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Date.. 29 August 1944..

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E & E REPORT NO. 894 (I.S. 9(WEA)8/37/51)  
EVASION IN FRANCE

Eugene E BENNETT, 2d Lt, O-816035  
(27 Missions)  
62 Fighter Squadron,  
56 Fighter Group

MIA: 7 June 1944  
Arrived in UK:  
8 August 1944

I was shot down on 7 June by flak. I bailed out at 1000 feet and pulled the ripcord at 800 feet. I landed in a field and hid my equipment in a hedgerow and then went to a hill to hide. I found a farmer who hid me for a week. Then he took me to a farm where I met an Englishman who lived there. He kept me for two weeks until I was seen by the SS and had to leave, so I was taken by the resistance to another place. I stayed with the resistance for the rest of June and most of July. The Gestapo was always looking for them, so I was moved every few days. Finally I was taken to a farmer with whom I stayed until I was overrun. It was to this farm that Capt BEAMAN (E&E Report No. 1213) was brought.

Compiled by

JOHN FORSYTH  
2d Lt, CAC

Approved by

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Lt Col, AC  
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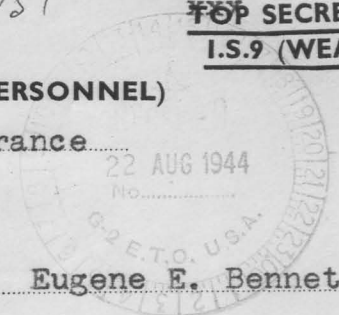
E. & E. REPORT No. IS9(WEA)/8/37/51

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I.S.9 (WEA)

(Applies to all **BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL**)

~~EVADING CAPTURE/ESCAPED~~ FROM (Name of Country) France  
~~EVADING CAPTURE~~

For All Personnel.



- 1. No. 0-816035 Rank 2d Lt Name Eugene E. Bennett  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 27
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details. No.
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 62 Ftr Sqn
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 56 Gp 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Pilot
- 7. Date of Birth 17 October 1923 8. Length of Service 1yr 8mos
- 9. Peace time occupation student 10. Private address Dunn's Station, Pennsylvania
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language?

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

- 13. No. and location of O.T.U.
- 14. No. and location of Conversion Unit

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS WHO BALE OUT

- 15. Post in Crew Pilot
  - 16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.  
N.B.—Airborne and Parachute Troops: list below names and units of other occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.
- PILOT .....
- CO-PILOT .....
- NAVIGATOR .....
- BOMBARDIER .....
- RADIO OPERATOR .....
- TOP TURRET GUNNER .....
- BALL TURRET GUNNER .....
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) .....
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) .....
- TAIL GUNNER .....

Distribution:  
1. Capt Devereux, Ops. I.  
2. Capt Arnold, G. AF. I.  
3. G-2, EUSA, I. ("C")  
4. G-2, EUSA, I.  
5. File

- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure P-47, Boxted, 7 June, 0615
- 18. Where and when did you come down? Habloville, near Putanges at 070730
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Hid them in hedgerow
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

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E & E Report No. IS9(WEA) 18/31/51

I was shot down on 7 June by ~~flak~~ flak. I bailed out at 1000 feet and pulled the ripcord at 800 feet. I landed in a field and hid my equipment in a hedgerow and then went to a hill to hide. It started to rain so I went to a haystack to keep dry. When it stopped raining I went to look for some Frenchmen to help me. I found a farmer who had me for a week. Then he took me to a farm where I met an Englishman who lived there. He kept me for two weeks until I was seen by the SS, and I had to leave, so I was taken by the resistance to another place. I stayed with the resistance for the rest of June and most of July. The Gestapo was always looking for them, so I was moved every few days. Finally I was taken to a farmer who was not suspicious with whom I stayed until I was overrun. It was to this farm that ~~it~~ Capt Beaman (E.E. 8/357) was brought.

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Narrator had no military information.

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APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. IS9(WEA)8/37/51

If further circulation of this information is made, it is important that its source should not be divulged.

No. 0-816035 Rank 2d Lt Name EUGENE E. BENNETT

Date of Interview 7 August 1944

The following people helped and sheltered narrator.

Dick (ENGLISHMAN living in France)  
Habloville, Orne

Lepartier  
Courtville, Orne

Georges Buffon  
Jeannette Buffon  
Ranes, Orne

Henri Tournet (refugee from Paris)  
46 Boulevard Inkermann  
Neuilly sur Seine  
Paris

Legrand  
2 miles S of Putanges

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HEADQUARTERS SIXTY SECOND FIGHTER SQUADRON  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER  
AAF STATION F-150, APO 637  
U. S. ARMY

9 August 1944

SUBJECT: Identification

TO : Whom It may Concern.

1. This will serve to identify 2d Lieutenant Eugene E. Bennett, O-816035, a member of the United States Air Forces, and the bearer of this letter.
2. Lt Bennett's WDAGO Card 65-1 is not available at the present time.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

(sgnd)  
J. P. STIRLING,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Executive.

This is a True Copy.

*John F White Jr.*  
JOHN F WHITE JR  
Captain, AC

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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 supercedes 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.

### CERTIFICATE

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

I understand that any information concerning my *escape* or *evasion* from capture is *SECRET* and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the agency designated by A. C. of S., G-2, War Department, the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations, or to the Military Attache in a neutral country to whom I first report. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) EUGENE E. BENNETT  
Rank 2ND LT. A. S. N. 0-816035  
Unit 62ND F.G.T. SQD. 56TH F9T. GP.

Signed Eugene E. Bennett  
Dated Aug. 10, 1944  
Witness Charles A. Brown

1st Lt. A.C.

AG P BR HQ SOS 2-44/2M/22472

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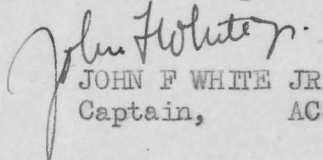
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J. P. STIRLING,  
Major, Air Corps,  
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Captain, AC

F&E #894-I.S.9(WEA)8/37/51

Eugene E BENNETT, 2d Lt, O-816035  
62 Ftr Sq, 56 Ftr Group 27 missions

MIA 7 June 1944

UK 8 August 1944

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Proof by



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MIA June 7  
U.K. Aug 8.

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0816035 Rank 2d Lt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Eugene F. Bennett

Unit 62 Ft Sqdn, 56 GP

has been fully/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 7 August 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should/should not/be re-interrogated.

Must report to 63 Brook Street,  
London, upon arrival UK.

John Forsyth  
2d Lt, CAC  
for Major. Inf.

IMPORTANT.

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)  
AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF PW. & X. DET.  
M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

CONFIDENTIAL

CERTIFIED THAT:

This Officer/W.O./N.C.O. has special information on the following subjects:—

Name

Name (BLOCK LETTERS)

Unit

This man is to the best of my knowledge  
and belief the person he represents  
himself to be.

John Farquhar  
Tel Lt. CPTC

IMPORTANT.

M.I.2. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.  
AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF PW & X. DET.  
THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)

Major  
John Farquhar  
Tel Lt. CPTC

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E. & E. REPORT No. 189 (WEA) / 8/37/44

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EXCLUDED FROM (Name of Country) France

EVASION CAPTURE

For All Personnel.

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4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), 2dn (Air Force) 62 Ftr Sqdn
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6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rtn., etc.) Pilot
7. Date of Birth 17 October 1923 Length of Service 1 yr 8 mos
8. Private address Dunn's Station, Pennsylvania
9. Peace time occupation student
10. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dog tags
11. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language?

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

12. No. and location of O.T.U.
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TAIL GUNNER

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  - File.....1
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Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 7 August 1944

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Disposal: Returned to unit.

John Forzyth  
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Major