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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
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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.

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) WACK E. BLACKWELL
Rank S/SGT A. S. N. 39698014
Unit 306 BOMB GRP 367 SQD

Signed Jack E. Blackwell
Dated 12 Oct, 1944
Witness J. Sarant 2nd Lt. AUS

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

Unit:-

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*
- 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.

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *While walking*

Milk (tube). *" "*

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *While walking*

Matches. *" "*

Adhesive tape. *" "*

Chewing gum. *" "*

Water bottle. *" "*

Compass. *" "*

Sewing kit. *" "*

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *No*

e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *Hide it.*

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?

No

2. PURSE

a. Did you carry a purse?
State color of stripes and letters. *Yes*
If NOT, State why not.

b. Did you use the purse? *Yes*

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

Maps. Which ones?

OF FRANCE

Compass,

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money?

FRENCH - PURCHASED
Shoe's - food

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

WAS TAKEN BY GERMANS WHEN CAPTURED

Compass.

STILL HAVE IT.

File (hacksaw).

WAS TAKEN BY GERMANS

Surplus currency.

NONE

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion?

No

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?
If so, how many?

SIX

b. Did you use them?

No

5. LECTURES

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

YES IN USA BY
ESCAPEE'S

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 escapers?

No

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.,.....)

SECRET

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

BLACKWELL, JACK E. S/SGT. 39698014
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: JUNE 17, 1944

14 (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: APRIL 8, 1944

367 306 (H)
(Squadron) (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT Joseph Pedersen - - - - Do not know

CO-PILOT ~~William Smith~~ Leon J Blood - Bailed out, landed near me

NAVIGATOR Gustafson - - - - Bailed out ~~_____~~ I think

BOMBARDIER William Smith - - - - ~~_____~~) AM NOT SURE

RADIO OPERATOR John Monning - - - - { was wounded ~~_____~~

TOP TURRET GUNNER Barney Arnold - - - - ~~_____~~) am not sure

BALL TURRET GUNNER My self

WAIST GUNNER Warren E. Kerr - - - - ~~_____~~) am not sure

WAIST GUNNER None

TAIL GUNNER Herman P. Earheart - - - - Do not know

Decorations: None

Date of Birth: Sept. 29, 1919

Private Address: Paso Robles, California

Length of Service: 17 months

Job as Civilian: Was partner w/ father in business (Sales of farm machinery)

From what field did you take off? Take off time. Iherly 8:00 AM

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Do not know

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

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

AIR INT. OF M.T.O. HEADQUARTERS

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

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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

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. HEADQUARTERS, F.H.F. M.T.O. BY AIR

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.