

AG 333.6

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) BERTIL E ERICKSON Signed Bertil E Erickson
Rank 1/SGT A.S.N. 3324 8286 Date Feb 4th 1944
Unit 351st Bmt. Grp. 509th Sq. Witness Wm. W. [Signature]
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.

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) BERTIL E. ERICKSON Signed Bertil E Erickson
 Rank T/SGT. S. N. 33248286 Dated FEB. 7th 1944
 Unit 351st BMB. GRP. 508th SQD Witness [Signature]

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

9 Feb 1944

SO 40

1. Capt EDWARD K. HAYES, 0469769, SC, is reld fr asgmt to this hq, is asgd to 294th Joint Assault Sig Co, First US Army. 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. Under the provisions of Par 3 a, AR 35-320, the following O are aptd Class "A" Agent O for Maj Clarence C. Neely, 0322192, FD, 61st Disbursing Gp, for an indefinite period for the purpose of making payments, not to exceed \$1,500.00 each, in connection with Sp Sv - USO Theatrical Units, touring the UK:

2d Lt HUBERT L. ADAY, 01298099, AC 2d Lt GEORGE P. WOOD, JR, 01112532, CE

3. VCOG; 6 Feb 1944, assigning the following 2d Lts, AC, to Hq USSTAF, and placing them on TD with Hq CBS, SCS, 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:

JAMES A GRUMBLES, 0804652,

DANIEL H. GOETSH, 0729472

EUGENE V. MULHOLLAND, 0798016

TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

4. VCOG, 6 Feb 1944, assigning the following EM to Hq USSTAF, and placing them on TD with 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:

T Sgt BERTIL E. ERICKSON, 33248286

S Sgt THOMAS F. MEZYNSKI, 33267030

S Sgt CHARLES K. BAILEY, 38152388

S Sgt RAYMOND C. NIELD, JR, 12141782

S Sgt CLIFFORD HAMMOCK, 14120019

S Sgt WILLIAM M. QUINN, 6391477

S Sgt ORVILLE G. GREENE, 32143679

S Sgt ROBERT M. SHEETS, 6903658

S Sgt HERBERT W. DULBERG, 36341183

S Sgt FRANK VISALLI, 32557848

S Sgt STEVE KRAWCZYNSKI, 31144643

TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs and rat

is atzd while on travel status in accordance with Cir 85, this hq, 1943. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

5. VCOG, 6 Feb 1944, assigning 2d Lt ANDREW C. LINDSAY, 0795784, AC, to Hq Ninth AF and placing him on TD with 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 he will rpt to the CG, Ninth AF for dy. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

6. The following C are atchd to this hq for TD w/Signal Sv:

Maj Gen ROGER B. COLTON, 02975, USA

Maj WILLIAM S. MARKS, JR, 0480630, SC

7. Lt Col ROY E. WARREN, 021584, AC, is atchd to this hq for TD in the Air Tech Sec.

8. Lt Col DEMONT J. WAITE, 0240589, AGD, is atchd to this hq for TD in AG Sec.

9. The following changes in asgmt are directed:

Lt Col HOWARD R. JARRELL, 0144639, Inf Reld fr Hq ETOUSA Asgd to 18th Repl Dep, FFRD #1, APO 872

Lt Col EARNEST KEMP, 0443777, FD Hq 15th PE, APO 507 Hq ETOUSA, APO 871, dy w/Fiscal Director

Lt Col FRANCIS E. KEMPH 0263780, FA Hq ETOUSA Hq SBS, SOS, ETOUSA

Lt Col LOUIS M. ROUSSELOT, 0400019, MC 2d Gen Hosp, SBS, SOS 108th Gen Hosp, WBS

Maj EDWIN M. BEEBE, 1217959, SC 815 Sig Port Sv Co, APO 506 3113 Sig Sv Bn, APO 578-A

Maj ROBERT W. DUKE, 0365127, Inf Hq ETOUSA Hq SBS, 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.

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(SO 40, ETOUSA, 9 Feb 1944, cont)

10. Capt CLAUDE R. MINARD, 0511751, CMP, is reld fr atchd unasgd to Civil Affairs Gen, American Sch Gen, ETOUSA, is asgd to this hq for dy w/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.
11. DP 1st Lt BRUCE CRUIKSHANK, 01036491, CWS, AAF Sta 155, Eighth AF, is det in the AC.
12. Lv of abs is granted Maj THETTUS E. SIMS, 0386319, GSC, for eight (8) days, eff 11 Feb 1944.
13. Lt Col LEONARD H. GREENFIELD, 0235677, Inf, is, in addition to his primary dy as CO, 89th Repl Bn, NIBS, SOS, ETOUSA, designated as Acting Depot Commander, PFRD No. 7, NIBS, SOS, ETOUSA.
14. The following EM are trfd in gr fr Ord Sv, Hq Det, SOS, APO 871 to Ord Depot O-642, SBS, SOS, ETOUSA, APO 519:
Tec 5 GEORGE G. GONDELL, 35138305. Tec 5 RICHARD J. OSBORNE, 35630173
TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs and rat is atzd while on travel status in accordance with Cir 85, this hq, 1943. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
15. Cpl JEROME J. PAYSOR, 35285312, is trfd in gr fr Hq Det, SOS (Engr), APO 871, to Hq Det, SBS, SOS, ETOUSA, for dy w/Engr Bridge Camp. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs and rat is atzd while on travel status in accordance with Cir 85, this hq, 1943. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
16. Tec 5 JOHN D. CATES, 38339667, 228th Sta Hosp, APO 578, is trfd in gr to Hq & Hq Det, 6th Ord Bn, APO 230. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs and rat is atzd while on travel status in accordance with Cir 85, this hq, 1943. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
17. Lv of abs is granted Col ARCHIBALD A FALL, 07521, AGD, for three (3) days, eff o/a 11 Feb 1944.
18. 2d Lt WALLACE W. HINSEN, 01846163, OMC, is reld fr asgmt to 3626th QM Truck Co, CBS, is asgd to this hq for dy with G-4 Sec.
19. 2d Lt COMER H. BLACKERBY, 0515315, SC, is reld fr asgmt to Det "F", 827th Sig Sv Co, APO 871, is asgd to this hq, APO 887 for dy w/Sig Sv. 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.
20. M Sgt ANDREW F. SCHERER, 20381003, is trfd in gr fr Hq Det, SOS, APO 871, to 668th Engr Topo Co, APO 305. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs and rat is atzd while on travel status in accordance with Cir 85, this hq, 1943. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
21. Maj ANDREW D. FAULKNER, 0903528, FD, is reld fr asgmt to this hq, is asgd to Hq 15th PE, APO 507 for dy as Finance O. 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. Capt HOLGAR A. WIKSTROM, 0423901, MAC, is reld fr asgmt to Gen Dep G-35, WBS, SOS, ETOUSA, is asgd to this hq for dy in C of the GPA. 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.
23. Lv of abs is granted 1st Lt JOHN J. LIBERA, 0466885, SC, for seven (7) days, eff o/a 15 Feb 1944.
24. Confidential.
- 25 to 42 published in extract form.

By Command of General EISENHOWER:

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

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R. B. LOVETT,
Brigadier General, USA, Adjutant General.

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SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. *BERTIL EERICKSON T/SGT. 33248286*
2. Decorations. *NONE*
3. Unit or Squadron. *351~~ST~~ BOMB GRP. 508~~TH~~ SQD.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *GROUP 8~~TH~~ AIR FORCE*
5. Date of Birth. *AUG. 25~~TH~~ 1921*
6. Length of Service. *1 YR. 6 MO.*
7. Private Address. *GRASSFLAT PA.*
8. Job as civilian. *COAL MINER*
9. From what field did you take off? *POLEBROOK*
10. Take off time. *APPROX. 1800 IN EVENING*
11. Date and target. *AUG. 27~~TH~~ 1943. NEAR BRUXELLS.*
12. Where did you land? *NEAR ARRAS*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *YES*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *RADIO OPERATOR*
15. Were you wounded? *NO*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *NO*
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? *NO*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *YES DOG TAGS
French made, 2 sets*
19. 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 GIBRALTER ENGLISH INTERROGATOR N/A.
20. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? *NO*
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *YES (ALHAMA, SPAIN) JAN. 25~~TH~~ FEB.
24~~TH~~) GIBRALTER.*
22. Date of arrival in Spain. *DEC 17~~TH~~*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *FEB. 3~~RD~~*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *MARRKESH FEB. 5~~TH~~ AIR*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *PRESTWICK FEB. 6~~TH~~*

