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Comment on 2719:

Good briefing, well applied.
Note evader's appreciation of
his GI shoes. His criticism
of his briefing arises from a
misunderstanding. All combat
crews and briefers should bear
in mind that no one can foresee
all the situations that arise in
a particular evasion. Advice
to hide in a woods, for example,
is given because the vast majority
of evaders have found that
the best way to dodge search
parties. But no advice is to be
applied rigidly without regard
to circumstances. There is no
substitute for horse-sense.

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13 June 1944

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E & E REPORT NO. 719
EVASION IN FRANCE

Mike LITTLE, S/Sgt, 33195801
(8 Missions)
713 Bomb Squadron, 448 Bomb Group

TARGET: LUDWIGSHAFEN

MIA: 1 April 1944
Arrived in UK:
8 June 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT	0-428403	1st Lt	Harrison C MEILLOR	MIA
CO-PILOT	0-800071	2d Lt	Douglas J EAMES, JR	MIA
NAVIGATOR	0-692016	2d Lt	Frank H JACOBSON	IN NEUTRAL COUNTRY
BOMBARDIER	0-688343	2d Lt	Marvin T GOFF	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	32533995	T/Sgt	Francis C MARX	IN NEUTRAL COUNTRY
TOP TURRET GUNNER	18028026	T/Sgt	William A WARREN	MIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	20702227	S/Sgt	Nelson A BRANCH	IN NEUTRAL COUNTRY
WAIST GUNNER	39908551	Sgt	Ira R ALLEN	E&E #721
WAIST GUNNER	33195801	S/Sgt	Mike LITTLE	NARRATOR
TAIL GUNNER	13146208	Sgt	Walter T BRESSLER	E&E #720

BAILED OUT,
~~SHORT OF GAS~~

On 1 April 1944, ^{our target was} returning from a raid on LUDWIGSHAFEN, Germany, the aircraft, a B-24, of which I was a crew member, ran out of gasoline while we still were over France.

DELAYED JUMP¹²

The pilot gave the order to bail out, and I was the fourth man to leave the ship. I left the ship through the rear camera hatch ^{and} delayed my jump until I could see all buildings clearly. I believe I left the ship at about 7000 feet. On my way down I noticed 5 other chutes in the air.

GI SHOES⁹

I had my GI shoes securely tied to my harness. Later on in my journey I really appreciated the fact that I had these shoes. They are absolutely essential to my evasion, ^{as they were}

OBTAINED
CIVILIAN⁶
CLOTHES⁷

I landed in some woods. ^{removing and hiding} After having removed my chute and flying clothes, ~~all of which I hid~~, I decided I had better leave the vicinity. I ran through the woods ^{and} after a few minutes I ran into a man chopping wood. Through my phrase card I was able to make myself understood. This man took me to his home where I was given civilian clothes. By then the Germans were looking for me. I asked for the most direct route to the nearest highway. I found this highway and after having walked for about one mile, I met a ^{woman and} told her I was an American airman. She told me that further up the road was a place where I could wash up. I went to this house, which turned out to be a roadhouse. The time was now about 1800 hours. The people gave me food and told me to stay for the night. They also exchanged my Belgian money for francs. I took out my escape map and I was shown my location ^{on my escape map}.

BELGIAN MONEY⁷
CHANGED TO¹⁰
FRANCS⁶

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GERMANS ~~WERE~~
SEARCHING?

TAKEN TO
SWISS CONSUL

Awakened The next morning I was told the Germans had been in the house during the night looking for escaped parachutists, but I had not seen them. I was also told that a fellow crew member, T/Sgt F/C/MARX, was hiding in a haystack in a nearby field. I went out and brought him back to the house. In the afternoon I was taken to PARIS by a lady and gentleman. I spent the night in their house. This gentleman was under the impression that the Swiss consul in PARIS would be able to get me out of France. I told him I did not believe the consul could do anything for me, but ^{he insisted} the gentleman persisted that I go with him to the consulate. The Swiss consul advised me to give myself up. However, I did not share his opinion and decided I wanted to get back, not through a German prison camp. *Stencil 1*

FORGET HIMSELF
SPOKE ENGLISH.

