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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

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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) Dwight A. Fisher

Signed Dwight A. Fisher

Rank 1st Lt A. S. N. 0-724204

Dated 28 January 1944

Unit 336th B. P. 95th B. I.

Witness 1st Lt A. S. Fisher

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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. *Dwight Angus Fisher 1st Lt. O-724204*
2. Decorations. *NONE*
3. Unit or Squadron. *336th Bomb Squadron 95th Bomb Group.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *95th B.G.*
5. Date of Birth. *October 16, 1918*
6. Length of Service. *2 years 3 months*
7. Private Address. *606 Fox St. Aurora Illinois*
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?
*Bombing Rennes, France May 29, 1943. Took off at 10:30 A.M.
Came down 12 miles South of St. Malo at 4:00 P.M.*
9. What was your position in aircraft? *Bombardier*
10. Were you wounded? *Badly burned in aircraft back hurt in jump.*
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *NO*
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? *Speak French now, not before.*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? *Yes French made NO DOG TAGS*
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?
NO
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?
Yes - London - JANUARY 28, 1944.
17. Date of arrival in Spain.
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar.
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *JANUARY 20, 1944*
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *DOONOWOZ, France
JANUARY 23, 1944 Lymouth, England*

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E & E REPORT NO. 338
EVASION IN FRANCE

JANUARY 28, 1944
(Date)

Fisher, D.H. 1st Lt. 0-124204
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

336th 95th
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 25
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 2-3 1/2 yrs
HOME ADDRESS: 606 FOX ST.
BURBON, ILLINOIS

TARGET: Rennes

MIA: 29 May 1943
Arrived in Spain: _____

Arrived in Gibraltar: _____

Arrived in UK: _____
23 JANUARY 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	<u>Lt. L. D. Clark. (Dead)</u>	<u>French Report</u>
CO-PILOT	<u>F/O S. Barnitten. (Dead)</u>	<u>French Report.</u>
NAVIGATOR	<u>Capt. R. E. Landrom</u>	_____
BOMBARDIER	<u>Lt. D. H. Fisher</u>	_____
RADIO OPERATOR	<u>Mayo</u>	_____
TOP TURRET GUNNER	<u>Upchurch</u>	_____
BALL TURRET GUNNER	<u>Carlson</u>	_____
WAIST GUNNER	<u>Teague</u>	_____
WAIST GUNNER	<u>Rice</u>	_____
TAIL GUNNER	<u>Smith (PRISONER)</u>	<u>French Report.</u>

Know: Major Aie & Nav killed in it
No: P & C. P. KIA - French sources
TG A Prisoner

Were you wounded?

my head was severely burned and back
sprained.

1st Lt. J. Bailstaine
1st Lt. J. Burkowski—
1st Lt. Wayne Bogar—
1st Lt. Patar Hoyt. III
Lt. William Cook—
Lt. George Padgett—
Sgt. Harry Minor
Sgt. Edward Schaeffer
Sgt. Stephen Koval
Sgt. William Millar
Sgt. Dufflaborg (Spelling?)

Sgt. Engineer who had been in France 11
months, (His home was in Kentucky)
He was tall, blonde and about 22 yrs. old.
He was caught by Germans 20 Jan.
1944 and subsequently shot.

Know M P has guns & ammunition hidden in farm - to help when invasion comes -

St Lawrence harbor of St. Malo missed

I have contacts of switches plotted - not to stay being of docks if war.

I had tried report through Berlin - think by radio -

Letter part of Sgt. M Silvio thought people know at Rennes found about people in St + Nantes raid - 7.

M Pansat had tonight came before war. Took his M P - Albert, his

go back up 7 & bring them back. ^{same ones}

John Bickstein - 1st Lt, T-567 Jos Bunkowski, Peter Dyst

Dufelberg (Sgt), Sgt Wm Miller, Sgt Ed Shaffer.

Sgt Mary Minor, Sgt Steve Kvalt (from P Walter use.)

M Pansat & his tried to run ammunition at Rennes - little fellow with brush hair not one give airplane story.

Leather new coat, by long face, no E -

M Silvio not took 4 at time to religious school outside Dinard. I have to wait for plane - week there.

M Silvio is that good P on foot one down near Paris - Couldn't speak

E - told - Hollander telling on because have better chance.

Decided against killing him - saw what he did - with us 5 or 6 days - kept 24

hired. When we left M P going to turn him over to us.

