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(Lt. Shwayder)  
App. C.

Lt. Shwayder landed to the west of LEZARDRIEUX (5 kms W of PAIMPOL) on 31 Dec. 43. He was at once taken by a young farmer <sup>gave Shwayder civilian clothes and hid him</sup> to his house where his ~~old~~ old parents <sup>hid Shwayder</sup> in the attic. The next morning Shwayder was visited <sup>(here)</sup> and interrogated by JOE, a gendarme in LEZARDRIEUX (5' 11" tall; 180 lbs; dark and rugged; had been at Dunkirk; had spent five years in U.S. and spoke American slang). That night Shwayder was given new clothes and taken to JOE'S house in LEZARDRIEUX. There he was given an escape purse and then was taken to a neighboring house where he stayed for four days. (The family here consisted of a grey-haired man of 50 years, his wife who was short, plump, and gay, her mother who was an older edition of the wife, a daughter of 20 years who had one withered arm, and a son of 19 years.) On the fifth morning JOE and the harbor engineer of LEZARDRIEUX (5' 9" tall, glasses, double chin; father a publisher in ST. BRIEUC) took him by automobile to PONTRIEUX where he saw Sgt. Gilson who was staying at the home of a one-armed man who with his brother ran a trucking business. Shwayder was then taken to ST. BRIEUC to the apartment of a small, dark man who wore glasses and had

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a nervous twitch in his eyes (apartment in block directly across from the city hall, near the railway station). The one-armed man from PONTREIX brought Gilson to this apartment later in the day. A man about 60 years old, 5'5" tall, with ~~long~~ bushy, white moustache came in (according to VOF he was the chief of the organization), and then they all went by automobile to a group of four houses in the country six or seven kms. from ST. BRIEUC. In the first house on the way from ST. BRIEUC lived a man from northern France with his wife, mother-in-law, son, and a blind Belgian; this man spoke excellent English. The second house ~~to~~ belonged to a Jew who had been forced to leave, so that this house was now ~~is~~ uninhabited. In the third house lived a man about 60 years old, 6' tall, weighing 200 lbs, and having a small moustache; with him lived his wife and mother-in-law. The fourth house was inhabited by a young man of 20, <sup>(an English-speaking)</sup> a student at RENNES, who lived with his father (5', 10" tall, very fat, dark-complexioned, moustache; had been P/W in Germany), his mother, two sisters (19 and 17 years old), and a younger brother. All the people in this settlement were involved in keeping Shwayder and Gilson, who slept in the empty house, however. After ten days the chief from ST. BRIEUC (the man with the bushy, white moustache) came with a young man called LOUIS, who runs a printing press in ST. BRIEUC and has an apartment in the same building where he lives with his wife, LOUVOU, and his child, CLAUDE. These two men took Shwayder and Gilson to LOUIS's apartment in ST. BRIEUC where they stayed about a week, had photos taken, papers prepared, and new clothes provided. A ~~young~~ man who spoke fluent English then came from Paris, and he and the small man with the twitch in his eyes ~~took~~ and took them by train to Paris. There they

Schwayder

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Took off from Polebrook on 31 Dec 43 to bomb  
Bordeaux. Little flak over target crossed out over  
a fake boat & had 1 eng. knocked out + bombard. was  
badly wounded. At 15,000 ft. dropped behind + below formation.  
Got out over Biscay. Just before Brest pen. tail gunner  
complained that he was freezing (his heating system was  
out) B.T. gunner came up from turret. I got into chin  
turret as we crossed Brest peninsula. Waist gunner came  
back from tail to change again. Just as we crossed out  
from Brest, fighters attacked out of sun from 8 o'clock.  
Plane filled with smoke. I tried to open bomb bay doors  
but they didn't open. The door in hatch was open & I thought  
bombardier was out. The bombard. pushed me out.

Bailed out about 10,000 ft. & delayed jump a  
little. I had put on g. 1. shoes before + laced them  
on way down. Landed near Lezardrieux <sup>to the west</sup> (Saw  
ship in flames going into water). Landed in farm yard  
& farmer was there working. I got chute off and began  
to run. I bumbled up chute & lay down on it when  
two FWs circled. I found a hole in bank to hide  
my chute when a dozen Fmen encircled me. One of

