

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) FRANK VISALLISigned Frank VisalliRank 1SGT A.S.N. 32557848Date Feb 3, 1944Unit 9th Bomb Group 38 Bm Sq.Witness Frank W. Mohr  
Col. G.S.L.

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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-989 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  
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Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

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- (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.
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- 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.

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Name (Print) FRANK VISALLI  
Rank S/SGT A. S. N. 32557848  
Unit 96 BOMB GROUP 338 BOMB SQD.

Signed Frank Visalli  
Dated Feb. 7, 1944  
Witness W. C. Munn / S/LT AOS

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

SO 40

9 Feb 1944

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, 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:

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. BRICKSON, 33248286

S Sgt THOMAS F. MEZYNSKI, 33267030

S Sgt CHARLES K. BAILLEY, 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 O 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:

	<u>Reld fr</u>	<u>Asgd to</u>
Lt Col HOWARD R. JARRELL, 0144639, Inf	Hq ETOUSA	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 Cen, American Sch Cen, 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, FFRD 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, QMC, 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 O 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 publication in extract form.

By Command of General EISENHOWER:

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

OFFICIAL

R. B. LOVETT

Brigadier General, USA, Adjutant General.

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R E S T R I C T E D

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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. *S/Sgt Frank Esalli 32557848*
2. Decorations. *—*
3. Unit or Squadron. *96 Bomb Group - 338 Bomb Sqd.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *96 Bomb Group*
5. Date of Birth. *March 1, 1922*
6. Length of Service. *1 year and 4 months*
7. Private Address. *75 Court St. Clifton, New Jersey*
8. Job as civilian. *carpenter*
9. From what field did you take off? *96 Bomb Group*
10. Take off time. *11:30 A.M. Oct. 14, 1943*
11. Date and target. *Oct. 14, 1943 Shrewsbury*
12. Where did you land? *near Baginbun, France*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *yes*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *Tail Gunner*
15. Were you wounded? *scratched on cheek, right side of face*
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 DOGTAGS French made*
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, Gibraltar, General - Gibraltar Feb. 5, 1944*
20. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *yes - Gibraltar, Feb. 4, 1944*
22. Date of arrival in Spain. *Dec 28, 1943*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *Feb 3, 1944*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *By air, Gibraltar Feb. 5, 1944*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *Feb. 6, 1944 Bristol air field*



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SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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E & E REPORT NO. 388  
EVASION IN FRANCE

(Date)

Frank VISALLI      S/Sgt      32557848  
(Name)                      (Rank)                      (ASN)

TARGET: *Schneinfurt*

MIA: 14 October 1943  
Arrived in UK: 6 Feb 44

338      96  
(Squadron)                      (Group)

*date.*

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWID)

Official  
Disposition

Narrators  
Disposition

PILOT	Horton, Jack O. 20LT 0-672358	MIA	
CO-PILOT	Miller, Karl D. 20LT 0-801630	MIA	Intermed
NAVIGATOR	Schmidt, Delmar O. 20LT 0-670205	P/W	
BOMBARDIER	Ives, Raymond (NMI) 0-671363 20LT	MIA	
RADIO OPERATOR	Potts, Joseph S. Jr. 39253111 T/SGT	P/W	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	Codling, Clarence F. 36149794 T/SGT	P/W	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	Smith Perry K. 35417608 S/SGT	P/W	
WAIST GUNNER	Calnon, Robert M. S/SGT 32790203	P/W	
WAIST GUNNER	Vogel, James C. S/SGT 39453443	P/W	
TAIL GUNNER	Visalli, Frank (NMI) S/SGT 32557848	MIA	NARRATOR

*SAW 3 CHUTES*

Were you wounded?

*No other in B*

1st Lt. Richard Christenson <sup>2nd Lt.</sup> & William McNeill  
Met in Perpignan, France Oct. 17, 1943

Trip

Wagon, Jack O. 0-4700  
Miller, Earl D. 0-8000  
Schmidt, Robert O. 0-6000  
Ives, Raymond (M1) 0-6000  
Potts, Joseph S. 0-3000  
Gallagher, Clarence T. 0-3000  
Smith, Betty K. 0-3000  
Gordon, Robert M. 0-3000  
Yogel, James G. 0-3000  
Vassili, Frank (M1) 0-3000

SECRET  
EQUALS BRITISH

MOST SECRET

APPENDIX "B"  
MIS (X).....

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.....

Large factory in Villeneuve St. George  
L. & O. - Build trains and repair  
coaches.

Tu 88 Air field west of Ruffignan, France

Anti-aircraft guns just outside  
of south station in Paris.

In Bordeaux flat car with tanks.



Lady came see - Marie Chustre came to see you  
Ask for you, say, age, size, no, said.

