARRISON C. 1st Lt.

UNKNOWN AFTER BAILING OUT OR

CO-PILOT EAMES, DOUGLAS J. J. 2ND LT.

U.K.

NAVIGATOR JACOBSON, FRANK 2ND LT.

UNKNOWN

BOMBARDIER GOFF, 2ND LT.

RADIO OPERATOR MARX T/Sgt.

TOP TURRET GUNNER WARREN T/Sgt.

BELL TURRET GUNNER BRANCH Sgt.

WHAIST GUNNER LITTLE, MIKE Sgt.

WHAIST GUNNER ALLEN, IRA Sgt.

TAIL GUNNER DO NOT REMEMBER

BRESSLER

(Report from FRENCH MARQUIS THAT
SIX MEN TAKEN PRISONER
ON LANDING.)

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. APR. 1/44 14:30 PM
NORTH OF CHATEAU THIERRY.

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

3 engines out from lack of gas. Perhaps 5 minutes gas on
4th engine.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 5,000 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

UNKNOWN

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? UNKNOWN (DID NOT BURN)

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

NO

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.

FRENCH reported 6 taken prisoner. No identification.

(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 raft, 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?

NO IDEA. GOOD COUNTRY FOR BAILING
OUT. NOT MANY GERMANS.
BELIEVE WARREN'S CHUTE DID NOT OPEN.

Were you wounded? INJURED LEFT KNEE AND SCRATCHED
ARMS ON LANDING. ALL WELL AGAIN.

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.

NONE OMITTED.

NOTE

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What security briefing were you given?

COMPLETE

What souvenirs do you still possess?

BRASSARD WITH SWASTIKA

Home address. 14 BEACON ST. HYDE PARK, MASS.

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

NONE

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

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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-989 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;
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 supercedes 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.

1. Information about your escape or your evasion from capture *would be useful to the enemy* and a danger to your friends. It is therefore **SECRET**.

2. a You must therefore not disclose, except to the first Military Attache to whom you report, or to an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations, or by A. C. of S., G-2, W. D.

- (1) The names of those who helped you.
- (2) The method by which you escaped or evaded.
- (3) The route you followed.
- (4) Any other facts concerning your experience.

b You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.

c You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.

d You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4.

e No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of A. C. of S., G-2, W. D., or corresponding organization in the theater.

GERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

I understand that any information concerning my *escape or evasion* from capture is **SECRET** and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the agency designated by A. C. of S., G-2, War Department, the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations, or to the Military Attache in a neutral country to whom I first report. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) DOUGLAS J. EAMES JR.

Rank 2ND LT. A. S. N. 0-800071

Unit 448th BOMB GP 713th SQDN

Signed Douglas J. Eames Jr.

Dated Sept. 30, 1944

Witness _____

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10 October 1944.

Commanding Officer, P.O. & A. Det., Mil. Intel. Serv., APO 804, U. S. Army
871.

201-2d Lt DOUGLAS J EAMES, JR

2nd Ind

WSH/ejt

P/W and X Det, Mil Int Sv, APO 413, U S Army, 17 Oct 44. TO: Director of
Intelligence, US Strategic and Tactical Air Force in Europe

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.

W S HOLT
Lt Col, AC
Commanding

8 October 1944

Commanding Officer, P.W.M. Det. MIL. Intel. Ser. APO 634

Commanding Officer, Central District, United Kingdom Base, APO 413.

P. Warner, 2nd Lt. 0-2000071 P.W.M. Det. MIL. Intel. Ser. APO 634

Brass buttons on battle jacket in violation of CG 5 Pg. Central District

as a result of inspection by local command

Warner, 2nd Lt. 0-2000071 P.W.M. Det. MIL. Intel. Ser. APO 634

8 Oct 44

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Vicinity of

Cpl Warner, Sgt Ward, Co. B 785 MP Bn, APO 413

Identified and allowed to proceed.

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1st Lt Harrison C Mellor, 0428403	}	1100
Narrator		
Frank H. Jacobson, 0692016 (2d Lt)	}	811
Goff, Marvin T. 2d Lt, 0688343		999
Brussler, Walter, 8/Sgt, 13146208		720
Mart, Francis T/Sgt 32533995		
Branch, Nelson 8/Sgt 20702227		813 812
allen, Ira R. 8/Sgt, 39908551		721
Little, Mike 8/Sgt, 33195801		
Warren, William A T/Sgt 18028026 -		

See crew of
1100

all only this
one rest
done

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-800071 Rank 2/Lt
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Douglas F. Eames, Jr.
Unit 448. B Cpt

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)
on 29 Sept 1944 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 F.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.