Pilot ramp  
broke out  
it  
didn't ring  
in rear

them threw a coat over me + (the others took care of my chute) + he made me follow him on the run, (I was then I lost purse). He took me into farmhouse where his old parents were. They put me into attic + brought me bread + butter + coffee. People came up all afternoon to see me. Another couple came in (woman daughter of old couple) That evening brought me downstairs + I slept that night in bedroom. Back to attic for day. Late in morning a gendarme came in and interrogated me. That night I was

gave me civilian clothes

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in Lesardrieux (JOE; had been in US for 5 1/2 years; had been at Dunkirk stamps collector dark, rugged 5'11" 180 lbs speaks American) gave me every thing

taken downstairs again + I was given new clothes + the man who first picked me up led me to his brother-in-law's farmhouse. JOE was here. He rode on bike + I was taken in buggy to Lesardrieux. We walked into town + to JOE'S house where I was given a new purse. JOE then took me to the home of people near JOE'S house (grey haired, about 50; mother short, plump, gay; grandmother an older edition of mother; girl of 20 with withered arm; boy of 19, fairly short 5'7" + 140 lbs; he had a regular arsenal). Here I stayed 4 days + Joe came every day. On 2nd day he came + said he had found Sgt. Gilson who, he said, was at Pontrieux. On 5th morning a man with automobile +

Harbor eng. of Lesardrieux (Father a publisher in St. Brienc) Double chin, glasses, 5'9"

drove me to Pontrieux where I met Gilson who was staying with a one-armed man who with his brother ran a trucking-firm. I went on (Gilson said he's found McKinney's chute + mail west + that 4 boys in back had all got out of ship) Saw that I was taken P/W and French had got him out.

in same car to St. Brienc & they told me Gilson would come by way. In St. Brienc I sat & stayed in car for 1/2 hour while driver reconnoitered. 1/2 hr. later driver returned with small, dark man with glasses who had pronounced nervous twitch in his eyes. This man took me to his apt. in block right across from city hall near station. Gilson + 1 armed man later arrived. They then brought in a man about 5'5" about 60 yrs. old, ~~with~~ bushy white moustache, acc. to Vol the chief, we all got into a car stopped at a restaurant <sup>(by bus stop)</sup> on outskirts of St. Brienc where owners seemed to be in on org. + then went to a farm about 6 or 7 kms from St Brienc (close to German encampment) group of 4 farm houses. In to 3rd from St. Brienc we entered (owned by man 6' tall + 200 lbs, <sup>60 yrs old about</sup> & little moustache; has wife & mother-in-law) In 2nd house from St. Brienc, big empty house, formerly occupied by a Jew who had to leave, they put both Gilson & me. Here stayed 3 days when big man brought up a man 30 yrs old, who spoke English, who lived in 4th house from St Brienc with his father (5'10" + very fat, former ~~prisoner~~ P/W in Germany, dark, moustache), his mother + two sisters (17 + 19 yrs old; younger one: <sup>and a boxer jumper than himself.</sup> Marie Therese); young man took us to his house that evening + then back to empty house. In 12th house of 4 was a man who spoke excellent English (wife + mother-in-law, son, + blind Belgian) who was from N. France, not Brittany. We visited them

In empty house over 10 days

- over

various houses. All in all. On 11<sup>th</sup> morning we got up early + whole neighborhood came around. The man with white bushy mustache + a young man (LOUIS who runs printing press in ST Brienc + lives in same building with wife (LouLou) + child (Claude) next to park). Louis + old man walked us to St. Brienc + took us into apt. where the student at Rennes + man with twitch came up to see us. That night LOUIS came for us + took us to his home. My photos were taken here + papers made up. Here we stayed <sup>about</sup> a week. Man with twitch brought us new clothes. Next to last day a young man who spoke <sup>perfect</sup> English came from Paris + next night ~~we~~ were taken to train by man with twitch + man from Paris. The latter rode with us to Paris + he took us to an apt. of a small dark man (Ing. H.G.) + Geneviève (half-English, fair, quite stout, round face). Geneviève took us <sup>me</sup> by metro to the house of an older woman (Christol, husband Paul). We had to have new photographs taken. Here 3 Americans (Tom, Bob + one other) had stayed. M. Christophe knew <sup>two</sup> Mue Tardier + Mlle. Beatrice (two <sup>older</sup> American women) + M. Herring (Englishman). M. Tardier brought up Bill Spellman to visit us. Stayed here with Mme Christol for 10 days. On night of 2 Feb. we ~~left~~ walked with Christol's acc. to Geneviève's directions + met 2 other Americans. A girl took the four of us (Giles, me, + 2 Am.) by train to TOULOUSE. Arrived morning of 3 Feb. The girl led us out past ticket man. I was last. ~~She~~ ~~was~~ Gestapo man put his hand on shoulder of ~~the~~ first American in my line. He and the next two <sup>(two of whom was Giles)</sup> moved off to where Gestapo printed.

