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

DATE: 16 June 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, ERWIN C. BOETTCHER, 1st Lt., AC, O-562569

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

MILTON H. RAMSEY, F/O, AC, T-122260

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.

Milton H. Ramsey

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



Erwin C. Boettcher

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The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as MILTON H. RAMSEY, F/O, AC, T-122260 (82 Fighter Squadron - 78 Fighter Group) previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

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

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^{Typed}
F/O Ramsey C-747
near Juesnoy

I stayed on the farm
near Juesnoy for 3 days. On
February a young lady came
and took me by train and
trolley to Tourcoing. This girl
had helped other women and
was under observation. The Gestapo
had had her once and she had
been badly beaten, but this
made no difference in her
activities as she was
suffering from an illness which
left her only 2 or 3 mos to live.
She was a heavy set brunette
5'5" tall about 23 yrs old.
I had met her the previous

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evening with 14 other people
who had formed into a committee
to keep me because the farmer
with whom I was lodged was
so poor.

In Tourcoing we went to
meet Mr Delarue 32 rue de

Toulon. He is in the wool business.
He took my picture and got me
a card. Mme is very active &
work for F. much P/W and is therefore
free to travel. most people, until
28 March I divided my time
between town and their neighbors
the Castells. During this time
the Delarues said for organizations
refused to handle me because
I was not British.

Finally a man came for
me from Lille. He is a large
man 5 ft 10 in tall broad shouldered
with dark hair. I spent the
night at his home. The

next day I passed through
the hands of five people in
one hour. Two of them were
Capt Vaneerde and Maurice
Antoine. The latter was the
chief while and was later
taken by the Gestapo.

Maurice took me back
to Tourcoing and put me in
the hands of Vaneerde who
was the local chief and had
20 to 21 airmen on his lands.
Here I met Lt Col Montgomery & I
left and the rest of my
stay, with the following exception,
is told by him. In Montauban
I spent one week with a
couple who were teachers. The
husband taught Spanish and
Gymnastics.

980.
Comment on 747:

No method has been discovered to get rid of curious crowds, which are a continual hazard to evaders and helpers. In a pinch one can usually run away, as this evader did.

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

Proofed *as*
19 June 1944

E & E REPORT NO. 747
EVASION IN FRANCE

Milton H RAMSEY, F/O, T-122260
(10 Missions)
82 Fighter Squadron, 78 Fighter Group

TARGET: FRANKFURT

MIA: 29 January 1944
Arrived in UK:
15 June 1944

OUT OF
GAS

Our flight was jumped by ^{Me's} ~~me~~ and broke up into dog fights. I split S to the deck and got away in cloud cover. As I left cover I was jumped again and thought I had ~~out-run~~ ^{15 ft} them when I found I was out of gas. I pulled up to 4000 feet and tried to get out, but could not due to the weight of my equipment. I rolled the ship over on her back. This time my dinghy straps caught, but I kicked the stick and was thrown clear.

I pulled the ripcord and started through the overcast. When I cleared it, I could see people running toward me, ^{so} I undid my leg straps to make a quick get away and landed easily in a plowed field. I immediately gathered up my chute, hid it in a furrow with my equipment, and ~~started to run~~.

HIDES
IN
BLOCKHOUSE

The field was fenced. The only way out, ~~and~~ away from the people, was toward a farmhouse. As I neared it a woman cycling down the road told me to hide in the barn, and I did. She went into the house, and the crowd followed her there. There was a big argument. The crowd was not friendly, and I also knew that I was still too near my point of landing to be safe. ^{So} I left ~~and~~ dog trotted 4 km up a little lane, and then started cross-country. On the far side of a field I saw some one on a cycle pointing towards an old blockhouse ^{15 ft} from the last war ^{300 yd} I went there.

CROWDS
ATT ARE
UNDESIRABLE

A young man, with an armful of civilian clothes, joined me. I put them on, although they were all soaking wet ~~for some inexplicable reason~~, and he went off with my uniform. All was quiet for several hours, and then some people came bringing food. This started a procession of visitors. At first the food and a set of dry clothing pleased me, but when thirty people visited me inside of two hours I became very restless, as I knew this was bad security. The young man came back, however, and led me to a distant farm from which the rest of my journey was arranged.

