

~~SECRET~~

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

E & E REPORT NO 720-721
EVASION IN FRANCE

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WALTER T BRESSLER, Sgt, 13146208
IRA R ALLEN, Sgt, 39908551

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

7 missions

TARGET:

2 LUDWIGSHAFEN

Date Missing in Action: 1 April 1944

Date Arrived in UK: 8 June 1944

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

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 BAMES, 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 MARK	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	NARRATOR
WAIST GUNNER	33195801	S/Sgt	Mike LITTLE	E&E #719
TAIL GUNNER	13146208	Sgt	Walter T BRESSLER	NARRATOR

Were you wounded?

Comment: Good briefing, especially
in two essentials: delayed jump
and GI shoes. Sgt Bressler was
so badly knocked about that he
"didn't care whether he was caught
or not," but he got through anyway,
because he knew what to do and
did it. — which is ~~more just as~~
~~important as the delayed jump~~
~~and proper equipment~~ what we
mean by "good briefing."

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

720
DATE: 9 June 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, IRA R. ALLEN, S/Sgt., AC, 39908551

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

WALTER T. BRESSLER, S/Sgt., AC, 13146208

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.

Walter T. Bressler

Ira R. Allen

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 WALTER T. BRESSLER,
S/Sgt., AC, 13146208 (713 Bomb Squadron - 448 Bomb Group)
previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

J. F. Carroll
J. F. CARROLL, SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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Sgt ALLEN:

~~xxxxx~~ After the order to bail out was given I delayed my jump from 7000 feet to 4000 feet, remembering the instructions of our S-2 officer.

[] I landed beneath a tree with my chute draped over the top branches. A few easy jerks and it was down. ~~xxxxx Rolling it, rolled it up and~~ and I pushed it under a bush, ran a few hundred yards N, ~~xxxxx~~ dropped my mae ~~Then~~ put on my GI shoes ~~taken from the chute harness~~, west and started S. I had heard an evader at my base tell of doing this same thing.

[] Fifteen minutes later I stumbled upon a small house hidden away in the woods. Watching it carefully from a distance ~~because I was dressed in coveralls, heated suit and OD's~~, soon I saw two young Frenchmen come into the yard. ~~They appeared to be inseparable although I waited a long time but had no luck. I gave them~~ hoping I could get one of them off alone, ~~After giving up I moved a back up and went into the woods, but the thickets were too dense to penetrate, so~~ no other houses. I made my way ^{back} to the small house.

This time one of the Frenchmen was alone. I waved to attract his attention and motioned him over to me. While we were trying to understand each other the other Frenchman, ~~who must have seen us from the house,~~ came out and joined us. By pointing ^{to} the appropriate phrase on my language card I got food from them. A third Frenchman appeared on the scene ~~xxxxxx~~ and hearing who I was ~~he~~ became very excited. I thought he was ~~just scared and could understand that he was saying something about the~~ Boche. ~~When he left~~ ^{soon} in a big hurry ^{and} I got worried and ran off into the woods.

Two hours later I came to ~~the edge of the wood and the xxxxxx~~ outskirts of a small village. At the first house I called to a woman working in a ~~small~~ garden. She looked up, recognised me as an Allied airman and came running over to lead me into the house. From there my journey was arranged.

Sgt BRESSLER:

I had been briefed to delay my jump. I held it from 7000 feet to 3000 feet, opening my chute then because of the difficulty in watching the ground over my shoulder.

I came down in the top of a ~~ix~~ large tree. The chute caught on the top branches and bashed me against the tree trunk, knocking me silly.

Delayed Jump

WATCHES HOUSE

FINDS FRENCHMAN ALONE

Briefed to Delay Jump

LEAVES
CHUTE
IN TREE

Eventually I pulled myself up to a limb, unbuckled the chute harness, and rested there ~~from exhaustion~~ until I felt I could hang on long enough to work my way to the ground. I had given a tug at the chute but it was too firmly lodged ^{to come loose.} I carried my GI shoes (attached to chute harness) down the tree with me and put them on after burying my flying boots.

^{disposing the} After ~~changing my~~ aids box and purse ⁱⁿ ~~to~~ my inside clothing I looked around to see what I had better do. At a small stream I washed my face and tried to improve my appearance.

