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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
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Military Intelligence Service

E & E REPORT NO 811-812
EVASION IN FRANCE

*by
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PS*

Frank H JACOBSON, 2d Lt, O-692016
Nelson A BRANCH, Sgt, 20702227

7 missions
8 missions

(Date)

TARGET: LUDWIGSHAVEN

Date Missing in Action: 1 April 1944

Date Arrived in UK: 30 June 44

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
~~713 Bomb Squadron, 448 Bomb Group~~
(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Indicate what happened to
each man
and how you know
MIA

PILOT	O-428403	1st Lt	Harrison C MELLOR	MIA
CO-PILOT	O-800071	2d Lt	Douglas J (EAMES), JR	MIA
NAVIGATOR	O-692016	2d Lt	Frank H JACOBSON	NARRATOR
BOMBARDIER	O-688343	2d Lt	Marvin T COFF	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	32533995	T/Sgt	Francis C MARK	E&E #813
TOP TURRET GUNNER	18028026	T/Sgt	William A WARREN	MIA
BELL TURRET GUNNER	20702227	Sgt	Nelson A BRANCH	NARRATOR
WAIST GUNNER	39908551	Sgt	Ira R ALLEN	E&E #721
WAIST GUNNER	33195801	S/Sgt	Mike LITTLE	E&E #719
TAIL GUNNER	13146208	Sgt	Walter T BRESSLER	E&E #720

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Were you wounded?

Good
Comment on #811-12:

It may be that proper instruction in steering a parachute would have saved these aviators their painful and dangerous landing in a forest. Note Sgt Branch's recommendation to carry G.I. shoes.

Lt JACOBSON:

OUT OF GAS

We ran out of gas E of BRUSSELS and when number four^{engine} quit we turned S. ~~xxxxx~~ into FRANCE before ~~we lost~~^{losing} the other engines. All preparations were made for bailing out and when the order was given I was out first around 9000 feet. I fell to 7000 feet before ~~opening the chute~~^{pulling the ripcord & opening the chute} and counted two ~~shots~~ above me and two below. I played with the shroudlines but ~~stopped when the chute threatened to collapse.~~

LANDS IN TREE

I landed in a tall tree not far from a road. My chute caught on the top branch leaving me suspended about 60 feet above the ground. There was ~~some~~ traffic on the road, but the trees formed an effective screen, and only ~~someone looking directly at me could have found me.~~ I struggled for half an hour before I got enough of a swing in the chute to grab ~~onto~~ a limb. When I got the chute unbuckled two Frenchmen who had been ~~in~~ searching for me came running up. I couldn't understand their shouts and signals but I ~~was still~~ stuck in the tree because the lowest branch was too high to jump from and the tree trunk was too big to slide down. ~~Fin~~

STUCK IN TREE

Finally the Frenchmen understood that I needed ~~an~~ a rope ~~xxxxxx~~ with ~~xxxxxx~~ and one of them brought a long piece of baling wire~~xx~~. I tied it around ~~the~~ a tree limb and had slid about half way down when I fell because the wire ~~was too thin to hold~~^{so it cut my hands.} I was knocked out for a few minutes but the Frenchmen carried me into the brush, ~~away from the road.~~ It had taken about two hours to get out of the tree.

TWO HOURS IN TREE

My two friends buried my flying equipment ~~and brought~~ and one of them went ahead to the place they were going to take me. I started walking with the ~~Frenchman~~^{other} through the wood. We had travelled about a mile when the ~~Frenchman~~^{first one} who had left us came running up to us to say that he had found another parachutist. We followed him and found Sgt BRANCH ~~caught~~^{stuck fast} between two trees. in the crotch ~~of two trees~~ formed by two trees leaning against each other.

FINDS CREW MEMBER

Sgt BRANCH:

I delayed my jump and ~~pulled the ripcord when I saw the trees coming up at me fast.~~ I landed on the top limb of a tree, unbuckled my chute and started to climb down when the limb broke and I fell into the crotch of two trees about 30 feet above the ground, ~~and got stuck there.~~ Each time I shifted my weight my leg became more firmly imbedded and finally I couldn't move. I took off some of my clothes and tied my body to the tree trunk to ease some of the pressure.

More than two hours had passed and I was ^{stencil} struggling to remain conscious when ^{a Frenchman} found me. I heard him yelling at someone and saw Lt JACOBSON and another Frenchman running toward us.