Compiled by

Dorothy R. Smith

DOROTHY R SMITH
Capt, WAC

Approved by

W S HOLT
Lt Col, AC
Commanding

APPENDIX "B" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 747

- a. Fifteen tiger tanks, painted light tan, were observed on a RR siding at MONTAUBAN on 11 May. Heavily armored reconnaissance cars and trucks were also observed.
- Tourcoung*
b. Twenty to thirty 1½ ton Ford trucks were observed on a train at TOURCOUNG on 1 May. The train was headed toward LILLE. ~~Ten~~ tires on the trucks were not uniform.
- c. A ~~diamond-shaped~~ supply dump was observed shortly after the PARIS train left the CREIL Station. There was a line of trees along the far side of the dump which was on the right side of the RR tracks. The constructions were diamond shaped and appeared to be of cement, with dirt piled on two sides. Some were open and others closed, but a small path or track led up the side of each building.

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 747

1. AIDS BOX: I ate part of the chocolate while hiding, before I was given food. The sewing kit was used to repair my civilian clothing. The Horlicks and compass were useful in the Pyrenees.
2. PURSE: I carried a red purse. I used 600 francs for a train ticket and gave 200 francs to a man who gave me clothes. 700 francs was pooled for the mountain guide. The rest was confiscated by the Spanish except for 100 francs which they said was for bus fare.
3. PHOTOGRAPHS: I carried 6 photographs, but my first helpers burned them in misguided zeal for security, which meant that I had to be photographed later.
4. LECTURES: I was lectured on evasion in Tallahassee, Florida in September 1943 and at Group. The advice to avoid houses with aials once kept me from being picked up by collaborators. Having previously been warned of the airplane story saved me many disappointments.
5. SUGGESTIONS: Wear GI shoes. The need for them in the Pyrenees cannot be over-stressed. Loose no time in getting away from your point of landing, then hide until help finds you or until you are calm enough to think clearly.

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all quiet until 1600 hrs. Some
people then brought me food and
then for the next two hrs people
up to 30 kept coming with
food & clothes & whole lot gave
me dry clothing. The security angle
was very bad & I was unhappy.
But waited until 1800 hrs. Ready for
time, a man came and took me
to a farmhouse where I had supper
& was moved to another farmhouse
to sleep. Stayed here 3 days. Close
to Tucson.

On 1 Feb - a young lady
came & took me by train &
trolley to Tourcoing. She had helped
them & was under observation.
As a secret agent questioned & taken
by Gestapo but kept on because
she had an illness which only left
her 2 or 3 mos to live. Heavy 23 yrs
Brunette 5 ft 5 in. Had met her

When I was in the 1st Delamare Co I met I saw a very interesting map of the area. The map shows the Delamare Co. I saw a very interesting map of the area. The map shows the Delamare Co. I saw a very interesting map of the area. The map shows the Delamare Co.

previous evening with 14 other people who were formed into a sort of committee to care for me as I was old with a very poor family. I'm
Tourcoing she took me to Mr & Mrs Delamare & they took me next door to the ^{wood business rep of a manufacturer} ^{32 rue de la} ^{farmers elderly couple} ^{lived with} these two families until 28 March. Delamare were trying to get an of contact & was told & had turned me down cause not British. Finally on 28 March I was taken to Lille & care by the kept day. A man came from Lille & got me large man 5 ft 10 broad shouldered dark hair. Kept me at his home that night. On 29 March in one hr I was ^{were two} passed thru 3 people lands. Maurice, Antoine (chief of hill later taken by Gestapo) Capt Naveau (see Col Montgomery) Maurice took me back Tourcoing & Capt Naveau For capt Naveau was ~~were~~ were 20 & 21 in his lands. also local resistance chief. Here met Col Montgomery from here on see him kept 1 week in Montauban I stayed with a couple. He was a school teacher (Spanish & physical ed) wife taught too.

Our flight was jumped by
some m ~~en~~ + we broke up
into dog fights. I had to split
S to be able to get away and flew
in cloud cover as long as it lasted.
As soon as I cleared I was
jumped by two more, but out
ran them to more cover then I
was practically out of gas so I pulled
up to 4000 ft pulled back the
canopy and bailed out. I tried
to climb out first ^{but couldn't} because of the
weight of my equipment. I rolled
the A/c over on its back and fell
out after my dinghy straps had
caught but when I hooked the
chuck ~~passed~~ into my foot the
brows out.