I had landed in a dense wood but a short walk brought me out to a secondary road. There was no sign of traffic. I followed the road about a hundred yards and then moved back into the forest where I took a compass bearing S and walked for three hours before I found a clearing. There was an old wood cutter here, but we could not understand each other. Leaving him I went into the fields, not caring whether I was caught ~~or not~~ or not, because I was tired and still bleeding badly.

I had crawled into the brush to rest and was watching some peasants at work in the fields when I saw ~~another~~ a man working alone ^{at} on the edge of wood. I crawled around to him and tried to get help by pointing out the request ~~on~~ on my language card. Apparently he couldn't read, because he kept shaking his head and studying the card ^{with} ~~in~~ a puzzled manner. One of the workers in the field saw us and came running to investigate. He understood immediately and took me to a house. From there my journey was arranged.

LANGUAGE
DIFFICULTIES

USES
LANGUAGE
CARDS

APPENDIX B:

- Evader heard that ROMMEL's HQ on 13 April was in a hotel near a railway station.
- French stated that the Germans had requisitioned all large dogs in the PARIS area for use in the front lines. They were to be trained in such a fashion that they could be sent into the Allied lines with time bombs tied to them.
- Evaders saw severe bomb damage in the yards of the Gare du Nord station at PARIS on 3 May 1944. They counted 23 ~~dam~~ damaged and destroyed locomotives.
- At CREIL evaders saw bomb damage around the station although the station itself was untouched. All but one track leading into the station had been knocked out, and this stretch of single track covered one mile. A large bridge near the station had not been hit. About 15 army trucks sitting in the yards were damaged. This yard was first seen by evaders on 19 April 1944, and on 3 May 1944 no repairs had been made. In a raid on CREIL about 20 April the last large crane ^{in the station yards} had been destroyed. (Obs and Hrsy)
- Evaders were told that the streets in PARIS were prepared for tank barricades. One ~~man~~ pillboxes had been erected on the street corners and some of the streets had been mined.

Sgt BRESSLER: 720

APPENDIX D:

1. My aids box was not needed because of receiving quick help.
2. I carried a yellow purse and used the compass and money. The money I gave to French helpers.
- ~~3. I had no further aids to evasion.~~
3. I carried and used five ~~5~~ escape photographs.
4. I heard lectures very often at my Base by other evaders and Group S-2. The lectures were helpful and gave me the encouragement I needed at the right time.

Sgt ALLEN: 721

Appendix D:

- a. I used the matches, adhesive tape, chewing gum, water bottle and compass, ~~but~~ but did not need the other contents of the aids box because I was picked up quickly.
- b. I carried a yellow purse; used the maps of France and the compass; gave most of my money to the French but spent some of it for train tickets and personal articles.
- c. I had been given a French³ English language card.
- d. I used three passport photographs
- e. I was lectured in March 1944 at the 448 Group. The lectures were helpful, ~~ex~~ e.g., get away from the chute, stay off roads, approach a lone person.

AG 383.6

Hq ETOUSA

19 October 1942

SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

TO : Personnel concerned.

1. It is the duty of all Americans to safeguard information which might, either directly or indirectly, be useful to the enemy.
2. It is an offense, carrying heavy penalties, to publish or to communicate to any unauthorized person any information which might be useful to the enemy.
3. Information about your escape or your evasion from capture would be useful to the enemy and a danger to your friends. It is therefore SECRET.
4. a. You must therefore not disclose, except to the first Military Attache to whom you report, or to an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations:
 - (1) The names of those who helped you.
 - (2) The method by which you escaped or evaded.
 - (3) The route you followed.
 - (4) Any other facts concerning your experience.b. You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.
c. You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.
d. You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4a.
e. No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of the War or Navy Department.

By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

(signed) RALPH PULSIFER,
Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

CERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

I understand that any information concerning my escape or evasion from capture is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the American Military Attache to whom I first report, or an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) WALTER T. BRESSLER Signed Walter T. Bressler
Rank SGT. A.S.N. 13146208 Date June 5, 1944
Unit 448th Bomb GP. Witness Horace W. Forster

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

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

E & E REPORT NO
EVASION IN FRANCE

June 8, 1944
(Date)

Allen *Bressler*
Sgt 39908051

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

7 (No of Missions)

713th

(Squadron)

448th

(Group)

TARGET:

Date Missing in Action: April 1, 1944

Date Arrived in UK: June 8, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know

PILOT

Mellor, H.C.

