

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 34279709 S/SGT COBBS, JAMES P.

Unit:- 389th (H) Bomb 567 Squadron

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*
- (b) If not, had you one on you? *NO*
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box? *LEFT ON SHIP*
- (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?
- (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*  
If so, state COLOR. *BLACK*  
In 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? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.

Maps. Which ones? *BOTH, WHILE TRAVELLING ON FOOT*

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *FRANCE ABOUT 200°*  
How did you spend the money? *FRANCE*

(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?

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? *NO*

(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?

*5-2 days to travel at night & hide in daytime*  
*French say the opposite*

*YES*  
*ENLISTED MAN'S' BRIEFING ROOM*  
*BEFORE TAKE OFF*  
*YES*  
*1st Sgt & waders*  
*Lt. Dunbar*

AG 383.6

Hq ETOUSA

19 October 1942

SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

TO : Personnel concerned.

1. It is the duty of all Americans to safeguard information which might, either directly or indirectly, be useful to the enemy.
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.
  - (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. 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) JAMES P. COBBS Signed James P. Cobbs  
Rank 5/SGT A.S.N. 34279709 Date 1/31/44  
Unit 389 (H) Bomb Witness John W. Smith  
Col. G.S.C.



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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.

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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.

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Name (Print)

COBBS, JAMES P.

Signed

James P. Cobbs

Rank

S/SGT

A. S. N.

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Dated

Unit

389(H) BOMB 567 SQUADRON

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R E S T R I C T E D  
Hq ETOUSA

7 Feb 1944

1. Maj JOHN C. HENDRIE, 0202412, OD, is asgd to Hq WBS, SOS, ETOUSA. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
2. Maj DEXTER D. GRIFFITH, 0324007, Inf, is asgd to this hq for dy w/SHAEF.
3. Maj JAMES D. FELLERS, 0326942, AUS, is asgd to this hq for dy in the G-2 Sec, is placed on DS in the O of the Mil Attache.
4. Maj HARALD J. HAYNES, 029189, FA, is in addition to his other d's aptd acting Depot Comdr of Fld Force Repl Depot No. 6, APO 153.
5. Lv of abs is granted the following O. The number of days are indicated, eff o/a date as indicated

	<u>No. of Days</u>	<u>Eff Date</u>
Capt GEORGE T. BRAZEE, 0425910, SC	8	21 Feb 1944
Capt GEORGE D. TIBBETS, 0910621, OD	5	7 Feb 1944
Capt WILFRED E. WALDROP, 0237885, TC	7	14 Feb 1944
1st Lt THOMAS J. JENNINGS, 01002795, AUS	8	9 Feb 1944

6. The following EM, Hq Det, SOS, ETOUSA, APO 871, are trfd in gr to Hq Det, SBS, SOS, ETOUSA, for dy as indicated:

Dy w/Engr Sv

Tec 3 CHARLIE R. EDWARDS, 20408479

Dy w/Engr Bridge Camp

Pfc ANGELUS REA, 36551149

Pvt EIFLYN P. ROBERTS, 31238713

Pvt JAMES PICCOLO, 32984628

TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs and rat while on travel status is atzd in accordance with Cir 85, this hq, 1943. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.

7. VOGG ordering 2d Lt RAYMOND JOSEPH LACOMBE, 02044994, AUS, now at 67th Bomb Sq (H), Eighth AF, to EAD, DP (PAC WD Cable R-830, 19 July 1943), eff 5 Feb 1944, and assigning him to 2d Bomb Div, Eighth AF, for dy with AC, are confirmed and made of record, the urgency being such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. He will rank fr 5 Feb 1944. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.

8. 1st Lt SAUL C. SIEGENDORF, 01576646, QMC, is rld fr asgmt to Gen Dep G-14, WBS, SOS, ETOUSA, is asgd to this hq for dy in the G-4 Sec. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.

9. WOJG HOWARD F. FLINCHBAUGH, W2108169, USA, this hq, is rld fr dy w/Engr Sec, APO 871, is asgd to dy w/Engr Sec, SHAEF. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.