Synapsed on back few days later - but never came.  
Had she been arrested & locked too

Two & 3/4 perfect ~~Trin~~ <sup>Trin</sup> born - got away.  
Wanted leave - got these people in trouble - not  
leaving.

Station 162 Rue de Paris, Ville Neuve  
St George - 2 stops before Brany from Paris.

Robert Tortochoux (?) -

wife in E - AS Hickam Newsham Rd,  
Darlington, Durham.

Has been taking care of the <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ & Monica  
- send regards

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Francis, born 26 Dec 1921 (2100)  
Thanks all his friends

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Two Ans. in Brany - Miss Jean Gaston - 194  
25, <sup>Rue</sup> Bolivar Her mother.

Then Sat 2 hrs.

Left Dec 16 - to Paris - Mrs Eg - meal with André  
& Monica in Paris.  
Station - met you Simon Benedictini - c 5'8"  
must be fair complexion.  
2 other who helping to get out.

Christiansen & McNatt on train  
Saw him next morning at Tundra - rd to Bergsman.  
Soldier ask before " for papers - ask ticket -  
showed him with car - dead & dead.  
Wait by yellow '123 - looked out window.

P 1230

With me I go to see plane - ch - then met  
out side town - couldn't find guide - not C & McN

Train to -

Su McNatt & Christiansen.

Left in Mts - after 24 hours - then went  
on - go back to hut. met guide who take  
to McN & C

No questions

<sup>cito</sup>  
Orbasetta, Bangkok, Secumbani,  
Sungorosa, Aleman, ~~Medita~~, & it.

Brick.

Sit. by Capt - will question Krangshi;  
+ Raymond Field.

~~J P Clegg~~ Clegg, 1719 Clegg

St

From Louis - He all at - taking care of things  
met " in Bureau - gave overcoat  
C 48 - think in <sup>CNR</sup> ~~page~~

Visali Return from Schweinfurt - 4th attacks - ⑤  
after some 2 hour flash hit us - through, fire - piece  
sent ch gas - another through ball turret, men No 2  
y - see it. 1st P, C, P, N talking about No 3 - not  
see anything - left formation. 1st leave ship.

22,000 Next thing I saw was WCH float through air - then  
saw WCs gone - left TC 1 - saw 2 more chutes - y  
nothing.

near  
Bazoches  
G/ ches went  
down

1st got with back - back & hit - awful head ache  
from then on. Lys - pick y clothing. In people told  
me run - to nearby woods - wait 12 hrs.  
A man along - my take to his place - gave him, jacket,  
flour, shoes, heated shoes, heated vest, coveralls, helmet,  
mask, MW - to farmhouse - wife child.

2nd, gave shoes - explosives - trousers, jacket, shirt, tie  
Oshy 0600 - walk 4 1/2 hrs - S - by compass following  
road to Bazoches.

When full moon over open ER - tried locate red on map -  
ask at house - show between Rhein & Soissons.

Ate chocolate - gave half to baby.

2nd in Paris in pills to keep any

1130 - 100 ft "Paris" - "Paris" look - couple people  
around

Station master call in when people go - told me no  
train to 1731 - Eat?

Stay in station - hot can chicken, potatoes, fruit, milk

Took train to Paris - 2010

Walk out - try get rooms - try explain in Italian -  
know what wanted - told go any.



To work just Paris - to get room - walk all nt

Then in by rd that Paris plan to go

Co. P ~~from 3~~ com to 388 - got papers in Paris

Think I plan to go

walk all that nt & next dy

c 1600 needed shave - got shave - just sat down -

gave 100 Fr, close - go out

Getting kind of disgusted

c 1800 ask for where station - "La Stazion" -

wanted know why - where I wanted to go - "Milan"

I just would sleep farmhouse - walk S.

1/2 that I meant Milan - ask of It - yes - sph  
little Italian:

Took to station - got man sph Italian - shipped

some Eng. money, ticket - ask me if I Eng - said

yes, Am. Told I needed help - Ask me how

not know man with you Sph Eng

Tell not help me - other from any - the my own  
body tomorrow

walked and all nt - went by river - took pills -

next am - back to station - said come back 1230

Took to nearby restaurant - back at 1800

Met in station - took to friend Jhs - ~~Bruno~~

Bruno (20ms of Paris) Albert Eng 7, ~~Bob Lioret~~

Lioret, 5 & 0

This from 17 Oct to 16 Dec - treated for  
wife, boy 8  
dinner & hotel  
up stairs

When we were returning from SCHWEINFURT on 14 October 1943, we met heavy *German* fighter attacks. After <sup>we passed</sup> some French town, flak hit us. Some came through the tail, and a piece scratched my face. Another piece went through the ball turret, and another went into number two engine. I saw oil streaming. I heard the pilot, co-pilot, and navigator talking about number three, but I could not see anything. We left the formation. Then I heard the order to leave the plane. The next thing I knew I saw the waist escape hatch floating through the air. I turned around and saw that one waist gunner had gone. I jumped from the tail escape hatch at about 22,000 feet. I saw two more chutes in the air.