I was now left by myself. Back on the street, as I was deciding which way to go, a lady came ^{up and asked me something - I forgot} and answered in English "I don't know". She told me, ^{that} speaking perfect English, I had better leave PARIS. Using my compass, I walked out of PARIS. About 20 km ^{good} South of the city I met a man on the street. I told him who I was and from here my journey was arranged.

Compiled by:

Stone Christopher
STAN CHRISTIL
1st Lt, AC

Appendix B:

- a. Evader saw the airdrome at VILLACOUBLAY and considered it still well camouflaged. He was told that it had been effectively bombed but that the Germans were working to ~~making~~ ^{making} it operational again. (Mid-April).
 - b. Evader saw trains ~~entering and leaving PARIS~~ that had been badly damaged entering and leaving PARIS. (Mid-April). *2*
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Appendix D:

1. I used ~~the matches and adhesive tape~~ a few of the aids box contents, such as matches and adhesive tape, but the rest ^{were} given to the French.
2. I carried a yellow purse. I gave all contents to French helpers, including money.
- 1) I carried an extra compass and a language card.
- 3 I had six escape photos; ~~These were~~ used for identity card.
- 4 I was briefed on evasion at the 448 Group by ~~1-0~~ ^{S-2} and evaders.
- 5 "I think it unwise for evaders to ask too many questions of their organized help. Evaders should have more patience and they should examine carefully some of the information given them by IO's. I was told to stay hidden in the woods, by my IO which is probably good advice, except that the particular wood in which I was first hiding had German patrols in it and the French pointed out that it would not be wise to stay there#.

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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) MIKE LITTLE Signed Mike Little

Rank SGT. A.S.N. 33195801 Date June 5, 1944

Unit 448 B.G. Witness Horace W. Forster

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HORACE W. FORSTER,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
U. S. Mil. Lia. Off.

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EVASION IN FRANCE

(Date)

Mike LITTLE, S/Sgt, 33195801

TARGET: LUDWIGSHAFEN

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
8 (No of Missions)

Date Missing in Action: 1 April 44

713 Bomb Squadron, 448 Bomb Group
(Squadron) (Group)

Date Arrived in UK: 8 June 44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWLB)

Indicate what happened to
each man
and how you know

PILOT	0-428403	1st Lt	Harrison C MELLOR	MIA
CO-PILOT	0-800071	2d Lt	Douglas J EAMES, JR	MIA
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are you wounded?

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EVASION IN France

JUNE 8, 1944
(Date)

LITTLE MIKE SGT. 33195801

TARGET:

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

(No of Missions) 8

Date Missing in Action: 4/1/44

713 TH.

448 B.G.

Date Arrived in UK: 6/8/44

(Squadron)

(Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Indicate what happened to
each man
and how you know

PILOT H.C. MELLOR✓

CO-PILOT D.J. FAMES✓

NAVIGATOR JACOBSON✓

BOMBARDIER GOFF✓

RADIO OPERATOR F.C. MARX✓

TOP TURRET GUNNER W.A. WARREN✓

MID TURRET GUNNER M.A. BRANCH✓

WAIIST GUNNER I.R. ALLEN✓

WAIIST GUNNER M. LITTLE

TAIL GUNNER W.T. BRESSLER✓

W.A. WARREN - CHUTE
FAILED TO OPEN FRENCH
TOLD ME.

MARX & BRANCH IN
SPAIN WAS TOLD AT GIB.
ALLEN & BRESSLER IN
U.K. WITH ME.

Were you wounded?

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ALLEN AND BRESSLER TOLD US
THAT
MELLOR, FAMES, JACOBSON
AND GOFF WERE BEEN TAKEN
OUT BY THE ORGANISATION

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 33195801 EGT. MIKE LITTLE

Unit:- 448 BGR

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? YES
- b. If not, why? DID
- 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).

Denzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches. FOR CIG.

Adhesive tape. PATCH THE SEAT OF MY PANTS

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass.

Sewing kit.

gave it to the organization

Gave it to the organization

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? NO
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? ORGANIZATION
- 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?
PUT A PACKET OF 3 CIGS

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse?
State color of stripes and letters.
If NOT, State why not. YELLOW

- b. Did you use the purse? YES

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

Maps. Which ones?

Did not use

Gave them to a civilian

Compass.

~~Did~~

File (hacksaw). FOR IDENTIFICATION

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

BELGIUM AND FRENCH

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

ORGANIZATION

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

YES COMPASS

AND LANGUAGE GUIDE

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

If so, how many? 6

b. Did you use them? YES

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

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? YES

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM

448(B.G.)

b. Did you find the lectures of value? YES BY ESCAPEES BY

Foreign currency. State countries INTELLIGENCE NO

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

IT'S BEEN DONE BEFORE JUST HAVE PATIENCE
AND BY ALL MEANS DONT HAVE TO GOOD A TIME
IN PARIS WITH THE WOMEN

was told by S-2 officer to stay in woods, but

At first people told me to stay away from the
Do not ask any negative questions, as you are going get
out

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E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

MIKE LITTLE SGT 33195801 6/8/44
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)

448 B.G.
(Unit)

4/1/44 - 10'CLOCK COMPEIGEN FRANCE
Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.
Was it on fire, etc?

OUT OF GAS NO DAMAGE

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 7000 FT.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? NO

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? ALL

ONE CHUTE FAILED TO OPEN - W.A. WARREN

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? DID NOT SEE

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? YES

RADIO OPERATOR A.C. MARX

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so give detailed furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its conditions? NO

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? IN UK AND SPAIN

ALL ACCOUNTED FOR BUT 4 OFFICERS

WHO ARE STILL IN FRANCE

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S/sgt Mike Little

33195801

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Bailed out
short of gas

on april 1, 1944 ~~while~~, returning from a raid
on Teckwigs tafen, Germany, the aircraft a B-24 of
which I was a crewmember, ran out of Gasoline, while
we still were over France.

Delayed jump
had GI shoes

The Pilot gave the order to bail out, I
was the 4th man to leave the ship. I left the ship
through the rear camera hatch, delayed my jump
until I could see all buildings clearly, I believe
I left the ship at about 7000'. on my way down
I noticed rather chutes in the air. I had my GI shoes
securely tied to my harness, later on, on my
journey, I really appreciated the fact that I had
these shoes, they are absolutely essential.

obtained civilian clothes

I landed in some woods, after having removed
my chute and flying clothes all of which I hid, I
decided I had better leave the vicinity, I
ran through the woods, after a few min I ran
in to a man chopping wood. Through my Phras-
eased I was able to make myself understood,
this man took me to his home where I was given
civilian clothes. By then the Germans were looking
for me I asked for the most direct route to the

Belgian money changed
to Francs.

nearest highway. I found this highway and after having
walked for about one mile I met a lady I told her
I was an American airman, she told me that further up
the road was a place where I could wash up. I
went to this house which turned out to be a roadhouse,
the time was now about 1800 hrs. The people gave
me food and told me to stay for the night,
they also exchanged my Belgian money for
francs. I took out my escape map and I was
shown my location.

Geemans were searching

awakened the next morning I was
told the Geemans had been in the house during
the night looking for escaped parachutists, but
I had not seen them. I was also told that a fellow
crew member T/sgt F.C. Mack was hiding in a
large tree in a nearby field I went out and brought
him back to the house. In the afternoon I was
taken to Paris by a lady and gentleman. I spent
the night in their house. This gentleman was under
the impression that the Swiss Consul in Paris would
be able to get me out of France I told him I did
not believe the consul could do anything for
me, but the gentleman persisted that I go with
him to the consulate. The Swiss consul advised
me to give myself up, however I did not share his
opinion and decided I wanted to get back, not
through a German prison camp.