[Lt JACOBSON, who looked as if he had been badly injured, yelled at me to ~~hurry up and~~ climb down but when he saw how I was caught he sent one of the Frenchmen for an axe.

[From here my story is the same as Lt JACOBSON's.

Lt JACOBSON:

We chopped down a small tree ~~with axes~~ and ~~placed~~ braced it against one of the trees holding the sergeant's leg. By gradually applying our weight we got the trees separated enough to free him. This had taken about fifteen minutes. While Branch rested and tried to get the circulation started again in his leg the Frenchmen buried his flying equipment and removed the traces of our activity.

We were guided further into the wood where our two friends built a ^{lean-to} as shelter for the night. They brought food and told us to get up early the next morning and get out of that area. We left our rings and crash bracelets with the Frenchmen.

^{Sleepless} After a bad night ~~we were cold, aching and couldn't sleep~~ we got under way about 0530 hours, skirting the woods and following a road. We saw a cyclist pedalling slowly along the road and ~~watched~~ ^{saw} walked ~~at near~~ enough ~~to him to see~~ that it was one of our French friends. He made us hide in a ditch while he ~~got~~ went after some hot coffee. We left him again and

CAUGHT IN
TREE FOR
SEVERAL
HOURS

HELPED BY
FRENCHMEN

SLEPT IN
LEAN-TO

3 had walked about two ~~kms~~ when we ran into ~~the second~~ our second French friend.

While we were talking to him the ~~first~~ ^{one} Frenchman rode up behind us again and warned us to avoid a small town that lay ahead of us.

We were guided around the village through a wood and again told to hide while one of the Frenchmen ~~went~~ ^{went} was gone to bring get us ~~food~~ a package of food. We started off again following carefully the directions we had been given ~~x~~ to go N of the village for some distance and then turn S. We got to the top of a hill and had turned S when we saw the two

Frenchmen down in the valley waving us to go further N before making the turn. This was the last time we ~~saw~~ saw our friends.

We stayed in the woods because BRANCH was still wearing flying boots and I had only my electric shoes. ~~At this first stop we~~ We stopped at a small stream ~~xxxxxx~~ and washed our feet ~~because~~ to ease the ^{PAIN FROM} blisters. ~~were getting~~ turned into

Finally we turned S along a small back road that led us ~~into~~ the main highway to SOISSONS. Everytime we heard something approaching we

ducked into a ditch or into the brush, and once, hearing a motorcycle, we dived into a ditch where an old Frenchman was ~~gathering~~ gathering wood.

We explained that we were Americans and asked if the cyclist was a German.

The old Frenchman motioned us to stay there and brought another Frenchman

to talk to us. He hid us in a cave in the wood, and when we asked for

an English speaking person he brought a dictionary which we used to ask for clothes. While our friend was gone two children came to the cave to play

and saw us. From what they/we knew they had recognised us as Americans,

and we told our friend this when he returned. We were moved again and told to walk into a nearby churchyard that night and wait for a signal.

The Frenchman met us as arranged ~~that night~~ and showed us a ^{vault} place to hide. He had brought food with him. ~~and~~ We spent the night in this shelter

and ~~were there~~ all the next day and following night, when the Frenchman brought two sets of civilian clothing. He told us we should leave the next morning.

Food For
Journey

No
GI
SHOES

~~FLYING BOOTS~~
~~AND ELECTRIC~~
~~SHOES~~

TRAVEL TOWARD
SOISSONS

HIDDEN IN
CAVE

TWO
NIGHTS
HID IN
CHURCH VAULT

CIVILIAN
CLOTHES

At daybreak we walked SE. Our last friend had warned us to avoid MEAUX and PARIS. Now that we were in civilian clothes we walked on secondary roads and at the next town we asked a boy for water. He pointed to the town pump and motioned us to go there. ^{but} We didn't want to ^{so there} but the next person we asked, ^{Frenchman however,} not only told us to do the same thing but offered to walk to the pump with us. While we were getting a drink ^{he} the Frenchman with us went into a store and in a few minutes a gendarme came out to ask us for identity cards. When he asked who we were I told him we were trying to walk to SPAIN and he misunderstood, thinking I meant we were Spanish. He made us put up our hands ~~xxxx~~ while he searched us and when I said we were Americans he nodded but looked as if he didn't believe us. He found my aids box and motioned us to follow him in the store because we were attracting some attention and people were crowding ^{Attencil 2} around. He was ~~quite~~ interested in the aids box which I explained to him carefully and after he was convinced he walked away and left us. A Frenchman who had followed us in the store took us to his home to point out ~~of~~ on maps ^{our} the direction we should walk. ^{on a map}