In French Forest

Told

By the French

and how you know

hiding in forest -

would let anyone

near them -

we wrote note

telling them they

would help them

CO-PILOT

Cames, D.J.

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NAVIGATOR

Jacobson,

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BOMBARDIER

Goff, M.T.

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RADIO OPERATOR

Marx FC

In Spain

Told by the English interrogator

and how you know

hiding in forest -

would let anyone

near them -

we wrote note

telling them they

would help them

TOP TURRET GUNNER

Warren, W.H.

Dead

Told by the French

and how you know

hiding in forest -

would let anyone

near them -

we wrote note

telling them they

would help them

EARL TURRET GUNNER

Branch, N.H.

In Spain

Told by the English interrogator

and how you know

hiding in forest -

would let anyone

near them -

we wrote note

telling them they

would help them

WAIST GUNNER

Allen, I.R.

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WAIST GUNNER

Little, M

In UK

Has here with me

and how you know

hiding in forest -

would let anyone

near them -

we wrote note

telling them they

would help them

TAIL GUNNER

Bressler, W.T.

In UK

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Were you wounded?

No

TOP SECRET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Walter T. Bussler Sgt 13146208

(Name)

(Rank)

(ASN)

(Date)

448th B.G., 713th B. Sqd. H.A.F.
(Unit)

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. *I didn't see plane crash, but I bailed out about approximately 1 or 1:30 a'clock.*

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.

Was it on fire, etc? *no battle damage, ran out of gasoline*

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? *7 to 10 thousand feet.*

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 ten members bailed out. The Engineer's chute didn't open (hazy) (Sgt Warren)*

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? *Do not know*

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? *yes. F.C. Mark - Radio operator*

Mike Little - Left waist gunner

J. R. Allen - Right waist gunner

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. *They were given the same information as myself about how many got out and about the one that was killed*

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? *The officers I know little about but all the enlisted men, except the one dead, have reached safety.*

(I think they are alive)

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *Sgt. Walter L. Bressler*

Unit:- *448th Bomb Sq. 713th Bomb Sq. A.A.F.*

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? *I received help quickly and they took them away from me.*
- 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.

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? *French people took care of that.*
- 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*
State color of stripes and letters. *yellow*
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? *yes*

(over)

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

Maps. Which ones? *yes*

Compass. —

yes to find my way out of woods.

File (hacksaw). *no*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *France 1000, and I don't*

How did you spend the money? *know how much other kind thin really was.*

d. How did you dispose of:— *French took 10*

Maps. *French got it*

Compass. *gave away to the French also*

File (hacksaw). —

Surplus currency. —

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

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? *yes*

If so, how many? *5*

b. Did you use them? *yes*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *yes*

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *Very often*

b. Did you find the lectures of value? *This way of escape cannot encourage you to not give yourself up to the*

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

Landed 3 hrs N - Bethusy St Pierre

2300 gals

new $\frac{1}{2}$ - bombed - toward home - over German border - Eng checked fuel - $\frac{1}{2}$ fl time left -
few minutes later 1 eng out - up again - ^{eng got tanks} knew didn't get back - started falling back -
whether to ditch or not - no flak - turned so in to t to Bo - (7-10000 ft) - pod
prepare to BO - #4 stopped to #2 then - Pod OK going - saw Bombs leave by
nose hatch - went out camera hatch - B gunner (branch) out first - RWC (Allen) -
Little (LWC) - the 2 out - tried to delay - free fall - didn't get off back -
ld st gun & pulled - pulled rip - and 3 or 4000 ft - and few minutes before
down - falling toward clearing but missed - down in top of large tree -
chute caught - swung against tree - pulled up to limb - unbuckled strap - weak
& scared - soft up - didn't get chute down - GI shoes on chute harness - on ground
had fl boots - put on GI shoes - Bin pocket - purse in shirt pocket - thd around -
stream - washed face - bare woods - road - walked 100 yds - belled to get back in
woods - had small compass - due south - 3 hrs - clearing - saw one old man
cutting wood - tried to talk to me - didn't - left him - went into fld - did not care if
caught - tired, bleeding - crawled into brush - saw farmers working - man
standing on edge of wood - over to him - old man - showed him map lang.
card - didn't read - young boy working in fld saw me talking to old man - came
running out of fld - showed him card - help? - he went for girl - hot bread &
wine - saw I was bleeding - went for father - he took me to his house in small
village - wounds treated - name cut off A 2 ght - tried to talk - couldn't - taken to
M^{me} Carbeau, across the street (Bethusy St. Pierre) - stayed 2 nights -

