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MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE
AMERICAN CONSULATE
GIBRALTAR

2 December 1943

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : Personnel named below.

2nd Lieut. Howard M. Harris, O-676325, 100th Bm.Grp.
Sgt. Alfred J. Zeoli, 31042353, 100th Bm.Grp.

having reported at this station on 2 December 1943, you are placed on temporary duty this office. Upon completion of this temporary duty you will proceed by first available transportation to XXXXXXXX, where you will report without delay to the Commanding General, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, U.S.Army. Under authority of WD Cablegram, Number 45, 4 February 1943, in lieu of subsistence, a flat per diem of \$6.00 is authorized while traveling on official business (except by belligerent or government vessel) and while on temporary duty this station, in accordance with existing law and regulations. TDN FSA 1-5600 P 432-02 A 0425-24.

Horace W. Forster
HORACE W. FORSTER,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Mil. Lia. Off., Gib.

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19 October 1942

SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

TO : Personnel concerned.

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2. It is an offense, carrying heavy penalties, to publish or to communicate to any unauthorized person any information which might be useful to the enemy.
3. 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.
4. 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:
 - (1) The names of those who helped you.
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 - (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.
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d. You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4a.
e. No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of the War or Navy Department.

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.

I understand that any information concerning my escape or evasion from capture is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the American Military Attache to whom I first report, or an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name(Print) HARRIS, HOWARD M. Signed Howard M. Harris
Rank 2nd LT. A.S.N. 0-676 325 Date 12/2/43
Unit 100th BOMB GR 349th SQDN. Witness Wm. W. M. M.

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Name (Print) HARRIS HOWARD M Signed Howard M Harris
Rank 2nd Lt. A.S.N. 0-676325 Date 11-12-43
Unit 100th Bomb. gp. 349th Afb Witness _____

Ref: SM/Misc/12/6.

To:- 2/Lt.Harris, USAAF.
2/Lt.Vetter, USAAF.
T/Sjt.Connell, USAAF,
S/Sjt.ZEOLI, USAAF,
S/Sjt.Wright, USAAF.

From:- Security Control Officer, St.Mawgan Airfield.

1. You are requested to report immediately to the Commandant, London District Assembly Centre, Great Central Hotel, Marylebone, London.
2. You will proceed to London by the 2000 hrs. train from Newquay which arrives at Paddington at 0730 hrs 11 Dec'43.
3. L.D.A.C. has been advised of your arrival at this airfield.

ST.MAWGAN AIRFIELD,
10th.Dec'43.

Amos F. Loggals
Capt. A.C.

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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. **HARRIS, HOWARD MARVIN 0-676325**
2. Decorations. **NONE**
3. Unit or Squadron. **100th Bomb GR. 349th SQDN.**
4. Division (Army) or Group. **USAAF**
5. Date of Birth. **7-22-18**
6. Length of Service. **20 MONTHS**
7. Private Address. **72 New Hartford St. Walcott, N. Y.**
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? **YES**
Thorp Abbott, Sept. 3, 1943, 06:10 A.M.
MELUN, FRANCE 09:15 A.M.
9. What was your position in aircraft? **BOMBARDIER**
10. Were you wounded? **YES**
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**
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? **GIBRALTAR, MR. DARLING**
GIBRALTAR, MR. DARLING - BRIT-SET - not interrogated by Col Foster - if any Americans
15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? **NO**
16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? **SPAIN, 23-11-43**
GIBRALTAR 2-12-43
17. Date of arrival in Spain. **20-11-43**
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. **2-12-43**
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. **GIBRALTAR**
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K. **10-12-43**
(NEWQUAK) 10-12-43

File
Harris
free



AMERICAN RED CROSS

29, Dec. 1943

Capt. White.

Sir, I don't know if this might interest you.

1. The French are all receiving gas mask issued by the German. This I have seen.
2. There are two B-17 flyable, one at Orly, the other at Etamples. This is only hear say, by at least three different French families.

Howard M. Harris

2nd Lt. a c

0-676325

Series

hit heavy by flak - 2 hits in row - in wing by gas tanks - pilot said this - wing a fire - part flapping - bell ringing to prepare + turned over inter-com - then had everything OK in waist a fancy signal came - fighters after us when left front - 22⁰⁰⁰ had been 22⁴⁰⁰ in front - flying back at time - order to BO - Night. thing off mask when I left as first out - Corp in row ready to go - was putting up. purse in pocket - thing about of hat - from knee potn tumbled out - unsuited 6 times into back & around 4000 ft - judged height from experience - arms-legs in - body turn when looked at ground - opened chute & at 7000 ft was fired upon - tried to pull chute - not much to do because know very little about it - tried slipping air - caught 2 chutes ^{above} - did little about even from the air - ended in a field near small 1/2 acre wood near McLeary - Big forest 1/2 mile from small woods - that of small wood as better than big wood - 5/2 said so - but ground covered chute with loose dirt - Fincham 200 yds away - looked at me - no move - 2 kids ran toward me - I ran to wood - 50 ft from wood - He was 200 ft from wd - got out of flying boots - hid separately under bush - laid in a furrow covered over with heavy vines - was in summer flying suit with a 2 jacket - about 5 mins 6-8 Series were in wood - 2 were near me & I rose to see if Jerry or Fincham - searched 2 hrs in small woods - did have liked me in small wds but land between small & large woods was not plowed & didn't have been liked to large wood so Jerry

