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

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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

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

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.

Ira R. Allen

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 IRA R. ALLEN,

S/Sgt., 39908551 (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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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 + 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) IRH R. ALLEN

Signed

Ira R. Allen

Rank Sgt A.S.N. 39908551

Date

June 5, 1944

Unit 448 Bomb Group 713 Sqdn

Witness

Horace W. Forster

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

TOP SECRET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Ira R. Allen Sgt 39908551
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

June 8, 1944
(Date)

713 Sqn 448 Bomb Group
(Unit)

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

April 1, about 10 o'clock, South of the forest of Compiègne
approximately

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

Was it on fire, etc? Out of Gas two engines was out
on the third was sputtering

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 7,000 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?

Everyone bailed out. Engines parachute didn't open

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Do not know, for did
not see the plane after I left it

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

Yes Sgt Bressler

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.

Received information that the Engineers
parachute didn't open but do not know why.

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?

all women dead by W.M.

French said four officers were in hiding.
French said Sgt. Williams chute did
not open.

Sgts MARX + Branch were supposed to
have reached Spain

Sgts Bressler + L.H.C. are RTD.

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *39908551 Sgt. Ira R. Allen*
Unit:- *713 Sqdn 448th Bomb Group*

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?
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. *Didn't use*

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. " "

Milk (tube). " "

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). " "

Halazone tablets (water purifier). " "

Matches. *Used after I got some cigarettes*

Adhesive tape. *used for cuts and scratches on the hands + feet*

Chewing gum. *Used to chew so I wouldn't be so dry in*

Water bottle. *Used for water*

Compass. *yes to get out of forest*

Sewing kit.

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *Residence took what was left away from me.*
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?

Try to get cigarettes in the box

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?

Maps. Which ones? *France*

Compass. *yes*

File (hacksaw). *_____*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *Belgium Germany France*

How did you spend the money? *For ticket to Paris, tooth Brush, 1000*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *} Residence took them from me*

Compass. *}*

File (hacksaw). *}*

Surplus currency. *Gave what was left to the guide*

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? *yes. On the*

paper they give with the languages is very handy.

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

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

If so, how many? *3*

b. Did you use them? *yes*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *yes, 448 Bomb Group in*

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *march*

b. Did you find the lectures of value? *Not very much. Some of them*

came in handy another was no good to me

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

Delayed jump - to 4000ft - 1st about 4000ft by 52 - then on
back - watching ground & field when ground clearly outlined - no trees
with clunts - over woods - saw 2 clunts - hit down before
me - hse seen before down - no activity - landed in face -
clunt hung on tree - jerked it down & held it & hid it under
bush - off MW - started walk N of hid MW & then I turned &
went S - circled W side - watching - dressed in coveralls
hid down & ODs - GI shoes - put on after hit ground - had on clunt harness -
2 kids came out of hse - didn't want to app 2 - moved
back W into forest mile or so - tired & hungry - no
uses - back to 1st hse - one boy in yard - attracted his
attention - came over - then girl came over - showed
long card to get food - given wine - man came up in
wagon - he oared - saying Boche all time - he left in
big hurry - I went S when I saw him leave -
walked 2 hrs - edge of small village - went to hse - attracted
att of woman - she looked at long card - told her Am - in
hse - fed - slept in barn - she put me there - next a.m.
she brot a man to see me - we didn't talk but he seemed friendly -
he left & I took chance - stayed in barn all day - woman
fed me - at night man back with map of Compiègne - it marked
out - ~~the~~ western line & said follow it to 50/55ms & find
friendly org - decided to go next night - that night a

man in uniform (francs hat & black) - he from Dag - he
took me to meet Breasler —

The Paris Wm turned us over to young guy calling selves "Boy Scouts -
The Paris I stayed about 4 diff places: Tuma ^{royal} ^{black} ^{glasses} _____,
Jean ^{my boy} _____, _____, _____, _____

W^{ms} roadhouse is at crossroads between ORROUY - CHAIGNES -
BETHISY ST MARTIN —

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

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

KLS/el-2B-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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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) IRRA R. ALLEN

Signed IRRA R. Allen

Rank Sgt A. S. N. 39908551

Dated June 8, 1944

Unit 713 Sgdn H48 Bomb Group

Witness _____

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MOST SECRET - BRITISH
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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. *Ira Ray Allen, Sgt, 39908551*
2. Decorations. *Air medal*
3. Unit or Squadron. *713th Sqdn*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *448 Bomb Group*
5. Date of Birth. *Sept. 17, 1923*
6. Length of Service. *16 months*
7. Private Address. *Hyrum, Utah*
8. Job as civilian. *Printer*
9. From what field did you take off? *448th*
10. Take off time. *About 9 PM*
11. Date and target. *April 1, Near Frankfurt*
12. Where did you land? *In Compiègne forest. N of ORROUY - few kms.)*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *as far as I know*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *Right waist*
15. Were you wounded? *No*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *300 fr*
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? *No*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *yes*
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?
Gibraltar By English interrogator, Bristol
20. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *Gibraltar*
22. Date of arrival in Spain. *May 11,*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *June 5*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *By air from Gibraltar*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *Bristol June 8,*

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST 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.,.....)

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.

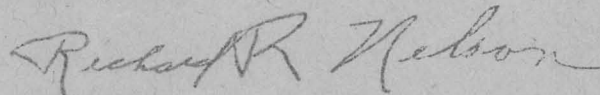
DO NOT GIVE THE NAMES OF TOWNS.

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
Major, AC

E&E #/ _____

INTERROGATOR _____

(Name)

(Grade)

(ASN)

(Squadron)

(Group)

(Missing in action)

(returned to duty)

Message to be broadcast over BBC:

Language _____

Time: _____

Person requesting message _____

Date of contact with this person _____

Description of this person:

Services rendered: