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

E & E REPORT NO 823  
EVASION IN FRANCE

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*Proof by*

(Date)

Charles F PAYNE, Sgt, 34402590

TARGET: FRIEDRICHSHAFEN

Date Missing in Action: 18 March 1944

Date Arrived in UK: 4 July 1944

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
1 (No of Missions)  
392 Bomb Group  
(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Indicate what happened to  
each man  
and how you know

PILOT	0-675562	2d Lt	Gerald M DALTON	MIA
COPILOT	0-806006	2d Lt	Harold D STOREY	MIA
NAVIGATOR	0-688114	2d Lt	Phillip SHERMAN	MIA
BOMBARDIER	0-684938	2d Lt	Arony H BRANDES	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	32476248	S/Sgt	Erwin D CONLEY	MIA
TOP TURRET GUNNER	37217513	S/Sgt	Honer W HOLMES	MIA
MID TURRET GUNNER	34337613	Sgt	John T BROWN	MIA
WALST GUNNER	34402590	Sgt	Charles F PAYNE	NARRATOR
WALST GUNNER	33442909	Sgt	Harner H HILDEBRAND	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	14141134	Sgt	Adraine L TAYLOR	MIA

Are you wounded?

823 : Sgt Charles F PAYNE

On the way to FRIEDRICH HAVEN Tail-end, Charlie of our squadron peeled off and, since we were flying spare, we moved up into his position. Later ~~he must have~~ <sup>he</sup> ~~changed his mind,~~ <sup>back</sup> for he started back into France and <sup>and</sup> came in toward us. In about 15 minutes he was in formation on our left wing. I reported this move to the pilot, but he did not answer me. I could not figure out why neither he nor the co-pilot answered. The plane flew on our wing for a minute or so and then went under us. I began to get scared and called the pilot continually but still got no answer. The other plane started up as if to let us fly on his wing. Just before he hit us the bombardier called the pilot to pull up, and someone else called. <sup>his</sup> The pilot still did not answer. The rudder of the other plane hit our right wing between the outboard engine and the wing tip, breaking the rudder and our wing. Our plane went up. I threw off my flak suit, ~~and~~ grabbed my parachute, and reached for the waist window. The plane lurched and I was thrown against the side. The plane broke in two where I was standing, and I fell <sup>out</sup> into space at about 23,000 feet. I heard the other waist gunner scream. I felt for my parachute, found it was there, <sup>I</sup> and decided to make a free fall, knowing that I was over a section where there were Germans. After the formation pulled away I began to look where I was falling. I guess that I <sup>opening my chute</sup> delayed for about 20,000 feet, <sup>and</sup> for after my parachute opened I was in the air just long enough to avoid a small woods. My back was wrenched when the parachute opened; the strap was not tight enough. I <sup>landed easily</sup> hit well in a ploughed field, <sup>hurt</sup> my knees a bit, but could still run. I covered my parachute and started off. Some Frenchmen called me and ~~one~~ <sup>my</sup> took each hand. I told them that I was an American. I wanted to get away from the nearby village, fearing that Germans would be there, and pointed hopefully to a distant farmhouse, <sup>But</sup> thinking no Germans could be there. The Frenchmen ran me to the village and everybody turned out to greet me as if it were a parade. Half the women wanted to take my clothes, but <sup>cement</sup> my two guides kept me going. We ran about a mile to a water tank 40 or 50 feet high. They sent me up the ladder and had me crawl down on the ladder inside. They said that they would return.

FLIGHT

THROWN OUT OF PLANE

EXCELLENT DELAYED JUMP

HELPED

HID

There I stayed from 1230 to 2030, hanging on the little iron ladder. Later I could hear Germans around. That ~~17/1/44~~ <sup>evening</sup> I was almost asleep when the Frenchmen came for me. They took me to a house and fed me, and tried to talk to me. I tried to use my phrase list, but we did not seem to make much headway. Later, however, I was taken to a place from which my journey was arranged.

