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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 37549693 Rank S/Sgt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Walter R. Williams

Unit 381 B Gp

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.

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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 30, 1944
(Date)

WILLIAMS, WALTER R. S/Sgt 37549673
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

METZ 2
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: Apr 24, 1944

Returned to UK: Sept 30, 1944

381ST BOMB GP 535TH BOMB Sq
(Unit)

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

PILOT	<u>2ND LT. A.G. CLAYTOR</u>	<u>PARACHUTE</u>	<u>1021-0-811017</u>
CO-PILOT	<u>2ND LT. R. RICE</u>	"	<u>1022-0-814556</u>
NAVIGATOR	<u>2ND LT. CHISOLM</u>	"	
BOMBARDIER	<u>Sgt. NAME UNKNOWN</u>		
RADIO OPERATOR	<u>S/Sgt. WALTER R. WILLIAMS</u>	"	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	<u>Sgt. N. SANGO</u>	"	
BELL TURRET GUNNER	<u>Sgt. DAVID SOLDER</u>	"	<u>1024-33675498</u>
WALIST GUNNER	<u>Sgt. CONNABLE</u>	"	<u>1025-34720360</u>
WALIST GUNNER			
TAIL GUNNER	<u>Sgt. R.D. VITKUS</u>	"	<u>1026-16079118</u>

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. 11:30 AM, APR. 24 1944
CHANTILLY, FRANCE

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

ENGINES OUT AND SMOKING

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 15,000 FEET

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 members bailed out and chutes opened

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? I don't know

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.

NO INFORMATION

(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?

I believe they all reached ground safely. I saw the 3 gunners from the back of plane jump and chutes opened. Rest of crew left plane safely.

Were you wounded? A few cuts on my head from parachute landing.

Were you in German hands? NO

Did you kill any Germans in escaping? NO

Have you previously given the names of your helpers? yes. In previous interrogation

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given.

What security briefing were you given? complete

What souvenirs do you still possess? NONE

Home address. RUGBY, NORTH DAKOTA

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

(CASE)

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

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. IS9WEA/6/362/1790

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

No. 37549693 Rank S/Sjt Name Walter R. Williams

Date of Interview 29 Sep 44

The following personnel helped me:

M. Rigal, 12, Place de la Mairie, Tennevilliers, Seine

E. Cavaille, 59, Rue Rambouteau, Paris.

Mme Germaine Heraux, 5, Ave. D'Orleans, Paris

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED (Name of Country) FRANCEFor all Personnel

1. No. 37549693 Rank S/Sjt Name Walter R. Williams
(U.K. Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Two missions
3. Were you wounded? Give details No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 535 sqn
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 381 GP 6. Job (Fl. Cmd., Rfn., etc) P/O
7. Date of Birth: 2 Apr 23 8. Length of Service 19 mths
9. Peace time occupation Douglas a/c 10. Private Address Rugby, No. 1, Dak.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Tags and 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 BAILE OUT

15. Post in Crew Radio operator
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 2/Lt A.G. Clayton 1021
- CO-PILOT 2/Lt R. Rice 1022 All baled out. Haven't heard
- NAVIGATOR 2/Lt Chisolm anything since.
- BOMBARDIER Replacement
- RADIO OPERATOR S/Sjt W.R. Williams Evaded
- TOP TURRET GUNNER S/Sjt D. Souder 1024
- BALL TURRET GUNNER Sjt Connable 1025
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) None
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) S/Sjt N. Sango
- TAIL GUNNER Sjt R.D. Vitkus 1026
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17, 381 GP, England.
24 Apr 44, 8 a.m
18. Where and when did you come down? Chantilly, Apr 24, 1130 hrs.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?
In drainage ditch
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?
Yes, radio equipment destroyed.

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 29 Sep 44I grade this evasion No. 5Robert Bacon
Robert Bacon, 2/Lt ACAttached:

Appendix "B"

Appendix "C"

Appendix "D"

Disposal: Returned to unit

Distribution: I.S.9 (WEA) 2

12 A.GP 2 (less C)

9 AF 1

Mission airbase at Metz, France. Completed. No fighters. Heavy flak on coast. Engines began smoking on bomb run. Lost formation after target. Pilot gave order bale out. After losing altitude, every man baled out. Landed O.K. in empty drainage ditch. No immediate search by Germans. Was given civilian clothing immediately by French. Walked four days cross country before contacting underground. Was given food by French. Evening of fourth day met Hollanders hiding from Germans near Rambaillet, who hid me for 6 days while they contacted the underground for me. Underground contact took me to Paris.

I had been briefed on evasion and escape in Nebraska, on 15 Mar 44.

I used my aids box.

The colour of my purse was red, and the contents were spent on expenses.

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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;
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.

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.

CERTIFICATE

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) WALTER R. WILLIAMS

Signed Walter R. Williams

Rank S/Sgt A. S. N. 37549693

Dated _____

Unit 381ST BOMB GP 535TH Sq.

Witness _____

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