Taken to Swiss consul.

Forgot himself spoke
English.

I was now left by myself, back on the street as I was deciding which way to go, a lady came up and asked me for directions. I forgot myself and answered in English "I don't know" & he told me speaking perfect English I had better leave Paris. Using my compass I walked out of Paris about 20 kilometers south of the city I met a man on the street, I told him who I was and from here my journey was arranged.

S. B. Christy
1st Lt. Col.

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appendix "C"

S./sgt. Mike Little

33195801

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on april 1st 1944, I bailed out and landed near the town of Orrouy south of Compiègne. I travelled by myself until the 3rd of april while walking through the town of Igny, located about 20 kilometers south of Paris, I met a man on the street I told him who I was. This man took me to a Pharmacy shop, the only one in town, ~~then~~ owned by mme. Alice Sebever also living with her was her sister. I was asked various questions about United States, I was also told that the man that had brought me to the shop was a known collaborator with the Germans. Mme Sebever sent for the Station Master, he told me he was a member of an organization in Normandy and could not do anything for me, but he contacted a groceryman who in turn contacted a milkman. The names of these people I do not know. The milkman came and asked me to fill out a form, I did not fill out this form completely as I thought there were many questions of military value. About a week later a man appeared at the shop and asked for a "package". This man called himself "Johnny" and told me he was a member of the "Intelligence" organization, (this is the same guide described in St. Edward Joseph Carey's story)

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We left immediately for Paris which was on the
18th of April. We stopped for one hour at the home
of a free French general by the name of General De Tominatt
we then proceeded by the under ground subway to
the home of Madame Farbes. Here I was given my
Iolente card. From here my stay coincides with
H. Edward Joseph Carey.

to the
18th floor

on my return from Ludwigs base in 8-24 over
Belgium #3 engine cut out, we then knew we were low
on gas and could not make it back we headed for
France. Pilot gave the order to bail out I bailed out
no. 4. through rear camera hatch about 7000' I made
a delayed jump until I could see the buildings
take good shape, I then pulled it could not hurt
on my way down I saw 5 chutes I had my G.I.
shoes strapped to my harness. I hit the ground
in the woods I pulled off my flying clothes
and put on my G.I. shoes, I hid my chute and
flying clothes, I started to turn and ran in to a
man chopping wood, I used the phrase - could
and made myself understood, this man took me
to his home where I was given civilian clothes.
By the time I was dressed, the Germans were almost
looking for me I asked for the nearest highway
I walked about about a mile, met a lady in the road
I walked up to her, she told where I could go and
wash it turned out to be a road house, I knocked on
window they let me in. This was about 6 a'clock I
was told to stay for the night, I hid ^{here my Belgian money was changed into French} and my
escape map and was shown my location which was
southern south of Compeigne. when I awoke next morning
Baron told that the Germans had been in the house
looking for me but I did not see them, then I

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was told about my fellow crew member in a nearby
haystack, I walked there and found him to be T/Sgt.
F.C. Marx, we took back to the house. In the afternoon
a man and lady took me to Paris, ~~I~~ they took me to
their house in Paris where I spent the night 2nd April
next morning this man took me to the Swiss Consulate
when I was told I should turn myself in. I left
there and was standing on street corner when a lady
asked me for direction I forgot myself and answered
in English "I don't know" She told me in perfect
English I better leave Paris. I took my compass
and headed South. I stopped in a cafe and had coffee
The ~~last~~ owner wife spoke to me in broken English and
told me to wait, she said she was trying to get
somebody to drive me to Southern France but I
was not sure about their reliability so I left I started
walking about 20 kilometers south of Paris to the village
of the village of Igny. I was walking down the street
where I met a man I told him I was an American
he brought me to a Pharmacy which is run by 2 sisters
the man left me there, a lady started talking to me
asked me about different things about the States, her 7th child
of the State was her home where she took me, she went
to the station-master. He told me he was member of a
organization in Normandy. He left and went after a grocery-
man this grocery man came and told me I would be taken by