JOURNEY  
ARRANGEN

Compiled by

D E EMERSON  
Capt, AUS

Approved by

W STULL HOLT  
Lt Col, AC  
Commanding

#### Appendix B

1. The following information has been obtained from a sergeant who evaded capture in enemy occupied territory.
2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but in that case it is important not to divulge any details about the source.

1944

Statement of information covering the period from ~~1/3/44~~ 18 March to 4 Jun

- a. Informant was shot down near le PLOYRON (Oise) the morning of 18 March 1944. ~~1/2/44~~ The formation in which he had been flying returned from FRIEDRICHS-HAFEN and again flew near le PLOYRON around 1530 or 1600. By that time the Germans had lined up flak trucks on the road near the town. The formation seemed to turn right over this position. There ~~seemed to be~~ <sup>were</sup> about 20 heavy guns.
- b. Informant was told that fuel storage tanks and hangars at the airfield ESE of CREIL (Oise) had been hit.
- c. Between early May and 23 May the CREIL airfield was working. Informant saw ~~16/10/44~~ as many as 25-30 Me 109's there; usually there were 10-12. There were also as many as 35-40 FW 190's around. Informant was told that a lot of training was done at the field.

#### Appendix D

1. I did not need my aids box, for I received immediate aid.
2. I carried a <sup>A</sup> yellow purse. I used 350 francs for toilet articles and food while crossing the frontier into Spain.
3. I carried nine passport-size photographs but did not use them because they were not the right kind. I traveled through France without identity papers.
4. I was lectured in Topeka, Kansas, in December, <sup>and</sup> ~~by Lt Eric Rhodes.~~ I was lectured at my base in March. Parts of the lectures were valuable.
5. Suggestion: Have patience and obey the French people absolutely.



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JULY 4, 1944  
(Date)

PAYNE, CHAS. F. SGT. 34402590  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
ONE (No of Missions)  
508 381  
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: FRIEDRICHSHAFEN

Date Missing in Action: 3-18-44

Date Arrived in UK: 7-4-44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Indicate what happened to  
each man  
and how you know

PILOT	LT. GERALD M. DALTON	KILLED
CO-PILOT	LT. HAROLD D. STOREY	KILLED
NAVIGATOR	LT. PHILLIP SHERMAN	KILLED
BOMBARDIER	LT. ARDNY H. BRANDES	KILLED
RADIO OPERATOR	S/SGT. ERWIN D. CONLEY	KILLED
TOP TURRET GUNNER	S/SGT. HOMER W. HOLMES	KILLED
BASE TURRET GUNNER	SGT. JOHN T. BROWN	KILLED
WAIST GUNNER	SGT. CHARLES F. PAYNE (ME)	
WAIST GUNNER	SGT. HARNER H. HILDEBRAND	KILLED
TAIL GUNNER	SGT. ADRAINE L. TAYLOR	KILLED

Were you wounded?

HURT BACK WHEN CHUTE OPENED - HURT BOTH KNEES  
WHEN I HIT THE GROUND.

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E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

PAYNE, CHAS. F. SGT. 34402590  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

7-4-44  
(Date)

(Unit)

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

3-18-44 ABOUT 12:30. ON THE EDGE OF THE VILLAGE OF PLOYRON (OISE) FRANCE

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

Was it on fire, etc? ~~THE~~ RIGHT WING BEYOND NO. 4 ENGINE BROKEN OFF.

TAIL BROKEN OFF FROM WAIST.

LEFT TAIL OF OTHER PLANE BROKEN OFF. ALSO BOTH WINGS (DON'T KNOW WHERE)

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? APPROX. 23,000 FT.

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

ALL CREW MEMBERS OF BOTH ~~THE~~ PLANES WERE KILLED EXCEPT ME.

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

I WAS THE ONLY ON TO MY KNOWLEDGE WHO HAD A CHUTE ON. THE FRENCH PEOPLE TOLD ME THAT THREE OTHERS OF MY CREW WERE FOUND CLEAR OF THE WRECKAGE WITHOUT CHUTES. EVERY ONE ELSE OF BOTH PLANES DIED IN THE CRASH. Did the plane explode on striking the ground? MY PLANE HAD LOAD OF INCENDIARY BOMBS WHICH EXPLODED WHEN PLANES HIT GROUND. I BELIEVE SAME CASE WITH OTHER PLANE

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? NO.

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. FRENCH PEOPLE TOLD ME WHAT I HAVE WRITTEN ABOVE. THE MEMBERS OF MY CREW WHO WERE NOT BURNED IN THE WRECKAGE WERE IDENTIFIED BY THEIR IDENTIFICATION TAGS. I SAW PICTURES OF MY ENGINEER AND BOMBARDIER. I SAW THE OTHER

WING GUNNER LEAVE THE PLANE WHEN I LEFT. HE HAD NO CHUTE. ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH THE TAIL GUNNER DIED IN THE TAIL TURRET.

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 DEAD. FRENCH TOLD ME AND I SURELY HAVEN'T HEARD OF OR SEEN ANY OF THEM SINCE.

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 823

No., Rank, Name:- 34402590 SGT. PAYNE, CHRIS. F. 1-4-41

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? NO.
- b. If not, why? THE FRENCH PEOPLE GAVE ME IMMEDIATE AID.
- 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).

Benzadrine 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?
- 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?

Maps. Which ones? NO.

Compass, NO.

File (hacksaw). NO.

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. FRENCH MONEY I USED.  
How did you spend the money? 350 FRANCS FOR TOILET ARTICLES AND FOOD

d. How did you dispose of:-

WHILE CROSSING FRONTIER INTO SPAIN.  
REST WAS TAKEN BY SPANISH POLICE.

Maps. GAVE THEM TO FRENCH.

Compass. TURNED IN AT GIBRALTAR WITH PERSONAL EFFECTS. (SOUVENIRS, ETC.)

File (hacksaw). GAVE TO FRENCH.

Surplus currency. SPANISH POLICE.

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? NINE

b. Did you use them? NO NOT RIGHT KIND.

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? YES.  
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

IN TOPEKA, KANSAS IN DECEMBER BY LT. ERIC RHODES.  
AT MY BASE IN ENGLAND IN MARCH -

b. Did you find the lectures of value? PARTS.

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

ONLY HAVE PATIENCE AND OBEY THE  
FRENCH PEOPLE ABSOLUTELY.





Cover sheet - start on. Fr call me - one on each but  
I tell him

I want get any from vj - for 5 - point to furniture - No -  
to the - they run in 4 vj.

Everybody out to meet me - like parade - 1/2 woman want bottles  
2 boys kept me going - ran a mile - to water tank 40-50'  
of cement - send me y - to top - want down inside -  
said big food. Then 1230 to 2030 = hanging on little in  
ladder. Later could hear 5.

I can over 1530-1600 - 5 had big y flash tanks on road -  
I train at the so 5 got sticks but not seen short of  
down - road like 20 heavy guns.

That you almost only when Fr can - took 4 hours - hid in  
bar - then to back room of bar - milk & Fr bread - but  
was @ could not drink. Tried talk to me - I used phrase but  
not do much good. I tell I will get out - see some counsel in  
Spain.

They say want - they took to Paris - fly out later.

Took to vacant house - the Sat, Sun, Mon - they come at night.  
Sun at a man come - seem to run things - Roger - he took out  
fall - 5'11" c 180, mustache - dark - soldier in last war.

Mon he come - seem to be his house - gave at 1/2 share - then in clothes  
said plans coming down on plane looks in 2 - on wing of - can over wing  
down.

Said wing of the plane - two on to get - under - all 10 men still  
in - should EP of B & Engineer - but then clear of plane, w/6 out  
have photos - TC still in tail. Part buried in wreckage - said

Is can - took my 8 watches - fine  
Said by 19 in no grave (made as 20). Something c 2000 ft at found -  
trunkloads flour - to big bush top - something what dig up - cut back  
but seem with dig up.

After dark took me y street to 1/2 hour at @ bar - down street -  
to home of friend - supper -  
C 2130 left - walk with 2 & young man - c 1/2 hour.