Took Bickstein & I up Trigabon with family I retired to Naval O - elderly, grey hair - Mother, wife, 3 kids - 1 had been named lost behind this war - 2 children

M P - back to visit - tell us going to leave by boat - early ^{out} ⁽²¹⁾ ^{Emile Guinier}

Bickstein, I, Minor in truck - M P & Jones who are back to Montoir -

Minor & I to town M Le Texier (?) - had turnie - Minor & I reported.

No 5 in town when got there. Capt J d'g 500 - tanks outfit in - started

requitting room for O - slept 2 weeks next door 2 to O.

2 small tanks, 3 Tiger. Out to football field & my

dy - maneuvers

Getting to bed. M Guinier took him to farm road of M Duval when Bickstein, Bunkowski, Padgett. Show that kind of fellows in war - as now is they go, we. C20 E & sons waiting.

5 who has.

M Guinier came - boat operation of ^{Boat} ^{Now} that M. Then going

to try & rescue.

Last day of Nov - 7 / us - Bickstein, Padgett, Bunkowski, Sgt, Cook. (16 Sept)

Pansat gave
OT papers

MACSTRUIT

Bomb Remus - Naval dump - lead on sy - T/8 c 1030 - came in over W
of Jerry crossed to west - B - made 2200 turn to rt & start back out.
V. flash until T - lt then, F two hits at same time - heading to west.
FW on tail of another plane - all our guns concentrated - but did not hit. Then terrific
explosion on us. Major Cole riding obscure ship immediately out of control - either
killed or co-located short at control cables. Major Cole pulled y door - flames shoot
into cockpit - opened escape hatch & got out. Flames bad - V got out. Ignored
BB doors. Then got out as quickly as I could. 27,000 - did get going
to 10-15,000 - but back. My 109 came in close I could see expression on P's face.
1 hit in middle of plowed field - c 9 miles^S Paramie. No G around - may
be running from little farm. Back so bad I wouldn't get y - face &
head badly burned. To ask of G - No Ans. 1 hour burn of face bad -
c 1600th remus. Joseph - young fellow, made plain follow - c mile or 2
to woods.

Small, awful teeth, dark wavy hair.
Indicated 3 like dog clothes. I not immediately recognized to check - led him in.
Brought no clothes & a blanket.

2 in woods with his father & couple of other relatives. 8 days in woods.

Then took me to his home in St Paul - not there in room with 16-17
Made contact with fellow inmate capt in St Paul - M Bertin
Slight, c 40 - very thick glasses - slightly stooped - looked by
wife on 1 girl in St Paul who cater to his
1 x x M Bertin (?) came next evening - went by bridge to Paramie

to St Paul - M Bertin answered me that unknown pick me up.

M Pansant owned home. He, wife, 2 dts, Odette & Jeanie. & Mm
both Albert, her blind father

lost 2 to take care of him - heavy set, partially bald. Visited every other
day for period 2 months taking care of him.

M Pansant not remembering group - just contacted by M Bertin.

Wonderful person - patient in to forget - proud that had son - his friend
to me

c 2 months - Odette spoke by - taught spoke to -

when eldest dts married by party - I met all.

Decided that too many people here I there. Int town of Paramie - M Derris

Bellville - much eye - to stay couple weeks then return.

Eldest son Jew hid in from 2-3 years - had been shoe last manufacturer near
to front.

After 2 weeks M P taken back - not have all visitors again.

At this time trying to arrange my get me out

M G. Allant
Mm's sister
lived in Paris
M Si Drie
Jean - who married
Odette and stayed
from 22.

Roger P -
Gavin
Petite Pansant
Blanchard
Paramie.

2 c17 23

T. Paris - girls by came down - Michelle & Jean - Took us to Paris -
train at Maritais - 23.11 - 0800.
Mr Mont's home - where Jean lived - Michelle's mother - dist. built
2 of us and 2 with elderly couple Desmiers(?) - not dtr,
c 45 his shoulder.

Fixed us up with Y/P. Jan 1 Dec to 24 Dec

3. 4 times to Morris. Right seeing trip.
24 Dec took me - Jan biggest - I thought going to 1 person - Jean took me to
Station church opposite Montparnasse - met guide there.
Train to Quimper - 1 day L. Mass. and c. noon. train to Douarnenez. in 1400
Christ day. over Talant - had taking from town - his lands here.
Up to house - 14 Dec - 19 Dec. To leave by boat that night - ask if any knew
about notes - I & little fellow.