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prob. that in life work - stayed in hiding place from 9:30 to 7 p.m. -
went to edge of wood - watching for guard - no one - dinner in field -
went to him - may have been some one saw me down - he took off
watch & set it 9 p.m. - showed me where to hide - at 9:15 back with
food - told him old & would plant rlp - the word - took me to
a small village & in house - 2 beds & man - no Eng - only
old say American - didn't know what to do with me - there
20 mins while argued among selves - took me to street & let
me go - bag of food - gave me coat - I went out of town & could
in what slack - slept all night - next a.m. daybreak - stld
southerly direction - knew near Melun - using compass - left on highway -
wearing cadil shoes - walked through 3 towns 4 hrs - got a drink from
fountain - saw plenty people - attracted no attention - came to a
crescent cafe - walking by - 2 men standing in front & looking at each other -
looking at me - 200 ft by & one by on bike - asked for match -
didn't know what he said - told to walk on - he said, American
parachutist? - intended to come back to cafe - took me to
marched & found Sgt Darcy - stayed one night - lots of people
voting in - next day said we would leave - a Frenchman who was
instructor (phys ed) came in chat room nearby came & we
dressed as runners & ran behind bicycle 3 miles to chateau -
~~were there till 9~~ at 9 p.m. Sgt Leoli came - we left next
a.m. because everybody knew we were there - French like to say they
have an. prchists - no secret - people who responsible for children
(phys. instr) had PARIS apt. - decided to take us there - closed apt -
four took with station in car - guide for each of us & 8 in car
to La Fortes to town & to PARIS - 6 Sept - to apt (Blvd Brune) -
friends of phys instr (man & wife) Andre Bedouin - were to come
each night - trying to contact Org - came back 9 Sept. Mme
Madeleine Bedouin - a Jewish woman friend of De Gaulle was
working for us to - decided two of us with Org contacted by
Jewish woman & me with another - On 9 Sept ~~the~~ M.
Bedouin took me to Leoli to jury -

We stayed with André Lefevre in jewelry - wine dealer - speaks English - (H. Peterson + Scott stayed here) - (one an old Jeff (Jean Baptiste) + Charley -) Stayed from 8th Sept to 14 Nov - Le Febvre is chf of org instead of Bidand - Bidand had 3 amers (Hömer + Dervin + Le Ranson) (also 1 Welshman RAF) - went 2 PARIS twice but both times orders from cancelled - stayed with Maudie + Alice one night - On 14th Lefevre took us to PARIS - met in PARIS - a blonde, 37, 140 lbs - old glasses - attractive woman - She took us to station + met 6 Frenchmen who were guides all way to Barcelona - met 2 English + Vetter (7th / 1st Hutton - 9th / Mr Lambert - took us to Toulouse - Carcassonne 15 Nov - Took Auto-train to QUILLAN - (Guide from PARIS was short, 5'3"; curly hair - shiner - round face - spoke Eng) - he found us over the man in Carcassonne - On to Quillan - café - Waiting for guide - about 5 pm. decided old only take 3 amers ^{2 English} ^{1st French} ^{6 guide} went in car 12 kms - to road - followed guide - walked 3 kms to farmhouse - then 6th from Creusne arrived - old wld leave if Sp-guide came at 2 am. - new man from Carcassonne came - Guide came - 4 hrs sleep - started out - 11¹/₂ hrs walk - barn - wld all night - bet fire 1¹/₂ hrs. - wld wld day - at evening had another fire - stone bungalow - guide left us - took 2 hrs - said 15 min hike but last till next am. - house - stayed 2 days + night - at 10 to meet truck - had wld then Andorra + into Spain - ~~all~~

Met truck driver - open truck - under canvas - placed up by.
Mr. Ple who rode into Barcelona - went to hotel - put in
lunch - the driver seemed to be going opus - Port En Vasey
sent car to take with BE - Sty 1128 - to Madrid -
Saw Mayor Clark - to ~~the~~ Seville & stay 3 days -
sneaked onto tramp steamer - to Yeb - on 2 Dec -
col. Foster got us

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.....

1. Juvisy - freight depot - always tanks in yards - most days troop trains
much freightage (military) - array metal - trucks - boxes - goods
at all times -
a. no anti-aircraft guns - had had only bridge but moved -
(hearsay) - had seen gun through -
b. ORLY - 5 miles north Juvisy - I W 150 & Me 110. & few
88's - camouflage good - two big zip hangars in support
of field - south of these hangars are barracks - didn't see in
from air - didn't go to roof & saw on roof - then getting
road front is 2 miles long - at all intersections are trenches
(for mining) - until 12 hrs taking off on Sunday - spent for
I W - saw them go up to attack on 15 Sept - large woods
on west side for dispersal of a/c - HQ in main road
to east of field - until tower is in main highway west part
~~main road~~ - field about 200 yards from road -
repair workshops in so west corner - some housing
near HQ -
c. Breigny ^{airfield} - I W 88's; combat training (hazy) - from 7th a/c
moved here because of raids on northern fields -
a mile from Breigny -
d. Etampes - I W 88's & Me 110's - for combat training - (hazy)
e. When I Ws come over a/c takes off from field had for secret
fields in woods; no is no 3 miles from Juvisy -
2. Gravel from Seine river ^{at} being moved to coast for defense of Normandy
(12 barges & 2 dredges on river)

near Juvisy
on west of

Troop movements thru Surveys were headed south-