To meet car - school next met - at farm - explain car ran into truck - no Paris that mt.

School master take me c 7 hrs by this Triest - mt the milk hi & next day.

Two mt you men 27-28 - black beard - thick glasses - hand note to go with hi - do what said.

In car to St Just - to Dr's office - Two Drs - no supplied - had eye -

Other bigger - c 5'9" - 2nd hand - Colman's.

two: Said no Paris that mt - but Colman - took to home where Colman been - Jean? (Point of weeks)

Wed - Took to Pullis - 2 in car - One had thick glasses - tittle. To carpenter's house - Pierre - dr's wife to get to school. c work then.

Man who had truck by car to vlg - 3 days with man, wife by c 17

Man from Paris question - Jacques - dark, 2-3 days beard - me say something wrong. Say in good hands.

Said Mads on road. 18 yrs

c 1100 m in - car with 2 new m tools to small of near Brunerilles rty with Sorel - blacksmith

After 1/2 to insurance agent - Jacques - for work has until det. with glasses. Big talk to find.

C month then - Jacques then c turn - go out boat on R/c

One of men who had to place (One been tall - 6' - sheriff - vlls shot heavy) shot in car with some else - rode - stop at garage.

Then to have a few drink at bar - Women com - in get in car - to another town - women in beauty parlour - com with another woman.

To heel - to Di's home - L c 5'9" - dark - special cut of  
nose hair  
rather bald - but not thin  
Came from Madagascar - late 30's  
Spoke English

Woman there - at Lynch & Jacques - special good S.

2 Nurses there

Then to Villon St Paul - stay with Mrs Parizet - old aunt  
like & cook.

Almost with Jacques I curious on return - had told nobody  
out mouth of April - said to be first who saw.

Think school master <sup>Louis</sup> Morell got us in room - his Marym.

He took us to a house at A 6.7 km - N - couple into the - with old man.

Learn with old man a <sup>story</sup> <sup>at 20's</sup> - stay " also - 2 guides with motorcycle -

had it at a car - in it 'c' for in any before war - glasses - c 5'8" -  
slight - dark beard - little S.

With him & another man young - to Chantilly - to hotel - met

Had, 2 boys, 2 girls - girl whom I had known.

5 there was in - young - c 23 - dark beard - tall - 5'11" - slim

at Paris - chain smoker

girl who took to Paris in - blond - c 5'5" - good figure - much into sex

with her.

Had 2 in Paris.

With Had met J. young.

One tall athletic for more trying party in Mianko

He was in Madrid club his & guests.

Git - at Paris ...



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MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE  
AMERICAN CONSULATE  
GIBRALTAR

3 July 1944



SPECIAL ORDERS)  
NUMBER.....36)

1. Pursuant to authority contained in WD Cablegram, Number 45, dated 4 February 1943, the officers named below, having reported at this station on 3 July 1944, are placed on temporary duty at this station. Upon completion of this temporary duty they will proceed by first available transportation to LONDON, ENGLAND, where they will report to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, U.S. Army. In lieu of subsistence a flat per diem of \$5.00 is authorized while traveling on official business (except by belligerent or government vessel) and while on temporary duty at this station, in accordance with existing law and regulations. TDN 91-26 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

2nd Lt. HERBERT W. CLAXTON	0-819965	401st Bn. Grp.
2nd Lt. GARRETT A. FILEMYR	0-807824	do
2nd Lt. RUBEN R. MONTIEL	0-762587	do
2nd Lt. EDWARD F. ROBINSON	0-711480	do

2. Pursuant to authority contained in WD Cablegram, Number 45, dated 4 February 1943, the enlisted men named below, having reported to this station on 3 July 1944, are placed on temporary duty at this station. Upon completion of this temporary duty they will proceed by first available transportation to LONDON, ENGLAND, where they will report to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, U.S. Army. They will be entitled to monetary allowances in lieu of quarters and subsistence furnished, according to Executive Order No. 9386, dated 15 October 1943, for subsistence at the rate of three (\$3.00) dollars per day and for quarters at the rate of two (\$2.00) dollars per day, while traveling on official business (except by belligerent or government vessel) and while on temporary duty at this station, in accordance with existing law and regulations. TDN 91-26 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

