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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

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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.

- 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.
- Personnel will not, unless authorized by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, publish in any form whatever or 2. Personnel will not, unless authorized by the Assistant officer of Starr, d.2, was beginning the formal enemy of communicate either directly, or indirectly, to the press, radio or an unauthorized person any account of escape or evasion of capture from enemy 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 communicate either directly, or interestly, to the press, radio of all differences 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.
- Evaders, escapees, or internees shall not be interrogated on the circumstances of their experiences in escape, evasion or internment except by 5. Evaders, escapees, or internees shall not be interrogated on 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- Information about your escape or your evasion from capture would be useful to the enemy and a danger to your friends. It is therefore SEGRET.
- 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.
 - You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.
 - You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.
 - You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4.
 - 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.

GERTIFIGATE

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 SEGRET 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) DONALD D. MELEOD

Witness

OUTLINE FOR TALKS

- 1. Complete description of everything that happened. in plane before jump.
- Description of jump and landing.
- Description of what you did with your equipment. 3.
- 4. Tell story of experiences up to time you met the person who put you in contact with organization.

DO NOT GIVE THE NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO HELPED YOU

DO NOT GIVE THE NAMES OF TOWNS.

DO NOT GIVE ANY ADDRESSES.

- 5. How you crossed Pyrenees (General Location)
- 6. Your experiences in Spain.

Suggestions for others.

If there is some helpful incident that happened after you were picked up, do not mention it until it has been discussed with M.I.S. Interrogator.

> Richard Melson RICHARD R NELSON

Major, AC

SECRET - AJERICAN MOST SECRET - BRITISH MIS (X)

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PRSONNEL EVADING FROM ENERY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

- 1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. DONALD DUNCAN MELEOD
- 2. Decorations.
- 3. Unit or Squadron. 4104 Boms (H)
- 4. Division (Army) or Group. 944 BOMB (H)
- 5. Date of Birth. JAN. 18, 1919
- 6. Length of Service. 22/12
- 7. Private Address. 1004 WEST 104 ST. AUSTIN, TEXAS
- 3. Job as civilian. SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT
- 9. From what field did you take off? 944 Bone CF.
- 10. Take off time. 07:35
- 11. Date and target. JAN. 5,1944
- 12. Where did you land? 20 KILO SOUTH OF MORLAIX NEAR A SMALL
- 13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? G-Box DETONATOR SET OFF
 By Evacive Action Radio Equipment Ditched over Bay of Biscay

 14. What was your position in aircraft?
- 15. Were you wounded? None
- 16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? LEFT 1900 FRANCS WITH
- 17. Do you speak French? Spanish?
- 18. Did you have Identity Papers? HAD FRENCH PAPERS
- 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?
- 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?
- 22. Date of arrival in Spain.
- 23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar.
- 24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. Beest Parises A, Fee 17
- 25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. DARTMOUTH FEB. 27, 1944

SECRET - ATERICAN MOST SECRET - DRITISH

APPENDIX "D" TO E IND E REPORT NO..

List all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encarpments, coastal and interior defenses, AA batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of allied bombing, location of enemy factories and amunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.,...)

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

E'& E REPORT NO.

FEB, 28 1944

DONALD D. MELEOD 9/SGT 38158454

AGE: 25
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 22/12
HOME ADDRESS: 1004 WEST 10th ST.

AUSTIN, TEXAS

MIA: JAN. 5 /944 Arrived in Spain:

Arrived in Gibraltar:

Arrived in UK: FEB. 27, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Official Disposition Narrators Disposition

PILOT R. J. BORN

CO-PILOT , ERICKSON

NAVIGATOR N.R. KING

BOMBARDIER E.H. HUGONNET

RADIO OPERATOR H.O. GILLEY

TOP TURRET GUNNER D. D. MELEOD

BALL TURRET GUNNER M.A. HALL

R.A. SCHWARTZBURG WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER R.C. SOUTHERS

TAIL GUNNER AL, THOMPSON

Were you wounded?

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The last of More Laurent - Hall + I here to others in another hase
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went to house + met others -

was trus ferring feel over bay of Ighs called out - #10est - 2 no your - in level Corlore - statistizer off - BTG was in nose manning nose- his gun turnel %- inter com burked out - had no 80 bell a signal - BTG came up - FW 140 at 8 octock high - he crashed aco to heard - out of text - fell % in olight dive - plt said, getout - chute a upside Down - bruber come along & raid gray - diel - nough slep chean - threw no back cleared slipstream & pled in - out at 5 ood - opend at your ! - when chute grend shroudlines twisted - hed FW come by - close Hugenet - saw whele down on our a/c - when I went to back of a/c for my cluste it was empty - chub unwound yeest over ground - had seen I chute to an a/c lowering 6 drifting hitgand - wind blowing me back - had helmetoff - house near troak between me + house - suddenly 20.30 people around - before got chute off started to fold charte - haded to Frenchan - off MW t believed - ruled lide it epig Findhum (23-24) - toto me ley ann - mited me to follow - austhur Goy - spring - in america 6 yrs - came ig the him I would to hide fllood his over fld - was taking of clother as we walked over fields had on II I show in plane with flying boots over them - large pain - coveralls 6 lestric suit to woman - Chocolale bar tique to chald - had no papers - had two photostà Cig I notes - 4 AB - f Pince - who across several fless - 3 y us - cel other Frenchm seattered - came to low mershy flet in center - strow stack - got uside - This - studing in water - boy golo Cooking for Hermans - after This In very (run Cong sphing netrud - 7000 - he took me (wite from Cuy boy) acronflow looked for the please and - of shoes tooks - salvots - giled straw & sticks

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