Near  
Place  
d'Alsace  
des  
Gobelins  
Ave.

Gave us  
overcoats

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I walked on out. These 3 (including Gilson) were taken P/w. Outside of the station I waited on corner. At the same time 3 in the 4 of Beilstein's group were taken, but Beilstein & I came out. So the girl took Beilstein & me down the street where we met JACQUES (19 yrs old, lives in PAU). Jacques took us <sup>Beilstein & me</sup> to a house for food then took us by train (after waiting in station at Toulouse 3 hrs) to PAU. Arrived at 9.30 PM. The girl & 2 men from Paris met us here. Jacques took us to a room for the night. Next morning Jacques took us to a little shop on the square (family, young man 25, 5'7", pelotte champion). Large Restaurant across river was where we ate lunch & dinner. After dinner the young man came with a very short man, stocky, painter, pelotte player & took us to the apt. of the latter & his younger brother, also a painter. Here we stayed ~~4 days~~ about a week & were fed by Spanish woman <sup>married</sup> 3 daughters, husband killed in revolution) who lived next door. A Swiss Jewish with organization also visited us, spoke fluent English. ~~Jacques finally came up & took us to station & indicated~~ The young pelotte player's cousin (15 yrs) took us to station & there we met guide who had brought Beilstein from Paris, and took us by train to Tarbes. In station

at Tarbes for  $5\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. Then 2 young men (20 or 21; &  
~~one~~ one named Armagnac) came + took us to  
an old man, <sup>car worker</sup> (now, flyer in Africa, 2 daughters), stayed  
in his store room for night. Next morning the 2  
young men + ~~the~~ Beilstein's Paris guide came,  
took us to station, + went by train to a small  
town (got there at <sup>4 A.M. or</sup> noon). There there were 4 bikes +  
we 5 went along; the other 2 dropped out + Armagnac  
went on with us until he turned us over to his  
father (had been an aviator, moustache), went  
on to small station + took same train we'd been  
on before + went with Armagnac père to town of  
Novaro. Armagnac us to a home (man is a  
machinery dealer, farm machinery; wife, ~~is~~ not tall,  
he has moustache. They have a son.) where we ate.  
A girl (father is Baldensperger (at U.C.L.A.) +  
her husband came over; they were visiting from Paris.  
Stayed overnight + had lunch next day + then  
young Armagnac + his friend came + took us  
by auto to Luppe Violles (10 kms from  
Novaro) where we stayed at ~~late~~ the hotel  
(owner had three fingers of left hand half off). Here  
stayed 2 weeks. Then young Armagnac's friend  
came with auto (driver + one other man) + took  
us to the driver's farm on other side of Novaro, the  
driver leaving other two off at Novaro. This was big  
farm (he <sup>stocky, veteran of 2 egotism</sup> spoke English; mother;) After one night here.  
<sup>5' 8" + 180 lbs</sup>

Then Jacques came next day at noon with

A woman who had been helping Isabelle & her mother get people across. He was carrying books, and they just had heard that he was with a German colonel.

Amagiac's friend with hired car + took us to PAU, here stayed at JACQUES'S home for 2 days. Night of 2<sup>nd</sup> (American) day Jacques took us + met ROSEMARIE on bicycle. She led us on bicycle till we met ISABELLE blonde Belgian. Isabelle took us to home of Mr. Vanderpool in PAU. Isabelle + her mother visited

*Kirochnes had stayed here before  
till, wool dealer, lots of time in N. Zealand, & now works for Vichy as wool buyer*

us here. Here 4 days. Vanderpool then took us to a church where we met Rosemarie. Rosemarie took us to her place (living here with an English woman). There we met Frank Greenaway (New Zealander, P.A.F. escaped PW). Went to bus station at PAU with Rosemarie + here we were turned over to an old man, wrinkled face. Followed old man out to bus and rode to Navarrenx. On bus was a dark, small girl (married) also conn. with org. From Navarrenx to Mauléon by car (guide, Greenaway, + we two)

*Guide gave clothes for me.*

The guide left us here in a hotel without instructions. Stayed in hotel 4 days. On 4<sup>th</sup> night the guide led us for 10 kms. On the road we picked up <sup>from out</sup> five ♀ men