Noel - teacher JS - good looking fellow, black very hair - lovely
inf, 2 dtr. Had been in prison 2 years - Germany.
Then met Ann then 10-11 months - I & little fellow & now quite
boat - went out. Waited. C. night - told us gas - in another boat couldn't
get out of cover of - I over - work - not yet without too much noise. I guess some
more fellows down. I got lost out in bank - wooded area, finally found Noel's
house - put in - gang. Then back to house on hill. 19 Dec 0800 anybody
unless. To leave except 1 - to yell garden & leave - I work yet this - can not
elderly lady - her husband had that in the vis - call police - I told her we were
He about in hysterics.

Ran out to woods. Gardamans came - not overzealous. Noel interrupted - while this
Hes over.

Elderly lady came through woods - we interrupted for advice, help, food. Took me to
Gardamans when to get Gardamans help - scared. Back to night, here near house on
hill - look over with old lady. But not Noel - told me come back. On with lady.
Back with her - back to house on hill. Broke in food - his sister & elderly lady of
woods.

2-3 days. 3 fellows left - Bolliger, Kelly & go back to house here.
Next day all of us dist. but through town - 11 to Douarnenez - I in
guy JS - (address in personal possession) Better part of month there.
Walk every night.

Knew some trouble with boat deal - supposed to leave 12 but some arguments
from boat owner.

21 made told leave c 11. Noel came took me, Moore & Egan to boat -
had in fish hatch - but others in.

Suggested leave 1100 - tide - but too light - had pass guards - & need dark
night. Wait till 0300 not know whether that - if any yell halt us come
back - was not yet parading.
About 0300 went out with tide - I mean head wind of approx yell (told
to fire after 1 yell).

Out, not in - after daylight airplanes report is - drops 3 planes & left.
C 1630-1730 approx evening in say we out of danger as far as I concerned -
Could have made Eyr that night - but maybe I not want to go in at dark.
Just blew around. Next morning in.

Took to sailors home - NAAFI - eat - Then to Br Int 107 - Capt
Took to Mrs Nav / Hosp - St Michaels - Lt Comdr Holden
Lt Comdr Holden was is to keep quiet. - Int Capt not.

C Noel told us that fellow been 11 months caught at Quimper - caught & whole
family shot.

B Between Cancale & Paramé by ditches dry - with barbed wire running
along bank - placed about 50 yd apart - I behind the other - ran as far as
could see.

13 Airfield at Dinard - by place - over 260 some planes there - may
moved then after bombing of field near Paris.
Also repair base - from much by sea.

MEMBERS OF CREW:	(T h i s information checked with PWIB)		
	0727176		
PILOT	)&"&L&_	1st Lt Lawrence D CLARK	MIA
CO-PILOT	T4/76	F/O Yngvar BERNTZEN	MIA
NAVIGATOR	0421395	Capt Ray E LANDRUM	P/W
BOMBARDIER	0724204	1st Lt Dwight A FISHER	NARRATOR
RADIO OPERATOR	39075735	T/Sgt Garland L TEAGUE	P/W
TOP TURRET GUNNER	34332956	S/Sgt Carl H UPCHURCH	P/W
BALL TURRET GUNNER	17064358	S/Sgt Robert L CARLSON	P/W
WAIST GUNNER	17043460	T/Sgt Wilbur F RICE	P/W
	37187732		
WAIST GUNNER	~~11332956~~	S/Sgt Chester J MAYO	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	37013964	S/Sgt William J WOOD	P/W
OBSERVER	0362148	Major Edgar B COLE	E&E 50

SEE E&E 50

While we were returning from bombing a naval dump at RENNES on 29 May 1943, all of our guns were concentrated on FW 190's which were attacking the tail of another plane in our formation. While we were concentrating, I heard a terrific explosion in our ship. The ship went out of control immediately; either the pilot and co-pilot were killed or else the control cables were shot out. Major COLE (E&E 50), who was riding as observer, opened the door to the back of the ship and flames poured into our compartment. Then he opened the escape hatch and went out. The navigator followed him out. The flames were bad. I opened the bomb bay doors and then went out as quickly as I could. The ship was ^{still} out of control.