M. C. had picture of M^{me} Smith (Paris) - This woman did help me according
to M. C. - young boy of feds - took me to barn to meet Eng-sphing girls - took
over to man with her & told to go with him to comrades - and MARX -
taken by auto to a roadside at crossroads - fifteen min ride - little had been
there - gone to PARIS - (W^m at Roadside) took care of us - stayed 2 nights -
Marx left for Paris after one night - with me & ~~her~~^{his} comrades - Allen had come in
same night as I - then Allen & I went with W^m to Paris -
on local train to Crepy - stayed nite at hse of Eng-sphing lady (had a bar room
right in town - about block from station) - next a.m. to PARIS with W^m - & another man -
with ~~her~~ ^{her} feds a man - to a bar in Paris - sat an hr - while W^m out - to another bar -
45 min - another bar - young boy came - ~~Paris (Comrade)~~ feds him to an apartment - stayed apt -
boy old ^{Pepi (OPYE?)} broken Eng - & helped RAF boy ~~(broken)~~ Sgt - address of RAF boy
writing piece of ~~white~~ paper - taken at GIB & left with interrogator -
that night taken to another young boy's hse to sleep - ~~in~~ apt 1st night Allen
and I separated - next day to another home - always with ~~Paris~~ James (the
boy W^m turned ~~us~~ over to) - ^{19 yrs} James took us while in Paris from house
to house - never in one house over two nights - in Paris from
6 April - 19 April - met Red-haired lady, 40 yrs old, old sph
good Eng - boys of Day all around 19 - met young girl named Pepi -
On 19th (staying with lady; husband killed in SE) - James took me to station -
ad feds home - another young boy took over Allen & me - train to ^{CREIL 6} ~~GRANFRIN~~
walked to GRANFRIN (25 kms from CREIL) - to PINEL's home -
Then another man (name PINEL but no relation) took us to his hse - barn -
stayed (20th - 3 May) - here to get % - then told impossible - in 2 man - told
man coming to us - ~~did~~ - from Paris (home in Bordeaux) - young fellow 24 - ptd hair
in middle - college in USA - Univ. of Ga. - saw picture in GIB. - came 3 May -
using I.C. made by boys - taken to Paris - taken to home - diff clothes - in apt
taken to see man who old sph Eng - he took me to Cady - apt - stayed 2 nights -
Cady took me to station - saw man with us - told to Bordeaux - told to follow
young man - to old Paris to Bordeaux - stayed all night -
next day at 1 p.m. - went to home of man with ptd hair

in Bordeaux - ~~for~~ Young, Hard, Waterworth - stayed one night - new guide - car - took us into outskirts to spend night - car - next am. - 100 mi. nearest border - farmhouse - stayed over ~~nite~~ - yng boy here - took us ~~into~~ into flds to wld for Young, Hard, Waterworth - met by charcoal truck - driven toward border - see Young -

Appendix B -

a) Rommel's Hq - 13 April - in hotel at Fontainebleau -
Hotel near R.R. station -

b) All dogs (large) used in lines - tie bombs to dogs & bombs have time fuse - (dogs as booby traps) - dogs reg from Paris Area -

c. Saw bomb ~~site~~ damage in More station - Severe damage -

23 eggs in marshalling yards damaged - Paris - 3 May -

d) CREIK saw bomb damage - station ok - tracks destroyed & only one line in use for a mile going into station - large bridge not hit -
Army trucks in marshalling yards damaged - 14 April - not cleaned up on 3 May - had been bombed second time - still one track in use - if bridge out traffic wld stop - last large Crane at Criel yards was destroyed in ~~20~~ 20 April raid -

streets in Paris fixed for tank barricade - one-man pill boxes on
corners - Paris mixed -

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "B" 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.,.....)