Tech. Sgt. ANTHONY R. PALADINO	15195367	93rd Bn. Grp.
Staff Sgt. EUGENE A. COLBURN	34338496	351st Bn. Grp.
Sergeant MALCOLM J. CULVER	19151318	401st Bn. Grp.
Sergeant CLETUS S. HARD	36066761	95th Bn. Grp.
Sergeant FRANCIS F. HIGGINS	11118409	92nd Bn. Grp.
Sergeant DAVID W. JEHNZEN	16086404	401st Bn. Grp.
Sergeant THOMAS R. MEADOW	16177938	401st Bn. Grp.
Sergeant JAMES A. PARKES	16162068	401st Bn. Grp.
Sergeant CHARLES F. PAYNE	34402590	U.S.A.A.F.
Sergeant WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS	19163033	401st Bn. Grp.



*Horace W. Forster*  
HORACE W. FORSTER,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Mil. Lia. Officer.

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Personnel concerned  
File

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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) PAYNE, CHARLES F. Signed Charles Payne  
Rank SGT. A.S.N. 34402590 Date 7-3-44  
Unit UNKNOWN Witness Horace W. Forster

HORACE W. FORSTER, MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE  
Colonel, G.S.C., AMERICAN CONSULATE  
U. S. Mil. Lia. Off. GIBRALTAR



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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. CHARLES F. PAYNE, SGT., 34402590
2. Decorations. NONE
3. Unit or Squadron.
4. Division (Army) or Group.
5. Date of Birth. 11-11-21
6. Length of Service. 1 YEAR, 9 MONTHS -
7. Private Address. LAKE PLACID, FLORIDA.
8. Job as civilian. CLERK (TYPIST)
9. From what field did you take off?
10. Take off time.
11. Date and target. MARCH 18, 1944 - FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, GERMANY
12. Where did you land? PLOYRON, FRANCE (OISE)
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? I BELIEVE SO. THE PLANE BURNED.
14. What was your position in aircraft? LEFT WAIST GUNNER
15. Were you wounded? WRENCHED BACK WHEN PARACHUTE OPENED. HURT BOTH KNEES ON LANDING.
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? NO.
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? NO *lost on Southern route - not near our own lines*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? NO - NONE in France
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?  
I WAS QUESTIONED AT GIBRALTAR BY BRITISH SECURITY OFFICER AND A WRITTEN REPORT WAS MADE.
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? ON JULY 1-'44 AT ALHAMA  
ON JULY 3-'44 AT GIBRALTAR.
22. Date of arrival in Spain. JUNE 4, 1944.
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. JULY 3, 1944
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. BY AIR FROM GIBRALTAR JULY 3, '44
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. BRISTOL - WITCHHURCH, JULY 4, 1944.



# RESTRICTED

## WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

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

KLS/el-2B-989 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.

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.

### GERTIFIGATE

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) PAYNE, CHARLES F.  
Rank SGT. A. S. N. 34402590  
Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Charles Payne  
Dated July 4, 1944  
Witness L. J. Emerson Capt (AV)

AG P BR HQ SCS 2-44/2M/224-72

# RESTRICTED

SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "B" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 823

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.,.....)

A/F - ESEA hill - En said fuel store tanks been blown - by gas  
hit  
Between early May - 823 field unit - 109's & FW's - 35-40 (killed)  
↓ seen from - as well as 25-30  
usually 10-12  
Told Bob / by the

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

DATE: 5 July 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, CARL A. CALARCO, PFC, AC, 32478218

HEREBY CERTIFY that I have known and have been associated with

CHARLES F. PAYNE, Sgt., AC, 34402590

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.

Charles F. Payne

Carl A. Calarco

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as CHARLES F. PAYNE,

Sgt., AC, 34402590 (577 Bomb Squadron - 392 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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