I turned and looked at the
A/c to make sure I was clear
and then pulled to record the
ditch opened normally. I came thru

a 1000 ft of overcast & hit the
ground ~~early~~ in an ~~open~~ plowed
field. Just before hitting I could
see two people running toward me,
1230 so I had my leg straps
imparted. I galloped my chute
immediately & hid it in a furrow
near a farmhouse, the
only way out of the fenced field &
away from the crowd. A woman
passing down the road on her bike
told me to hide in her barn, and
I did. She went into the house
& was immediately ~~id~~ by a lot of people
I could tell that they were arguing
& that the people ~~did not~~ ~~seem~~
me to stay & I also thought
I was to near my pt of landing,
so I started running again. Ran
up a lane and then across
fields. The woman rode
around the fields and pt'd
me to go to a blockhouse &
the last way. ~~That~~ then she
left and I went there. Soon
a young man came with some
civilian clothing (all soaking wet)
put her on & he took my ~~uniform~~
& conveyed the idea that her ~~quest~~
be destroyed. I then

AG 383.6

Hq ETOUSA

19 October 1944

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, AGC, 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) MILTON H. RAMSEY Signed Milton H. Ramsey
Rank P/O A.S.N. T-122260 Date June 12, 1944
Unit 78th FTR Gp. Witness R. W. H. H.

MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE
AMERICAN CONSULATE
GIBRALTAR

Colonel, G.S.C.
U. S. Mil. Lia. Off.

TOP SECRET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

MILTON H. Ramsey F/O T-122260
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

JUNE 15, 1944
(Date)

78th FTR Grp 82 FTR Sqd.
(Unit)

747

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

JAN. 29, 1944 - 13:30 - GUESNOY FRANCE

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

Was it on fire, etc?

PLANE WAS UNDAMAGED AS FAR AS I COULD SEE BUT BELIEVE THE GAS TANK TO HAVE BEEN SHOT THRU.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

AT 4000 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?

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

COULD NOT SEE BECAUSE OF CLOUDS

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

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.

CRASHED INTO GROUND.

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

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E & E REPORT NO. 744
EVASION IN

JUNE 13, 1944
(Date)

Milton H. Ramsey F/O T-122260
(Name) (Rank) (ACR)

TARGET: FRANKFORT

Date Missing in Action: JAN 29, 1944

Date Arrived in UK: JUNE 13, 1944

810 (No of Missions)

82 FTR Sqd 78th FTR Gp.
(Squadron) (Group)

none others

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIR)

Indicate what happened to
each man
and how you know

PILOT

Milton H. Ramsey

COPILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

MIDDLE TURRET GUNNER

WING GUNNER

WING GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

Were you wounded?

NO

P/45

Our flight was jumped by
me and broke up into dog fights.
I split 5 & 2 the deck and ~~flashed~~ ^{got}
in cloud cover, ~~when it ended~~
~~away~~ ^{more} ~~me~~ ^{we} were waiting, but
~~but~~ ^{ran} ~~than~~ ^I ~~for~~ ^{as} ~~9~~
left cover I was jumped again
and thought I had out run them
when I found I was out of gas.
I pulled up to 4000 ft and
tried to get out, but could not
due to the weight of my
equipment. I rolled to sleep
over on her back. This time my
dunghy straps caught, but I
kicked the stick and was
thrown clear.

I pulled the rip-cord
~~and landed~~ ~~as a~~
~~low field~~ ~~after~~ ~~passing~~
~~through~~ ~~1500~~ ~~ft~~ ~~of~~ ~~overcast~~
and started through to overcast.
When I cleared it I could see

people running toward me,
 I undid my leg straps to
 make a quick get away and
 landed easily in a plowed field.
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 chute, ~~and~~ hid it in a furrow
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On the far side of a field, I saw
~~at some distance~~ someone on
a cycle pointing towards an
old blockhouse from the last war.
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armful of Egyptian clothes
joined me. I put them on, although
he were all soaking wet for some
unpleasant reasons, and he
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quiet for several hours, and then
some people came bringing food.
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a set of dry clothing pleased me,
but ~~as~~ when these people
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this was bad security. The
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from which the rest of my journey was arranged.

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3. Photographs I carried 6 photographs, but my first helpers burnt them in misguided zeal for security, which meant that I had to be photographed later.
4. I was captured on evasion in Tallahassee Florida in September 43 and at Grafton. The advice to avoid houses with aerials once kept me from being picked up by collaborators. Having previously been warned of the capture, I don't regret many of my disappointments.

5. Wear G.I. shoes. The need
for them in the pyrenees cannot
be over-stressed.
~~Escape as far from your~~
~~point of landing~~ loose no time
in getting away from your point
of landing. Other help until help
finds you, or until you are calm
enough to think clearly.