I hit the ground on my back with my heels and head. I had an awful headache from then on. When I could get up, I started <sup>to</sup> gather my things together. Some French people told me to run, so I ran to a nearby woods and hid. After a couple of hours a Frenchman came and took me to his home. He took my parachute, flying shoes, heated shoes, heated suit, coveralls, helmet, oxygen mask, and mae west. At his home he fed me and gave me civilian clothes. I slept there that night. I gave the rest of my chocolate from the escape kit to the baby.

While I was lying in the woods, I tried to locate myself on the map, but was unable. I ate part of the chocolate from the escape kit and put the rest of the contents in my pocket.

The next morning I ate an early breakfast and started out walking south by my compass and following the road to Paris. I did not then realize that Paris was probably the worst place in France to head for, and I had never been briefed to avoid Paris. I heard in England that Paris was the place to go, I had heard an evader who had been to Paris, & later got the idea from him. I found out for myself that it is the worst possible place to go. About 1100 I came to a railroad station and went in to buy a ticket for Paris. I put down 100 francs on the and said, "Paris". The ticket man looked at me, and I said, "Paree." A couple of people were standing around. He gave me the ticket and my change. When the people had left the station, the station master called me in and told me that there was no train until 730. He asked me whether I was hungry and then brought me a can with chicken, potatoes, fruit, and nuts.

I took the train and arrived in Paris at 2000. I walked out of the station and started looking for a room. I speak Italian, and I tried at a number of places,

FIGHTERS  
& FLAK

~~CAUTION~~

HIT HARD

HELPED  
GIVEN  
CIVILIAN  
CLOTHES

BOUGHT  
TICKET  
FOR PARIS -  
WORST  
POSSIBLE  
MISTAKE

NO PLACE TO STAY  
SHAVE

The people knew what I wanted, but they told me to go away. I went to the worst part of Paris looking for a room and did not even have any luck there. I walked the whole night and the next day. I needed a shave pretty badly, so about 1600 I walked into a barber shop. I just sat down and the barber shaved me without a word as if I were one of his regular customers. I gave him 100 francs and he gave me my change. I went out. By that time I was getting kind of disgusted and did not know what I was going to do.

ASKED WAY TO STATION

About 1800 I stopped a man and asked him where the station was. I spoke in Italian, asking for, "La stazione." He wanted to know why I wanted the station, and where I wanted to go. I mentioned a place of which I knew, and he thought that I was naming an Italian town. He asked me whether I was Italian, and I said that I was. He took me to the station and found a man who could speak Italian. I slipped in speaking to this man, ~~using~~ <sup>used</sup> the English words for money and ticket. The man immediately asked me whether I was English. I replied, "Yes, American." I told this man that I needed help. He asked me how he knew that the man with me was not a Gestapo agent. He refused to have anything to do with me, and the man who had brought me to the station left. Then the Italian speaking man told me to come back tomorrow.

SPENT SECOND NIGHT BUT WALKING JOURNEY ARRANGED

I walked around all that night, spending most of the ~~night~~ <sup>it</sup> by the river. I took some benzadrine pills, and they proved most effective. The next morning I went back to the station and saw the same man. He told me to come back at 1230. When I returned then, he took me to a restaurant and said that he would return at 1700. That evening I met him in the station, and he took me to a place from which my journey was arranged.

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#### Appendix B

1. The following information has been obtained from a sergeant 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 14 October 1943 to  
28 December 1943.

a. Informant saw a large factory in VILLENEUVE St GEORGES, Seine et Oise. He understood that train coaches were built and repaired there.

In late December

b. Informant saw west of PERPIGNAN an airfield which had Ju 88's.

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

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Unit:-

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Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training 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, why?

*wasn't necessary*

c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".

Horlicks tablets.

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass.

Sewing kit.

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?

e. How did you finally dispose of the box?

*lost*

f. 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?

State color of stripes and letters.

If NOT, State why not.

*Yes*  
*Red*

b. Did you use the purse?

*Yes*

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.  
How did you spend the money?

*French currency 2000 Fr.  
Train tickets food & toilet articles*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

*Lost*

Compass.

*Lost*

File (hacksaw).

*Lost*

Surplus currency.

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

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

*yes*

*2*

b. Did you use them?

*no - too small*

5. LECTURES

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

*yes*

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b. Did you find the lectures of value?

*yes*

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers?

*yes! don't take a train into  
Paris - or stay in Paris -*