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By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

(signed) RALPH PULSIFER,
Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

CERTIFICATE

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

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Name(Print)	<u>Hedley E. Cassidy</u>	Signed	<u>Hedley E. Cassidy</u>
Rank	<u>T/1st Lt A.S.N. 15114879</u>	Date	<u>11-28-43</u>
Unit	<u>407th Bomb sqd 92nd AF</u>	Witness	<u>W. W. Smith</u> <u>Col. G.S.C.</u>

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Rank Tech. Sgt. ASN 15114879 Date Dec 4, 1943

Unit 407th Bomb Sqdn. 92 Grp. Witness [Signature]

PRELIMINARY WARNING AGAINST GIVING INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ESCAPE, EVASION OF CAPTURE, OR REPATRIATION.

This applies to Members of all Services.

1. It is the duty of all persons to safeguard information which might, either directly or indirectly, be useful to the enemy.
2. The Defence Regulations make it an offence, punishable with imprisonment, to publish or to communicate to any unauthorised person any information or anything which purports to be information on any matter which would or might be directly or indirectly useful to the enemy.
3. This document is brought to your personal notice so that you may clearly understand information about your escape or how you evaded capture is information which would be useful to the enemy, and that therefore to communicate any information about your escape or how you evaded capture is an offence under the Defence Regulations.
4. At the earliest possible moment you will be interrogated by an Officer or Officers specially appointed for this purpose, who will instruct you how to deal with questions by your family, friends, and members of the public, whether in the Services or not.

TO BE COMPLETED IN THE PERSON'S OWN HANDWRITING, AND WITNESSED BY AN OFFICER.

I have read the above paragraphs, and I understand that I must on no account disclose any information about my escape, evasion of capture, or repatriation, to any unauthorized person, and I undertake to maintain a strict secrecy about my experiences.

Signed *Hedley E. Cassidy* Date *Dec. 4th*

Full Name (Block letters) *HEDLEY EUGENE CASSIDY*

Rank and Number *Tech. Sgt. 15114879*

Unit *407th Bomb. Sqdn. 9J Gp.*

Witnessed by

(4)

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
PW and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No.
HEDLEY EUGENE CASSIDY ASN 15114879
2. Decorations.
Air Medal
3. Unit or Squadron.
407th Bomb Sqdn
4. Division (Army) or Group.
92nd Gp. 102nd Combat Wing
5. Date of Birth.
Nov. 15, 1920
6. Length of Service.
1 1/2
7. Private Address.
Mrs. Wm. O. Cassidy Kinniconick, Ky.
8. If in A.F., on what operation were you engaged? State place, date, and time of departure. Where and when did you come down? Were Aircraft and all instruments and papers destroyed?
I went down on the Romilly raid Sept. 3, 1943 near St. Meemes or about two miles from there. The aircraft blew up. ~~It~~ takeoff time 08:00 from Alconberry Nov. 3, 1943
9. What was your position in aircraft?
TOP turret operation
10. Were you wounded?
NO
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much?
NO
12. Do you speak French? Spanish?
NO
13. Did you have Identity Papers?
Yes, French made
14. Have you been questioned before to-day on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom? Have you given anyone a written report on your experiences. Where and when?
Yes, at Gibraltar by the British. My report was Narrative but they wrote as I gave it. This was Nov. 29, 1943
15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?
NO; Only on Escape
16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when?
Yes, three in Spain. One in Gibraltar
17. Date of arrival in Spain. and four none
Nov. 6, 1943
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar.
Nov. 28, 1943
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.
Gibraltar Dec. 3, 1943 by Air.
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
Dec. 3, 1943 at Bridgewater