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

E & E REPORT NO
EVASION IN

JUNE 8, 1944
(Date)

Walter T. Bressler Sgt. 13146208

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

TARGET:

Date Missing in Action: April 1, 1944

713th B. Sq 448th B. Gr
(Squadron) (Group)

Date Arrived in UK: JUNE 8, 44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Indicate what happened to
each man
and how you know

PILOT H. C. MELLOR 1st LTD - Landed in France, and was suppose to
have been taken care of.
CO-PILOT D. J. ERMES 2nd LTD - also landed safe and is being taken care of.
NAVIGATOR JACOBSON 2nd LTD - also the landed safely and is being helped.
BOMBARDIER M. F. GOFF 2nd LTD " " " " " "
RADIO OPERATOR F. C. MARX - Told by intelligence at Gibraltar that he is
now safe in Spain.
TOP TURRET GUNNER W. A. WARREN - Told by French that his parachute
didn't open.
TAIL TURRET GUNNER NA. BRANCH - Intelligence at Gibraltar said he is
also in Spain.
WAIST GUNNER MIKE LITTLE
WAIST GUNNER I. R. ALLEN
TAIL GUNNER WALTER T. BRESSLER

} ^{Here} in U.K. at present.

Were you wounded?

I had a few scars about the face
also injured my right foot slightly.

RESTRICTED

WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

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

KLS/el-2B-939 Pentagon

6 August 1943

SUBJECT: Amended Instructions Concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War, to Include Evaders of Capture in Enemy or Enemy-Occupied Territory and Internees in Neutral Countries.

TO: The Commanding Generals,
Army Ground;
Army Air Forces;
The Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area;
The Commanding Generals,
Theaters of Operations;
Defense Commands;
Departments;
Base Commands;
The Commanding Officers,
Base Commands;
Director, Bureau of Public Relations.

1. Publication or communication to any unauthorized persons of experiences of escape or evasion from enemy-occupied territory, internment in a neutral country, or release from internment not only furnishes useful information to the enemy but also jeopardizes future escapes, evasions and releases.

2. Personnel will not, unless authorized by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, publish in any form whatever or communicate either directly, or indirectly, to the press, radio or an unauthorized person any account of escape or evasion of capture from enemy or enemy-occupied territory, or internment in a neutral country either before or after repatriation. They will be held strictly responsible for all statements contained in communications to friends which may subsequently be published in the press or otherwise.

3. Evaders, escapees, or internees shall not be interrogated on the circumstances of their experiences in escape, evasion or internment except by the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations. In allied or neutral countries, American Military Attaches are authorized to interrogate on escape, evasion and internment matters.

4. Should the services of escaped prisoners of war, evaders, or internees be deemed necessary for lecturing and briefing, such services will be under the direct supervision of the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations.

5. Commanding Officers will be responsible for instructing all evaders, escapees, and internees in the provisions of this directive which supersedes letter, AG 383.6 (5 Nov 42) OB-S-B-M, 7 November 1942, subject: Instructions concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War and other previous instructions on this subject.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J. A. ULIO
J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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- 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.

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 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) WALTER T. BRESSLER
Rank Sgt. A. S. N. 13146208
Unit 448th B. Co. 913th B. Sqn.

Signed Walter T. Bressler
Dated June 8, 1944
Witness _____

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MOST SECRET - BRITISH
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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. *Sgt. Walter Thomas Bresler - 13146208*
2. Decorations. *yes, but haven't received them yet*
3. Unit or Squadron. *448th B. G. 713th B. Sqd.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *448th Group*
5. Date of Birth. *February 20, 1923*
6. Length of Service. *19 months*
7. Private Address. *Bellevue, Panama, P.O. #2*
8. Job as civilian. *Automobile mechanic*
9. From what field did you take off? *448th - nothing*
10. Take off time. *7:00 a'clock.*
11. Date and target. *April 1, 1944 -*
12. Where did you land? *northern part of France -*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *I.F.F. equipment was destroyed but otherwise I could not be sure if I don't know.*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *Tail gunner*
15. Were you wounded? *no*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *yes. 500 Francs*
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? *no.*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *dog tags*
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 by intelligence at Gibraltar about our way of escape only*
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 at Gibraltar, June 6.*
22. Date of arrival in Spain. *May 11, 1944*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *June 5, 1944*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *Gibraltar - by air*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *Bristol Eng.*