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E & E REPORT NO.
EVASION IN

FEB. 7TH 1944
(Date)

BERTIL ERICKSON T/SGT. 33248286
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: NEAR BRUXELLS

508th 351st
(Squadron) (Group)

MIA: AUG. 27TH 1944
Arrived in UK:
FEB. 6TH 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

		Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	1 ST LT. WILLIAM J. SUIT ?	} BELIEVED KILLED FRENCH SAID THEY SAW SEVEN CHUTES	
CO-PILOT	2 ND LT. JAMES F. GRAYSON ?		
NAVIGATOR	2 ND LT. BENNIE H. BELL ?		
BOMBARDIER	2 ND LT. MYRON L. JOHNSON ?		
RADIO OPERATOR	T/SGT. BERTIL E. ERICKSON		
TOP TURRET GUNNER	T/SGT. ALEXANDER B NOE	BAILED OUT REACHED GROUND OK	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	S/SGT ORVILLE G. GREENE	SAFE	
WAIST GUNNER	S/SGT LOUIS LOCHEN	TAKEN PRISONER	
WAIST GUNNER	S/SGT JOSEPH M. MAY	DEAD	
TAIL GUNNER	S/SGT LIONEL D. MOUNT ?		

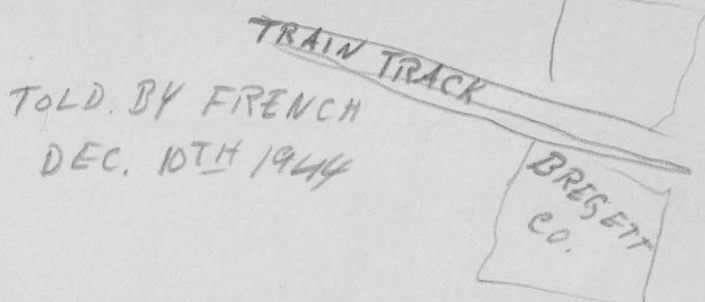
Were you wounded? NO

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

List all military information which you observed or were told while cyading. 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.,.....)

WAS Told by a Frenchman of a water supply for both mines and factories in the vicinity of DOUAI & VALLENCIENNE VALLENCIENNE WHICH IF DESTROYED WOULD COMPLETELY SHUT DOWN ALL FACTORIES AND MINE'S IN AREA. OCT. 10TH 1943 One fighter air base near Valenciennes (SOUTH) was bombed about the middle of Sept. 1943 all bombs missed runways (Told by french) one field south east of Valenciennes mostly JU. 88's not bombed (TOLD BY FRENCH) (OCT. 15TH 1943)

BRESETT AIRCRAFT CO. located in (MONTODRAN?) TOLOUSE. SOUTH WEST of Toulouse France. Has the plans on paper for a new (SUPER) heavy bomber. Dec 10TH 1943 (TOLD BY french man that works there) also repair JU. 88's output one JU. 88 a month ^{Dec 10th} output. suppose to increase tremendously 1ST of 1944 (TOLD BY FRENCH) NO anti aircraft defence there. NO camouflage. train track running between two factories both working for german. Orders to go on big scale production 1ST of 1944



Germans admit they are ~~not~~ beaten (when ONE german talks to a frenchman) TOLD BY FRENCH.
FRENCH MORAL lowered slightly after General SMUTT'S ~~speech~~ speech. Otherwise french moral is good & impatient for invasion