airplane had to O.K. This queer man in turn contacted a
 millionaire, who came and took me home and asked me to fill out
 a form. ~~This was on Friday~~ ^{stayed at this house from 11 to 12 April} and day ~~the next~~ ^{one week later} as man
 came into Pharmacy and asked for a package this man took me to
 Paris this was on the 18 April. The names of people in Sguay
~~made~~ mme. Alice Sebevere. The only Pharmacy in town.
 We went to the French ~~General~~ ^{General} house name General
 De Lominott we stayed there for a time. Then we went
 to Madame Farber, Cafe where I was given my Identity-
 Card. From here my story is the same as H's Carey
 and Pabitch.

mme Sebevere told me that the man that brought
 me in to her store was a German collaborator; she
 could not understand why he did not turn me in.

The man to pick me up in Sguay was the guide
 that took me through France. see H. Carey's report.

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2 brothers living with madame Farber
in Paris, asked little to contact allocated address
and tell her the family was alright but that
father died 1940.

MANGIONE

137 Seaside Ave

Stamford, Conn.

Father died 1940

Family O.K.

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E&E # _____

INTERROGATOR

LT. CHRISTOPHER

MIKE LITTLE

(Name)

S/SGT.

(Grade)

33195801

(ASN)

713 BOMB Sq. 448

(Squadron)

(Group)

(Missing in action)

(returned to duty)

Message to be broadcast over BBC:

" Little Rabbit to spanish cow."

Language French

Time: 0930 - 2100 hrs

Person requesting message Mme. Alice Lebevere

Date of contact with this person April 3, 1944

Description of this person: age 38-40, height 5'6" Hair, gray wear glasses, Eyes, blue, weight 125 pounds

Services rendered:

Stayed in this lady's house for 3 weeks

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~~SECRET - BRITISH~~

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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.,.....)

airborne at Villacoublay South of Paris well
camouflaged. Had been bombed effectively (Hearay)
Germans were working to get the field back in operation
RR. Station France 1-100.000 10E 97-28. personal observation
bomb damage April 18, very effective, saw one plane go down.
was told the crew was killed. Also saw trains coming
through that had been damaged in air raids.

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MOST SECRET - BRITISH
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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. MIKE LITTLE SGT. 33195801
2. Decorations. AIR MEDAL DID NOT RECEIVE
3. Unit or Squadron. 713 Bg.
4. Division (Army) or Group. 448 B.G.
5. Date of Birth. AUGUST 16, 1921
6. Length of Service. 22 MO.
7. Private Address. 70 A.L. DAVIS ADRIAN, MINN.
8. Job as civilian. GROCERY MGR.
9. From what field did you take off? SEETHING - BASE
10. Take off time. 0700 hr.
11. Date and target. 4/1/44 LUDWIGSHAVEN
12. Where did you land? FRANCE
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? YES
14. What was your position in aircraft? WAIST GUNNER
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 Identity-card
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 GIB. JUNE 6, 1944
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 GIB JUNE 6, 1944
22. Date of arrival in Spain. 4/30/44
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. 6/5/44
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. GIB. 6/7/44 AIR
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. BRISTOL 6/8/44

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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) MIKE LITTLE
Rank SGT. A. S. N. 33195801
Unit 448 BG. 213 Sgd.

Signed Mike Little
Dated June 8 1944
Witness 1st Lt. [Signature]

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

DATE: 9 June 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, LEONARD V. THORNTON, 1st Lt., AC, O-675887

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

MIKE LITTLE, S/Sgt., AC, 33195801

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.

Mike Little

Leonard V Thornton

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as MIKE LITTLE,
S/Sgt., AC, 33195801 (713 Bomb Squadron - 448 Bomb Group)
previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

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