I delayed my jump from about 27,000 feet to 10,000 feet. When the chute opened, it twisted my back badly. An Me 109 came so close to me that I could see the expression on the pilot's face, but it did not fire. I hit in the middle of a ploughed field. ^{seemed to be in the area.} No Germans were around. Many French ran toward me from the ^{men} and head little farms around. My back was so bad that I could not get up, and my face/were badly burned. The Frenchmen asked me whether I was English. I replied that I was American. They seemed to stand around talking, apparently about how strange I looked with all my hair burned off. Then one man helped me up and led me a mile

BAILED OUT

DELAYE JUMP
BACK HURT

HELPER

or two to a woods. I do not know what happened to my parachute, but I heard afterwards that the French had buried it.

helper

My ~~guide~~ indicated that I should stay in the woods. Later he brought me some civilian clothes and a blanket. I stayed in the woods for eight days. This man brought me food, and he also brought a lot of his relatives to meet me.

From there I was taken to a house from which my journey was arranged.

In the course of my journey I received medical attention.

Compiled by

D E EMERSON
1st Lt, AUS

Approved by

W STULL HOLT
Lt Col, AC
Commanding

Appendix B

1. The following information has been obtained in an interview with an officer who evaded capture by the enemy after being in enemy occupied territory.
2. Further circulation of this information ~~may~~ be made, but in that case it is important not to divulge any details about the source.

Statement of information covering the period from 29 May 1943 to 23 January 1944

a. Informant was told by the French in August and September that the Germans have the harbor of St MALO mined. The French are supposed to have located where the control switches are located and to have made preparations to prevent the blowing up of the docks.

b. Informant was told that there is a large airfield near DINARD; it is supposed to house some 260 planes. After the bombing of an airfield near Paris many planes were supposed to have been moved to DINARD. This field is also supposed to be a repair base.

c. Between CANCALE and PARAME informant saw in September a series of large ditches, one behind the other at intervals of about 50 yards. Barbed wire was strung along the top of the ditches. The ditches stretched as far to the either side of the road as informant could see.

d. In ~~late September~~ early October a tank unit moved into Malesherbes. It had about 20 small tanks + about 3 Tiger tanks. They used to maneuver on the football field.

JOURNEY
ARRANGED
RECEIVED
MEDICAL
ATTENTION
NEVER
LECTURED
ON EVASION
+ ESCAPE

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *Dwight A. Fisher 0-724204 12th Lt.*

Unit:- *336th Sq. 95th B. G.*

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 - immediate help*
- (b) If not, had you one on you? *Yes*
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (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.

Horlicks tablets.

Chocolate.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass.

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

(f) How did you finally dispose of the box? *Gave to French*

- (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? *It in any way it would be possible to put some sort of clip on box to prevent losing it in parachute it would be an improvement.*

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? *NO*
If so, state COLOR.
In NOT, State why not. *lost while falling*
- (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.

Maps. Which ones?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

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+)

(+Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

(a) Did you carry or wear any of the following? *No*
If you used any of them state briefly WHEN and WHERE.

Round compass.

Stud compass.

Swinger compass.

Fly-button compass.

Pencil clip compass.

Tunic button compass.

Pipe compass.

Pouch

Special flying boots (and knife).

(b) Were they satisfactory?

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

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

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

(b) Did you use them?
State how.

5. LECTURES

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

(b) Did you find the lectures of value?

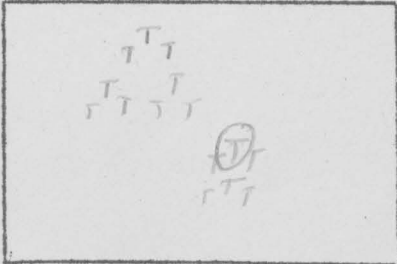
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developed yet.*

No

No

NAME Dwight A. Fisher RANK 1st Lt ASN 0-724204 REPORT NO. _____

SQ 836 GROUP 95 A/C NO. ? Letter ? Load 500# Date May 29, 1944



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing: not observed

Enemy Fighter Tactics: nose attacks

Markings: Fargo How -

Our Tactics: Stayed in formation

Our Fighter Support: None

<u>Flak</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
	<u>4PM</u>	<u>French Coast.</u>	<u>17 Hit US</u>

Technical Failures

Motors:

Armor:

Armament:

Miscellaneous:

controls of airplane apparently destroyed

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

None