[In the evening we stopped ~~at~~ to sleep in a barn on the edge of a small town. Before going ^{to} into the barn we went to a man working alone near a house and asked for help. He said we couldn't get any help in this village and when we asked about going to the church we had seen in the village he said ~~it was~~ closed. In spite of his lack of friendliness ^{he} the man gave us some food and went back to his work.

Since It was raining ~~the next morning~~ and we had very heavy beads, but we decided we had better go on looking for help. ^{The next morning} We went S keeping to the fields, ^{first} all morning. The next man we approached was reluctant to do anything for us but told us to wait and he would see if he could get ~~some~~ someone to help. We hid after he had ridden off ~~on a horse~~ and when he didn't return after two hours we left. ^{The second man we approached provided us} We spoke to another working in the fields and asked if we ^{with a need a shave,} could get a shave. He was agreeable about this but couldn't ~~help~~ give us any further help.

STOPPED BY
GENDARME

Need
SHAVE

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[Our next stop was a small roadside cafe where we hoped to get something to drink. There was no one in the place when we walked in, so we stated that we were ~~American~~ Americans in need of food and help. We waited while a man was sent for, and after he had questioned us our journey was arranged.

APRIL-MAY 1944

Appendix B:

a. French stated that a flying school at ETAMPES was the largest in FRANCE.

b. French stated that there was a large ammunition and gasoline dump in a forest S of CHATEAUNEUF.

c. Evaders saw Me109's and FW190's flying over an airfield at MEAUX. French stated that JU 88's had ~~maxxxxxxxxx~~ picked up their bombs at this field before ~~xxxxxxx~~ London raids. In April the field was still operational after several raids.

d. Evaders never saw enemy aircraft in the MEAUX area flying above deck.

e. Only aircraft seen by evaders, other than Me109's and FW190's, was an Me410 in the vicinity of ETAVIGNY. (border of OISE and SEINE-ET-MARNE)

f. French stated that the Germans had an officer's candidate school for 300 candidates at a chateau 3 miles N of CONGIS. (Seine et OISE MARNE).

g. At the end of May evaders saw large numbers of German naval personnel on streets of BORDEAUX. French stated that majority were submarine men.

h. All anti-aircraft seen by evaders in PARIS around the middle of May was mobile.

Appendix D:

Lt Jacobson:

1. I used Horlicks tablets, halazone tablets, matches, chewing gum, water bottle, compass and sewing kit. The only unsatisfactory item was the water bottle. /c.

2. I carried a YELLOW purse. I used the compass all the time, the file as a knife on several occasions, and gave the money to the French.

3. I had ~~xxx~~ one extra compass.

4. I carried 8 escape photos and used ~~xxx~~ several of them.

5. I was lectured on evasion in the States and at my Group. The lectures were valuable.

SGT BRANCH:

1. I used all the contents of the aids box except the benzadrine tablets. The only unsatisfactory item was the water bottle which had to be carried upright to keep it from leaking.

2. I had a YELLOW purse and used the compass and file. Most of the money was given to French helpers, and the surplus was turned in ~~at~~ to the M/A.

3. I did not carry any extra evasion aids.

4. I had no photos with me.

5. I found the lectures I heard in the States and at my Base very helpful. I suggest that an evader always have his G.I. shoes.

crewmans

carry them

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EVASION IN

JUNE 30 - 1944
(Date)

FRANK H. JACOBSON 2ND LT O-692016
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
7 (No. of Missions)

TARGET: LUDWIGSHAFEN

Date Missing in Action: April 1

713th Bomb - 448 Bomb
(Squadron) (Group)

Date Arrived in UK: JUNE 30th

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWLB)

Indicate what happened to
each man
and how you know

PILOT HARRISON C. MELLOR

No Information

COPILOT DOUGLAS J. EAMES

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NAVIGATOR FRANK H. JACOBSON

Evadee - in U.K.

BOMBARDIER MARVIN T. GOFF

No Information

RADIO OPERATOR FRANCIS C. MARX

WITH ME - in U.K. - Evadee

TOP TURRET GUNNER WILLIAM A. WARREN

DEAD - CHUTE Didn't open

REAR TURRET GUNNER NELSON A. BRANCH

WITH ME - Evadee - in U.K.

WING GUNNER MIKE (NMI) LITTLE

TOLD { Evadee - in USA -
HERE { " " " " " "

WING GUNNER IRA R. ALLEN

TAIL GUNNER WALTER T. BRESSLER

Were you wounded?

No -

using brand new % - first to happen - 1st % to take off - led 2nd element - off at 0600 hrs - got to IP - Bunker in No. 1st -
2 bombing - Cop rd lead pthfuds % out - dep Bad took over - then Reout - psrd tigt - 5 for
20 mins - E 10 mins - N 30 mins - were SE of Ludwigshafen - old break - bombed
visibly - but bay doors open - then closed - 2300 gals at takeoff - mission to last
air base - got 12 miles from Busselt - #4 wing quit - out of fuel - out of gas -
at 1000 Bomber asked for time - at 1:15 1st % out - #4 slowing 40 gals - other 3 wings had 50 or 60 gals -
decided to head for France - 12000 ft - headed S - 180 to 150 - sweating out engs to quit - #2 quit 30 mins
after 1st out - 10000 ft - high alt - over gcs - catching flak - Ro blew up 1FF - log destroyed - checked
chute - was 4 miles - P put on AFCE - then said BO - 1 out first - 9000 ft -
dropped fuel first - fell 2000 ft - pld sup to see if chute wld open - flung stat - 1st chute didn't
open - 2nd did - saw 2 chutes above & 2 below - very quiet - that of Henry
waiting - saw fence - flew with lines - afraid of clipping chute - saw chute hit in
trees - saw good road from air - 400 ft from ground car road beneath - didn't see one
landed in tree on roadside - held hands above head - chute caught - suspended - swung
body to branch - all chute off at once - took 1/2 hr - got out when 2 tr who knew
for me came running up - signalled to me - climbed down - very exhausted -
saw some trench - tried to tell trenchman to go get rope - cars & cycles passing on road -
men helping me stay in woods - man back with feeling worse - threw it up - tried to
branch - 1st branch from ground 30 ft above ground - fell out - 2 trenchman there -
bloody - asked if hurt - nothing - carried me inside woods & hid me in bushes -
reached for ARB - asked to get my clothes - things - got water - had taken 2 hrs to
get out of tree - after hidden one trenchman off on bike then Louis

he was leading me to their camp - walked mile - saw for running thru wds -
back way he had come - waved hands & yld parachute - we ran over & there was
Branch hanging up - knee caught & he cldnt get down - asked Frenchman for ax -
Louis find went for ax - chpped down small tree - put it where Branch could
put ~~his~~ shift weight - after 15 or 20 mins got him free - slid down - cldnt
stand - let him rest - took his stuff & hid them - French moved trees - took
off for camp - built bank - put butt - told us in am to get up early &
leave - we cldnt move - bad night - 0530 hrs - Branch had watch - gave ring to
brousted to the men as they S-2 - left & skirted woods - fllwd road - saw
cyclist - turned out to be Louis - coffee - tells us to hide & then continue
walking - walked 2 hrs when other Frenchman came along - then Louis
came up behind - told us not to go thru town - took us left side of town
thru woods - told us to wait there - he gone to his - back with lots of
food - pulled out etc to take N of town then turn S - got to top of hill - turned S
then saw house in valley - he wanted us to go further N - still in
flying boots & 2 electric shoes - thru woods - stream - washed clothes
feet - got rid of some excess flying clothing - found back road - July 5 -
here cpl hrs - men hiking from Soisson - had ^{into} cycle - in ditch - old woman
near us gathering wood - startled - asked in French if cycle was S - us -
we are, I said - she old son - July 23 - into wds with him - hidden in cave - asked for Eng sp -
brought boy with dictionary - 2 hrs in cave - 2 small boys came to play - saw us - knew
we are & left - told our funds - moved us - pulled out church - about back to go in
churchyard - did - hidden there - boy brought food - slept thru that night - rain next
day - 2 sheltering Frenchmen saw us - boy back at night - clothes - then told us
to leave - slept in barn near church - left at daybreak - SE - to stay clear of
MEANT & PARIS - **ETAUVIGNY** (had chptel S about 4 km on main hwy out of Conspigne) (near Chateau) -
next town reached - asked boy for water - told to go to town pump - woman took us there - she went
into store - Fr. gendarme asked for IC's - asked what were - ad go to Spain - that we Spanish -
ad hands up - sep then we came - ad okay - key hands up - reached us - found AB - took it in
store left us out there - we fllwd him in store - explain what it was - he took us into
back room - Fr. gendarme left us then - storekeeper took us to his house - showed us some maps &
when to go - walked to ROUVRES - barn outside town - saw big church to go to next am.
man working near here - approached him - ad no help - ad church closed - gave us food

raining not a m. - got up early - heavy beads - headed S - and ^{MAY} ~~Heath~~ - in fld -
approched man in fld - reluctant but got on horse and left - gone two hrs -
that he gone to give us - then thru woods - saw small hse - no telephone -
approched man - sd old shave - did + walked to chateau NE of MAY -
came to outskirts of Bourg - needed help - came to wine shop - no wine or
cigarettes - young girl - told her aims + needed help - fat woman came out - asked
got in - brot Jacques Simone - he had helped 3 Am + 1 Brit last September -
he made phone call to Paris while std in shop - old man came out of back of
shop - sd follow me + th into barn - looked us in - before night fall 3 funds told -
that night very patrol on road - had been wind - moved to old main hse - std 3 days -
Jacques had med connections - young woman, deft + somewhat come to see us - sd she
sd help if we went to Paris with her but 3 came that nite - Robert
Renoir - + Jean - ? - after dark in Jean's car to LITY -
Jean lives inland hse in town between LITY + CONGIS - has big
flour mill in back of hse - Robert took us to his home in Congis in Jean's car -
std 3 weeks + 3 days - friend of Robert Jean came - off last week - boss - right eye good -
apple good eye - worked London 10 yrs - he made arrangements for us to get food - we got good clothes -
1st Am Robert helped - near end of 3rd week we being taken to see friends - Robert sd say to
take us to visit ch of police of Meaux - didn't - another friend of Robert brot young trenchman
sd would go to UK with us - knew lot about Am go - didn't like him ~~now~~ did Robert -
Robert go to Meaux - bring Courrier of police, Inspector + driver - we leaving
thru nite - drove down to Jean's hse to tell him plans sd to call off his contacts -

Inspector's name is Maurice - we driven to Meaux - to Chateau
a woman dentist living across street from German General & barracks hospital -
well placed here for 3 days - given ~~the~~ C - I had pictures - Branch didn't -
on 2nd day saw man who worked for state dept - husband of dentist is escaped
1/2 - saw little of him - Maurice & others took 2 Paris men Marcel Behrman or
Netter (wife's maiden name) - wife had at 15 Rue Caill. Dessein 10 - and Michael
C. children (I escaped 1/2) - into Paris to Marcel's old apt - taken there that
night & door locked - all in next apt - wife came at lunch & dinner to
fix meals - Marcel & Michael & wife working for French SS & Brit. -
her job to listen to French message personnel - had arms & radios -
Marcel connected with people in Meaux -

man offered to take care of us picked up by Gestapo - looked for a Swiss concern -
his funds had cleared out his life so info was sketchy - 3rd night in Paris - Marcel
got call from Meaux - Gestapo had picked up Robert - think you man
who said was Dr. ac squealed - 2 weeks + 3 days in PARIS - Day
broken in Paris - ^{wh} after Swiss man caught woman took over - girls in
cycle took us off Marcel's wife's hands - to apt - woman had 10 young
children - all boy - here on her - woman had gray hair - 5'7 1/2" - son blonde
23, wore glasses, age 18, 5'5", chubby, good looking, - into metro - guidebook -
went to Ile St Louis - old castle - bld 1640 - owned by Polish prince - transferred
title to Spain - caretaker. Joseph Maroc - 2 Englishmen here Peter

Jones & George Meers - Felix name of prince - place is museum -
stayed overnight - man & wife came to see us several times - left in evening for Dune d'Oleons -
2 girls at apt & sister who go with us - Renee (old hand) - sister the boss made so trip -
Carmelle's printing - met at station - to Bordeaux - she is 5'2", dark hair, thick
rimmed glasses - slightly bowlegged - knew true enditis - Bordeaux - having drunk to
wait for Bayonne train - stopped at Morcenx - Renee still Bordeaux -
~~was~~ working scheme of moving from front of train to back to avoid Gestapo - getting no
hit Conductor told us to get off train - wait for next train that night - got off
at town before Bayonne - met girl with glasses - bus into Bayonne -
walked to cousin's house of 2 sisters - next a.m. station in ~~Bordeaux~~ Bayonne ruffed -
30,000 francs given to guide by sister in charge - a Spaniard arrived -

he ~~had~~ ^{took} us to a car - blacked out windows - rode SE - guide with drive - asked
how far - but - met another guide - mts - over into - today - left at 9 p.m. 28th -
was to be ^{the} man in our party - Biroard: French SS from Marseilles - chf of air
France in Marseilles before war - guide + car led us - going SE - got to wide
stream - cable car - two more guides - with us rest of trip - asked all night -
crossed border 0400 - Biroard had to quit - guides left us here - at Sp hsc -
Sp fed us - + guided us for Biroard's jewellery - stole some things from him too -
approached town URDAS - passed hsc that had wires - in family - told us police okay -
2-day festé - Gestapo in the town - taken to another village by police - not
talking for anything - to come back to URDAS next - got lost -
nothing compromising - had a refugee hsc - stayed 2 nights - drove to town for
train to Iruen - 2 Sp soldiers with us - Commandant of N. frontier -
Gestapo OR Germans here - talked about us - we to be watched - got lost as before -
picture + fingerprints - to Hotel Norte - met Mr. Brandon - con Rep - Am -
security warning - chf of Police in Iruen is pro-German - we being watched -
stayed 2 weeks - 14 June - to Saragossa - Sp AF - to Alkama - arrived 26 -
UK 30 June -

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1. ETAMPES - flying school - large - biggest in France for Pilots -
2. had large factory in northern Paris for making airplane gyroscope -
3. Below Chateaufort in great very large Amiot gas depot - just S -
4. Meaux - airbase Me 109 & Ju 190 - pickup base for bombers
on OK raids - 88th picked up bombs here - on several raids fld
not damaged - before raids a/c took off & stayed on deck -
5. all a/c we saw humped prop -
6. Me 109 & 190 ^{mostly seen} near Me 410 in ETAVIGNY
7. OCS at 3 mi N of COGNIS - (300) a/c were white Russians -
8. at Orleans station marshalling yards badly damaged - 13 locomotives
loaded -
9. ~~Between~~ at a station called St Pierre & between Orleans saw a
warehouse blown to bits - 100⁺ of locomotives - repair base for
locomotives -
10. f/w camp for North African troops at town S of Bordeaux -
11. Amiot dropping in vicinity of Meaux -
12. heavy naval troops in Bordeaux - many submarines seen -
13. look out posts at Bayonne -
14. mobile ack ack in Paris at trucks -
- 15x Saw some anti aircraft on train S of PARIS -
16. Saw no indication NE of PARIS & only few in the vicinity -

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) FRANK H. JACOBSON Signed Frank Jacobson
Rank 2nd LT A.S.N. 0-692014 Date JUNE 26 - 1944
Unit 448th Bomb Group - 713 B Sqdn Witness Horace W. Forster

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

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6 August 1943

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. Commanding Officers will be responsible for instructing all evaders, escapees, and internees in the provisions of this directive which 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.

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) FRANK H. JACOBSON

Signed Frank Jacobson

Rank 2nd LT A. S. N. 0-692016

Dated June 30th 1944

Unit 448 Bomb Group - 713th Bomb Sq

Witness _____

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RESTRICTED

Branch: in ball-trail - ill P t leaving tent - put on A-3 jacket - back to the tent -
sat in it watching for jets - had 100% time to go - camera hatch open - rolled out -
everything in air - two chutes out - lkd at ground - trees up fast - plld
wing - landed in trees - unhooked chute c 100 ft from ground - limb
broke & fell - into crotch of 2 trees - 30 ft from ground -
leg caught - dropped A-3 jacket - took off some clothes & tied body to tree to
take weight off leg - 10 after 2 - late 10 after 4 - Anderson came
up - he yelled at someone & Lt. Jacobson came up - man back with
axe —