left at 20,000 ft - plld rip 17,000 ft - pulled early because
 a buckled left side while falling which causes me to pull -
 saw 7 chutes below - a/c seen again - saw the crash, & burn -
 pilot in - violent swing - saw Paris - ~~the~~ saw another town -
 farm district - closest house mile away - ludd in alfalfa fld -
 About 75 Frenchmen working - took off chute & mtr - asked who -
 said Am - asked about a/c - told them - asked which way to go -
 Two boys - mtrd me to follow - 100 ft - mtrd me to lay down -
 did - Germans pass on motorcycles 100 yds on road - boys
 mtrd me to fly - to another fld - 400 yds - hole in haystack -
 hid til noon - they used watch to get - brot ewies - took me
 to potato fld - lunch - worked picked up potatoes til 5 pm
 went with family to small town - bus to another town - workers
 dirty as I noticed - taken to Pollack's house - Org -
 3 day above a wine cellar - 3 days later Pollack took me
 to 38 Ave. Bastolet Aulnay S/Bois, Seine et Oise -
 Frenchman: Francois here - stayed 10 days - taken
 by Nicholas Camille to Livry-Gargan, 19 Rue Meaux -
 visited by a gendarme - lunched with him - a Wine merchant
 with car helped - an old Englishman, Ernest
 Greenway acted as interpreter - pub owner, also as
 interpreter - within week & half heard of Theres
 and M'Queen at St. Mismes - Wine merchant
 brot them to Nicks - I.C. picked for me -
 and then for them - had no photos I used Kodak -

(1)

I was shot down on the
 raid on Romilly Sept 3, 1943.
 we were out of formation and
 flying tail end low group. The
 attack was from 11, 12 & 1 o'clock low
 by approximately ten FW 190's
 They put our no 3 & 4 Engines out
 on the first burst and threw
 us farther out of formation
 it was only a minute or two
 before the right wing caught
 afire and the pilot gave the
 order to bail out.

The fighters were too low
 to get at with the top turret
 and and everything happened so
 quick I do not know if we
 got any of them.
 (four) We had to get out so
 quick I did not have time
 to check over the crew but
 I heard the tail gunner over
 the interphone so I suppose he

got out O.K. Nobody was wounded in the nose or cockpit. The Bombadier, Navigator and Copilot bailed out before I did and their chutes opened. The pilot followed shortly behind me and I heard from the military attache in Spain that he is safe in Spain and also the navigator.

The ship blew up in about two minutes or less after I bailed out. We had our landing gear down but the fighters were still attacking and while we were getting out.

I opened my chute too early at about 17,000 ft and I was lucky no fighters attacked me on the way down or that there was nobody but friends waiting when I reached the ground I landing in about 75 trenchmen

who hid my chute and there were two boys about 16 years of age who took me and hid me in a hay stack until noon.

(My landing time was about 10:30) at noon they came back with civilian clothes and took me down into a field where they were picking up potatoes and gave me lunch. I worked there until about 3:00 P.M. and was taken on a bus to a small town about five miles away the name I don't know.

I was there three days and was taken to Aubray Bois about two miles farther on where I stayed for 10 days at 38 ave. Beatolet st. I was then taken by Nicholas Camille to Livery Borgan and stayed at his house almost two months when I was there a little over a week I went with him in a car to pick up two more parachutes at St Mesmes which were my Bombadier and copilot.

(4)
I was taken to Paris about
the last of Oct. and stayed
there for four days and then
was taken by train as far
south as I could go. I had to
show my papers to a German
officer in the train but
they passed Ok. (Nicholas
Castille fixed up my papers)

I arrived in Spain Nov 6
after spending about four
days in the mountains and
I was immediately picked
up by the police.

The following information has been obtained from our interview with
..... (.....) who escaped after capture
by the enemy/evaded capture by the enemy after being in enemy/enemy occupied territory.

Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so it is important not
to divulge any particulars of source.

Statement of information covering period from

to.....

Wally
Sept 20

I was taken to a powder
factory (high explosives) in Luery
Gargan. It was supposed to be
the second largest in France.
The people were so afraid of
it being bombed that I could
get much information out of
it from the Frenchmen. It was
practically in the city.