10. 2d Lt HENRY W. STEWART, JR, 0536651, AUS, is rld fr asgmt to this hq, is asgd to Hq Ninth AF. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.

11. Maj FRANK P. WILCOX, JR, now on TD at Hq SBS, SOS, ETOUSA, is rld fr asgmt to this hq, is asgd to Hq SBS, SOS, ETOUSA.

12. Lt Col ABRAM H. ROSENFELD, JR, 0212685, Inf, is asgd to Hq Sp Trs, SHAEF.

13. VOGG, 28 Jan 1944, assigning Col AUBREY W. SCHOFIELD, 0150479, AC, to Hq & Hq Sq, American Component, ABAF, are confirmed and made of record, the urgency being such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance.

14. Maj ARTHUR C. BARTON, 0905741, CE, is rld fr asgmt to Hq SBS, SOS, ETOUSA, is asgd to this hq for the G-4 Sec and dy w/Advance Sec CZ. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.

15. Lt Col CARLTON G. KETCHUM, 0900507, AC, is rld fr asgmt to Hq Ninth AF, is asgd to Hq & Hq Sq, American Component, ABAF. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.

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(SO 38, ETOUSA, 7 Feb 1944, contd)

16. Announcement is made of the temp promotion of the following O; AC, Eighth AF; to the gr indicated in AUS with rank fr date of this order:

Capt to Maj

JULIUS PICKOFF, 0419228

1st Lt to Capt

WILLIAM C. BREINER, 0795014  
MILTON A. ESTERLINE, 0728620  
KENNETH V. KERR, 0798521

DALE C. MORGAN, 0734963  
JOHN R. WESTWOOD, 0885594  
EUGENE T. WILSON, 0795327

2d Lt to 1st Lt

THOMAS B. APPLEWHITE, JR, 0679171  
CHARLES C. ARMSTRONG, 0679342  
JOHN M. BERBRICH, 0799712  
EUGENE C. BLUM, 0681516  
RICHARD R. BOWEN, 0679354  
FRED BROWN, JR, 0748548  
LOUIS des COGNETS III, 0745644  
WILLIAM L. DIXON JR, 0682309  
WILLIAM F. FRANCIS, 0679492  
GEORGE C. GENIS, 0750189  
ROBERT H. HELPIN, 02044810  
DOUGLAS C. HARDING, 0676784  
ROBERT W. HARGER, 0805448

SYDNEY R. JETER, JR, 0795754  
OMEN V. JONES, 0737962  
PAUL C. JORGENSEN, 0686908  
EDWIN W. LAULO, 0748693  
WILLIAM D. LIVERMORE, 0676890  
RICHARD W. MALLON, 0683039  
SAMUEL MINKOWITZ, 0683286  
ROBERT W. RAYBURN, 0803266  
JOHN W. SCHWEIKART, 0683870  
BENNIE W. SOBOLAK, 0684571  
KENNETH J. SWANSON, 0735346  
HARRY L. THOMPSON, 0684792  
ERNEST H. WIENER, JR, 0807953

17. DP, Lt Col HAROLD R. LOW, 020234, QMC, is reld fr det in TC.

18. Lt Col HAROLD R. LOW, 020234, QMC, is reld fr asgmt to Det B, 14th PE, is asgd to Hq SBS, SOS, ETOUSA, for dy with QM Sec. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.

19. Tec 5 HENRY E. HALL, 3648432, Hq & Sv Co, 373rd Engr Regt (GS), APO 651, is trfd in gr to Hq Sq, Eighth AF BADA, AAF Sta 524, APO 635. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs and rats while on travel status is atzd in accordance with Cir 85, this hq, 1943. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.

20. Pvt FRANCIS J. GALLO, 20227543, 282d Port Co, 507th Port Bn, APO 508, is trfd in gr to 9th Inf Div, First US Army, APO #9. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs and rats while on travel status is atzd in accordance with Cir 85, this hq, 1943. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.

21. VOCC, 31 Jan 1944, relieving 2d Lt DONALD B. HENDERSON, 01643661, SC, fr asgmt to 827th Sig Sv Co, CBS, SOS, ETOUSA, and assigning him to Hq EBS, SOS, ETOUSA, for dy w/Sig Sv, are confirmed and made of record, the urgency being such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.

22. VOCC, 5 Feb 1944, assigning the following EM to Hq USSTAF, and placing them on TD at Hq CBS, SOS, ETOUSA, are confirmed and made of record, the urgency being such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. Upon completion of this TD they will rpt to the CG, USSTAF for dy:

S/Sgt JAMES P. ROBES, 3427986 S/Sgt FLOYD H. TERRY, 20820644

S/Sgt CARY E. MINOTE, 17040657 Sgt VERDI B. PRIOR, 39085856  
TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs and rat while on this TD is atzd in accordance with Cir 85, this hq, 1943. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

OFFICIAL:

R. B. LORD,  
Colonel, GSC, Deputy Chief of Staff.

Brigadier General, USA, Adjutant General.

R E S T R I C T E D -2-

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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. *COBBS, JAMES P. S/SGT 34279709*
2. Decorations. *QUALIFIED FOR AIR MEDAL BUT NOT AWARDED*
3. Unit or Squadron. *567TH*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *389TH*
5. Date of Birth. *FEB. 15, 1908*
6. Length of Service. *1 YEAR 8 MONTHS*
7. Private Address. *BOX 569 GREENWOOD, MISS.*
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?  
*LUDWIGSHAVEN, JAN. 7, 1944. DEPARTED AROUND 09.00 O'CLOCK, SHOT DOWN AROUND 1430 O'CLOCK APPROXIMATELY 30 MILES NORTHEAST OF ORLEANS NEAR VILLAGE OF APPENGAU (land in village)*
9. What was your position in aircraft? *RIGHT WAIST GUNNER*
10. Were you wounded? *YES*
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *NO*
12. Do you speak French? *NO* Spanish? *NO*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? *NO*
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? *BARCELONA BY A MR. BEAUMONT GIBRALTER BY BRITISH INTELLIGENCE NO WRITTEN REPORTS*
15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?
16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *YES - BARCELONA JAN. 20 - 1944. MADRID JAN. 26 - 1944 GIBRALTER FEB. 1, 1944*
17. Date of arrival in Spain. *JAN. 20 - 1944*
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *JAN. 31, 1944*
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *GIBRALTER AIR FEB. 4 - 1944*
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *FEB. 5, 1944 PRESWICK, SCOTLAND*



SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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

E & E REPORT NO.  
EVASION IN

(Date)

COBBS, JAMES P. S/SGT 34279709  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

567<sup>TH</sup>  
(Squadron)

(Group)

TARGET: LUDWIGSHAFEN

MIA: JAN-7-1944

Arrived in UK:

FEB-5-1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Official  
Disposition

Narrators  
Disposition

PILOT 1<sup>ST</sup> LT. E. T. COOPER

CO-PILOT 1<sup>ST</sup> LT. A. ACEVEDO

NAVIGATOR 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. R. A. LAWRENZ

BOMBARDIER 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. P. FALCO

RADIO OPERATOR T/SGT. A. A. MORIN

TOP TURRET GUNNER S/SGT. J. HARGER

BALL TURRET GUNNER S/SGT. W. R. POWELL

WAIST GUNNER T/SGT. H. VINES

WAIST GUNNER S/SGT. J. P. COBBS

TAIL GUNNER S/SGT. G. STILLWELL

AG REPORT

Known:

Were you wounded?

YES



The only thing I know of the other members  
of the crew is that I saw T/Sgt H. VINES  
jumped from the plane at the time he  
was alright. S/Sgt Stillwell made the trip  
with myself through France to Spain, the  
French people who helped me on reaching  
the ground told me there were only four  
bodies on the plane when it crashed  
and burned