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 811

No., Rank, Name:- **FRANK H. JACOBSON** 2nd LT - 0-692016
 Unit:- **448th Bomb Group - 713th Bomb Sqdn.**

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. - **FIRST NIGHT IN WOODS. When hungry while walking**

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. **NONE.**

Milk (tube). **NONE**

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). - **Didn't use & gave them to French soldier**

Halazone tablets (water purifier). **Used a few in woods:**

Matches. **Yes -**

Adhesive tape. **Didn't use it**

Chewing gum. - **Good - helps calm nerves**

Water bottle. **No good at all - impossible to do any good**

Compass. **Excellent.**

Sewing kit. **Used it a few times**

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? **Yes - water bottle**

e. How did you finally dispose of the box? **Yes -**

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?

Leave out water bottle - put in a few cigarettes and a small knife

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? *Not much use -*

Compass. *Almost all the time*

File (hacksaw). *Yes to cut up clothes and wires for use.*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *used the Belgian and*
How did you spend the money? *Netherland money for toilet paper in*
the woods - spent some french money when making contact to buy
beer - gave the remainder to those who helped.

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. - *Gave them to the same party who buried my clothes*
to bury too

Compass. *gave it to guide.*

File (hacksaw). *threw it away*

Surplus currency. *gave it to organization guides*

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

Yes - 1 compass - French gave me excellent map of section

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

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

If so, how many? *8*

b. Did you use them?

Yes - Most of them tore up remainders

5. LECTURES

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

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM

Lincoln Neb - Cheddington - Seething -
Dec-1943 JAN-44 MARCH 44

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

Yes - but quite exaggerated in cases

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

get going to big towns in a hurry to make contacts

TOP SECRET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

FRANK H. JACOBSON 2nd LT 0-692016
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

JUNE 30th 1944
(Date)

448 B. Group - 713rd Bomb Sqdn
(Unit)

#811

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.
April 2 - 1345 - 4 Kilometers South of Compiègne

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.
Was it on fire, etc? None - Out of gas.
No

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

9000

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

Yes - Engineer's chute didn't open, according to French.

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

All

All but one -

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Don't know

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

Yes - Nelson A. Branch - Sgt - GUNNER - ALIVE.
FRANCIS C. MARX Tsgt. RADIO OP - "

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.

Yes - Sgt. MARX saw Sgts Little - Allen and Bressler the day after Bailing out.

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.

No -

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

Believe Pilot is very capable of being on his way out for he speaks FRENCH fluently.

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

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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. *FRANK HERBERT JACOBSON - 2NDLT - O-692016*
2. Decorations. *AIR MEDAL (?) Group citations.*
3. Unit or Squadron. *# 713 TH Bomb Sqdn.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *448TH Bomb Group.*
5. Date of Birth. *JUNE 14TH 1919*
6. Length of Service. *3 years 9 months.*
7. Private Address. *5918 CASTOR AVE PHILADELPHIA - PENNA*
8. Job as civilian. *FLORIST - PHOTOGRAPHER.*
9. From what field did you take off? *SEETHING AAB-*
10. Take off time. *0600*
11. Date and target. *APRIL 1ST - LUDWIGSHAFEN*
12. Where did you land? - *4 Kilometers South of COMPIEGNE*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *As far as I know - Yes - I left
+ private note book in plane with info. on it.*
14. What was your position in aircraft?
NAVIGATOR.
15. Were you wounded?
NOT IN ACTION - got cut on face when bailed out.
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much?
17. Do you speak French? Spanish?
Yes Yes
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *Yes - (2) Work Paper*
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 - British Security GIBRALTER
20. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?
Yes - GIBRALTER
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when?
Yes - ALHAMBRA Spain - JUNE 15th?
22. Date of arrival in Spain.
MAY 29th 1944
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar.
JUNE 26th
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By ~~sea~~ or air.
JUNE 29th
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
JUNE 30th - BRISTOL

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811
DATE: 30 June 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, ROY W. CARPENTER, 1st Lt., AC, O-690546

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

FRANK H. Jacobson, 2nd Lt., AC, O-692016

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.

Frank H. Jacobson Roy W. Carpenter

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 FRANK H. JACOBSON, 2nd Lt., AC, O-692016 (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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