In the marching yards
at Luery Gargan there were
three train loads of petrol
at about Sept 30.

There were a lot of Fw 190s
near Paris in Sept and the
first part of Oct. but near
the last of Oct. they were
taking the Fw 190s to Germany
and bringing the Me 109s in.

In southern France ~~the~~
while I was traveling on the
train I saw a train load
of about one hundred Army
trucks and a few tanks
going north, also a German
fighter base located near
the railroad between Lardes
and Bordeaux. ^{4th}
There ~~was~~ a training base
in the vicinity of ~~Lardes~~
Lardes, north 75 miles
me 109

Saw Ju 52B in transport use west to Germany (5 of them)
over Paris area

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- Hedley Eugene Cassidy ASN. 15114879
 Unit:- Tech. Sgt.
407th Sqdn 92 Grp.

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must 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? No. ~~It was lost in bailing out;~~
- (b) If not, had you one on you? No
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box? It was lost when my parachute opened.
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.

- (i) Horlicks tablets. _____
- (ii) Chocolate _____
- (iii) Milk (tube). _____
- (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue) _____
- (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier). _____
- (vi) Matches. _____
- (vii) Adhesive tape. _____
- (viii) Chewing gum. _____
- (ix) Water bottle. _____
- (x) Compass _____

(e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect? _____

(f) How did you finally dispose of the box? _____

(g) 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? _____

2. PURSE

(a) Did you carry a purse? Yes - Brown x
 If so, state COLOR. It was lost also when
 If NOT, state why not. My parachute opened

(b) Did you use the purse? No.

(c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.

- (i) Maps. Which ones? _____
- (ii) Compass. _____

Scare out of stencil

Scare out of stencil

Pocket zipper broken x

(iii) File (hacksaw). _____

(iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money. _____

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps. _____

Compass. _____

File (hacksaw). _____

Surplus currency. _____

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+)

Not issued

(+Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

(a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?
If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE

(i) Round compass. _____

(ii) Stud compass. _____

(iii) Swinger compass. _____

(iv) Fly-button compass. _____

(v) Pencil clip compass. _____

(vi) Tunic button compass. _____

(vii) Pipe compass. _____

(viii) Pouch _____

(ix) Special flying boots (and knife). _____

*Leave out
of
stencil*

(b) Were they satisfactory? _____

(c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions
which would improve the above equipment?

Some way of fastening it to your body

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? No; *Left at Base*
If so, how many? _____

NO. I had them taken in France.

(b) Did you use them?
State how. _____

5. LECTURES

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

*Yes; By an Englishman and an American Pilot.
I do not remember names or date.*

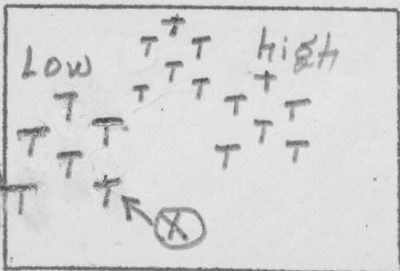
(b) Did you find the lectures of value?

*Yes. I knew to expect help
and recognised help when it was offered.*

Can use McQueen's for both
hit & carry

NAME Hedley E. Cassidy RANK Tech. Sgt. ASN 15114879 REPORT NO. 5

SQ 407 GROUP 92 A/C NO. 725 Letter ? Load ? Date Sept 3, 1943



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing:

went down before bombing
and never saw the target afterward

Enemy Fighter Tactics:

Markings:

They attacked from 11, 12 + 1 o'clock
Low following up one after another

Our Tactics:

There were about ten Fw 190
Evasive action and shooting.

Our Fighter Support:

Two Sqdns. P-47s

Flak

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
None		

Technical Failures

Motors:

None

Armor:

None

Armament:

None

Miscellaneous:

None

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

Stay in formation

[Handwritten signature]