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.,.....)

French man told me of hearing German air men discussing airplanes. They believe the Americans to have the better equipment. They say theirs is always a few years behind ours. also they said by changing the markings on their aircraft to be the same as the allies doesn't do any good.

At train station in Montauban saw around ⁵ 55 ^{light tank} large tiger tanks on troop cars. Also heavy armored cars recon. cars trucks etc. How many I can not say. Not as many as tanks. ^{On Sunday 7 11 May}

²⁵⁻³⁰ On Tourcoing saw a large load of Ford ^{ton 1/2} trucks being on troop train. Noticed that about all of the tires on different trucks were different kinds. Did not seem to be any standard tire, ^{going toward Lille 1 May}

The bombing results of A Meins was a good job. The one at Creil was also very good. The one of the North station in Paris could not have been better. Nothing was left but the one track they had re-laid

Most of ^{the} French morale was rather good. They could not understand by the evsion didn't start also why we didn't dive bomb stations instead of with bombers. On the whole it was pretty good.

While riding on train leaving Creil I saw a supply dump of some kind. Two sides of it was in a diamond shape. ~~There were~~ trees along the sides of this dump. They ^{the dumps} looked like they were cement and set down part way into ground with a mound of dirt on both sides of each one. Some of them were open on the front others were closed. A small crowd went up each side.

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

T-122260. F6. Milton H. Ramsey

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? 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.

USED while climbing PYRENEES

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

USED BEFORE I GOT FOOD.

Milk (tube).

no

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

no

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

no

Matches.

no

Adhesive tape.

no

Chewing gum.

no

Water bottle.

no

Compass.

YES IN THE PYRENEES

Sewing kit.

YES REPAIRED CLOTHES GIVEN ME.

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? no
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? FRENCH PEOPLE BURIED IT.
- 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?

no

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? YES
State color of stripes and letters. RED LETTERS
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? YES - FOR CLOTHES AND GUIDES

ACROSS PYRENEES

(over)

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

Maps. Which ones? ~~none~~ *MD*

Compass. *YES*

File (hacksaw). *no*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *FRENCH 2000 F's*

How did you spend the money? *200 F's FOR CLOTHES gave Touring to Montauban
600 F's 11 TRAIN TICKET
700 F's guides in mts*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *FRENCH PEOPLE hid them 400 F's TAKEN by SPANISH gov, bus ticket in SPAIN*

Compass. *LOST in PYRENEES*

File (hacksaw). *FRENCH hid*

Surplus currency. *Spanish gov*

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? *6*

b. Did you use them?

NO - BECAUSE FRENCH PEOPLE BURNED THEM FOR NO REASON AT ALL

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

BY OUR INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS IN THE 78th GROUP

TALLYHASSE FLORIDA 1ST SEPT. FORGOT NAME OF

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

YES VERY MUCH. Remembered advice from lectures with officer. avoided collaborators houses also had been warned of A/C storm

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

IMPRESS THE POINT ON WEARING G.I. SHOES FOR CROSSING PYRENEES

GET AS FAR AWAY FROM WHERE YOU HIT AS FAST AS POSSIBLE AND STAY HIDDEN UNTIL HELP ARRIVES, OR UNTIL YOU CAN THINK CLEARLY.

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

HEADQUARTERS
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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. *MILTON HERMAN RAMSEY F/O T-122260*
2. Decorations. *AIR MEDAL*
3. Unit or Squadron. *82 FTR Sq.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *78th FTR Gp.*
5. Date of Birth. *JUNE 14, 1920*
6. Length of Service. *2 YEARS 5 months*
7. Private Address. *GRANDVIEW, WASHINGTON*
8. Job as civilian. *STUDENT*
9. From what field did you take off? *DUXFORD AIR BASE*
10. Take off time. *10:55?*
11. Date and target. *JAN. 29, 1944 FRANFORT*
12. Where did you land? *Bailed out*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *YES*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *pilot*
15. Were you wounded? *NO*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *700 FRANCES*
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?
by A BRITISH CAPT AT GIBRALTAR
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?
ALAHMA JUNE 12, GIBRALTAR JUNE 13,
22. Date of arrival in Spain.
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *JUNE 13, 1944*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *Gib JUNE 14, by AIR*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *BRISTOL JUNE 18, 1944*

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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
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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.

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.

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Signed Milton H. Ramsey
Dated June 15, 1944
Witness Edith E. Smith Capt WAC

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