The guide (old man) turned us over to another guide (young Basque) who led us into into. + picked up another guide for a while + then dropped him. That night walked to ~~Lacarre~~<sup>AO</sup> Lacarre where we stayed in a barn + next night walked to LARRAU (one of men from house in Lacarre walked along with our guide) On way the guide from Lacarre ran away. Our original guide's brother came and took us on. We were taken to a barn where we slept second night + the next night we walked + climbed + crossed the border about 1 AM. After a little way the guide gave some instructions + left. Greenaway led on acc. to instructions. We walked + followed River Irati until we reached a farm house where a Spaniard put us up for the night + next day walked to Orbasita. There Civil Guards picked us up. Then they took us to a store where there was a letter from the Am. Consul + then took us by bus + train to Pamplona to police station. Señor Pasquilinea took us to his hotel where there were other Americans. = weeks here. Spanish A. F. took us to Alhama by bus. 12 Apr. left Alhama. M. A. came to Alhama, took us to Madrid, + then to Gib. 13 April. Left Gib 17 April.

11 March

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 Counsel  
 came to  
 Pamplona  
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went to an apartment where they found a ~~small~~ small, dark  
man and Geneviève (half-English, fair, ~~stout~~ stout, round  
 face). Geneviève took them to the apartment of M. and  
Mme. Paul CHRISTOL (near Place d'Italie, off Ave. des Gobelins).

Here they stayed ten days, during which time they met Mme.  
DREW TARDIER (with whom Bill Spellman was staying), Mlle.  
BEATRICE and M. HERRING. On the night of 2 February M.

and Mme. Christol led them according to Geneviève's  
 instructions through the streets and turned them over to  
 a girl who was guiding two other American evaders.

This girl took all four Americans by train to TOULOUSE.  
 There the girl led them in single file through the gate.

Shwayder was last in the line of four. As they went through  
 the gate a Gestapo agent put his hand on the shoulder of  
 the first American, and he and the two who followed  
 (one of whom was Gilson) were led off to one side; but

Shwayder walked on through the station and out to the  
 street where he waited on a corner. Meanwhile another  
 group of Americans had also been apprehended in the  
 station and ~~for~~ only Beilstein had got away. Beilstein  
 and his guide and Shwayder and the girl who had  
 been guiding his group finally joined ~~up~~ on the street  
 (over)

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corner and went to meet JACQUES ~~from PAU~~ (19 years old, lives in PAU). From this point Shwayder's story is the same as that of BEILSTEIN (E + F 557).

N.B. The ~~name~~ of the American girl to whom JACQUES turned them over in PAU and who turned them over to Isabelle is ROSEMARIE.

At NOGARO and later at LUPPE VIOLLES they were visited by the daughter of BALDENSPERGER (professor ~~of~~ at U.C.L.A. in Los Angeles, California; sometime professor of comparative literature at the Sorbonne) and her husband who ~~live~~ live in Paris but were visiting his husband's parents.

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(Lt. Irving V. Shwayder)

As we crossed the coast after leaving the target at BORDEAUX a ~~flak~~ flak ship knocked out our #1 engine and severely wounded our bombardier; but we reached and crossed the BREST Peninsula safely. Then fighters attacking out of the sun riddled the ship which filled with smoke immediately. The pilot rang the bail-out bell, and the bombardier pushed me out of the open door in the hatch.

FIGHTER  
ATTACK

The ship was at a height of 10000 feet when I left. I had put on my G.I. shoes before jumping, and I laced them on the way down. I saw our ship ~~die~~ in flames dive into the water, and then I landed in the middle of a farmyard. As soon as I got my chute off I bunched it up and began to run towards a bank, falling <sup>flat</sup> prone upon my chute several times on the way as FWs circled over me. I had scarcely reached the bank and found a hole in it in which to hide the chute when a dozen French men suddenly surrounded me. One of them flung an overcoat about my shoulders and made me follow him on the run to a farmhouse. There an old

G.I. ~~SHOES~~  
SHOES

SURROUNDED  
BY  
HELTERS

couple hid me in the attic until night fall when I was brought  
downstairs <sup>to a</sup> and given a bed-room. The next morning I was  
taken into the attic again. During the morning another  
QUESTION-ED Frenchman came in to question me; and when he had  
satisfied himself concerning my identity my journey was  
JOURNEY ARRANGED.

### Appendix B.

- a) In early January 1944 two divisions of regular German infantry with artillery had been removed from ST. BRIEUC and replaced by two divisions of White Russians (Hearsay, middle of January 1944)
- b) In the region of ST. BRIEUC there were in January 1944 a large number of Italian soldiers apparently organized in their own units. (Observation and Hearsay, January 1944)
- c) On the NE side of road 9C6 ~~just~~ near LANYOLLON there is a large estate which is used as a German H/Q. (Observation, January 1944) The French said that it was the permanent H/Q for the whole region.
- d) In the district about AUCH and NOVARO German garrisons were being enlarged for the purpose of forestalling possible descents of Allied parachute troops. (Hearsay March 1944)
- e) In February and March 1944 MEs were constantly flying over PAU from a training field in the neighborhood (Observation and hearsay, Feb. - March 1944)

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- a) At Pau MEs were flying from training field <sup>Feb.</sup>  
(Observation & Hearsay <sup>Mar 44</sup>)
- b) In St. Brienc 2 divisions of regular Germans &  
artillery has been moved out & 2  
✓ divisions of White Russians has been  
moved in (Hearsay <sup>middle of Jan 44</sup>)
- ✓ c) Italians apparently in separate units are  
stationed in the region of ST BRIENC  
(Observation <sup>Jan 44</sup>)
- ✓ d) <sup>N.E. side of Road</sup>  
On road near Lannallon is German H.Q.  
in large estate. (Observation <sup>Jan 44</sup>). Acc  
to French it is H.Q. for the whole region.
- e) Around Auch & Navaro German garrisons were  
moving in to forestall any descent <sup>also</sup> of paratroops  
in the region (Hearsay <sup>March 1944</sup>)

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INTERROGATOR Chernis

Shwader  
(Name)

Lt  
(Grade)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ASN)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Squadron)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Group)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Missing in action)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Returned to duty)

Message to be broadcast over BEC:

Lucky Strikes are a good cigarette

Language French

Time Evening Program

Person requesting message Name unknown

Date of contact with this person 10 Jan 44

Description of this person: Speaks English fluently; 5'11",  
slightly built, soft-spoken  
near St Brienc

Services Rendered: Food, Books, General Aid, Housed + fed  
for 10 days.

SECRET - AMERICAN  
• MOST SECRET - BRITISH

HEADQUARTERS  
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E & E REPORT NO. 564  
EVASION IN FRANCE

18 April 1944  
(Date)

IRVING J SHWAYDER, 2d Lt ,O-750224  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

7 MISSIONS

511 Bomb Sq, 351 Bomb Group  
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: BORDEAUX

MIA: 31 December 1943  
Arrived in UK:  
17 April 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWID)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	: O-675286	2d Lt	Warren L PUTMAN		MIA
CO-PILOT	: T-1616	F/O	Thomas A IRVINE		MIA
NAVIGATOR	: O-750224	2d Lt	Irving J SHWAYDER		NARRATOR
BOMBARDIER	: O-744444	2d Lt	Jack R WOOD		P/W
RADIO OPERATOR	: 34038643	S/Sgt	Wesley F GREENE		P/W
TOP TURRET GUNNER	: 16074085	Sgt	Ray E PRATER		KIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	: 35410746	Sgt	Albert R CUSTER		MIA
WAIST GUNNER	: 15323817	Sgt	Robert O DIEHL		P/W
WAIST GUNNER	: 12098583	Sgt	John J GILSON, JR		MIA
TAIL GUNNER	: 18217447	Sgt	Jack D MCKINNEY		P/W

Were you wounded?

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 0-750224 2Lt. Irving J. Shwayder

Unit:-

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? NOT NEEDED - IMMEDIATE AID
- 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? GAVE CONTENTS TO FRENCH MAN
- 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? YES - Yellow  
~~State color of stripes and letters. YELLOW~~  
~~If NOT, State why not.~~
- b. Did you use the purse? YES

I spent 1000 frs on  
 cigarettes, Food, and  
 lodging while crossing  
 the Frontier.

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.

FRANCE 1000 10,000 FRANCS

How did you spend the money?

CIGARETTES AND FOR  
FOOD AND LOGGING WHILE CROSSING  
FRONTIER

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. GIVEN TO FRENCHMAN

Compass. GIVEN TO FRENCHMAN

File (hacksaw). GIVEN TO FRENCHMAN

Surplus currency. GIVEN FOR EXCHANGE INTO FRENCH MONEY

NEVER RETURNED

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? NO

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

NO. (NOT YET TAKEN  
IF so, how many? AT TIME OF MISSION)

b. Did you use them?

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

YES. A+,

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

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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?

SPEND AS MUCH  
TIME AS POSSIBLE LEARNING FRENCH,  
ALSO CARRY DICTIONARY ON ALL  
MISSIONS.

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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) IRVING J. SHWAYDER Signed Irving J. Shwayder  
Rank 2nd Lt A.S.N. 0-750224 Date April 12, 1944  
Unit 401st Bomb. GRP. Witness Wm. W. [Signature]  
(Capt. G.S.C.)

## Appendix D

1. I did not use my aids box, as I received immediate help.
2. I carried a yellow purse; spent 1000 frs on cigarettes, food, and lodging while crossing the frontier.
3. I carried no passport-size photographs — not yet taken at time of mission.
4. I was lectured on Ean E at Polebrook by Group S-2 and found the lectures of value.
5. I suggest that men should learn as much French as possible, and carry a small dictionary on all missions.

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MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT 2ND LT. W.L. PUTMAN		MIA
CO-PILOT F/O THOMAS A. IRVINE		UNKNOWN
NAVIGATOR 2ND LT. IRVING J. SHWAYDER		DEAD (HEARSAY)
BOMBARDIER 2ND LT. JACK R. WOOD		WOUNDED
RADIO OPERATOR S/SGT GREENE		TAKEN TO HOSPITAL AS P.W. (HEARSAY)
TOP TURRET GUNNER S/SGT RAY PRATOR		LEFT PLANE SAFELY UNKNOWN
BALL TURRET GUNNER CUSTER		DEAD (HEARSAY)
WAIST GUNNER SGT. DIEHL		LEFT PLANE
WAIST GUNNER SGT. GILSON		TAKEN PW AT RR STATION (OBSERVED)
TAIL GUNNER SGT. MCKINNEY		REPORTED BY SGT GILSON AS SAFE ON GROUND

Were you wounded?  
 NO





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## WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

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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.

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 supercedes 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) IRVING J. SHWAYDER Signed Irving J. Shwayder  
Rank 2ND Lt. A. S. N. 0-750224 Dated 18 APRIL 1944  
Unit 511th Sq. 351st Bomb. GROUP Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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OUTLINE FOR TALKS

1. Complete description of everything that happened. in plane before jump.
2. Description of jump and landing.
3. Description of what you did with your equipment.
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 AT ANY TIME.

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 R Nelson*

RICHARD R NELSON  
Major, AC

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. IRVING J. SHWAYDER 2ND Lt. 0-750224
2. Decorations. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
3. Unit or Squadron. 511<sup>th</sup> BOMB SQ.
4. Division (Army) or Group. 351<sup>st</sup> BOMB. GROUP
5. Date of Birth. 28 SEPT 1921
6. Length of Service. 1 YEAR 11 months
7. Private Address. 742 HARRISON ST., DENVER, COLORADO
8. Job as civilian. STUDENT
9. From what field did you take off? POLE BROOK
10. Take off time. 0730
11. Date and target. 31 DEC. 1943 BOUR DEAX, FRANCE
12. Where did you land? LEZARDRIEX, FRANCE
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? PLANE CRASHED
14. What was your position in aircraft? REPORTED BURNED  
NAVIGATOR
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? NO
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?  
QUESTIONED IN GIBRALTER BY BRITISH CIVILIAN LAISSION  
MAN. NO WRITTEN REPORT
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, GIBRALTER 13 APRIL 1944
22. Date of arrival in Spain. 11 MARCH 1944
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. 17 APRIL 1944
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. GIBRALTER 16 APRIL,  
BY AIR.
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. 17 APRIL 1944

SECRET - AMERICAN  
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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

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

AT THE FIRST PART OF JANUARY  
TWO DIVISIONS OF GERMAN TROOPS  
WERE REPLACED BY WHITE RUSSIANS  
IN ST. BRIEUC.

ENEMY MORALE, SAID BY FRENCH,  
TO BE GETTING MUCH LOWER.

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HEADQUARTERS  
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE A. C. OF S., G-2

DATE: 20 April 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, MICHAEL J. BALKOVICH, 1st Lt., AC, O-570384

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

IRVING J. SHWAYDER, 2nd Lt., AC, O-750224

prior to his being reported missing in action over enemy territory.

The person whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon is the individual referred to above.

Irving J. Shwayder      Michael J. Balkovich  
RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



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The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as IRVING J. SHWAYDER,  
2nd Lt., AC, O-750224 (511 Bomb Squadron - 351 Bomb Group)  
previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

W. F. MARANDA, SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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