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E. & E. REPORT No. IS9(WEA)/8/75/22

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IS.9 (WEA)

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) France

For All Personnel.

1. No. 0-740423 Rank 1st Lt Name Rex P. Hjelm
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 40-50 missions, air medal 13 clusters
3. Were you wounded? Give details. Head wounds from MG fire.
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 343 Ftr Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 55 Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) pilot
7. Date of Birth 28 February 1920 8. Length of Service 2yrs, 6 mos
9. Peace time occupation electrician 10. Private address Firth, Idaho
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? dogtags
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Swedish

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
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure P-38, Wormingford, 111400 June 44.
18. Where and when did you come down? Clermont, 111600 June 44.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Hid them in woods.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes.

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Rex P. Hjelm:

I was brought down on 11 June and hid out with the French until the resistance brought me to the Foret de Freteval on 26 July, from there on my story is the same as E&E 8/59, 60 and 61. 1039 (Capt. Hjelm)

Narrator had no "B" or "C" information.
(U.K.: Acting Temp. or W2)

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5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 25 Gp.
6. Job (Pl. Comb., Rfn., etc.) pilot
7. Date of Birth 28 February 1920
8. Length of Service 5 yrs, 6 mos
9. Place time occupation electrician
10. Private address Firth, Idaho

11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? dog tags
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BALL TURRET GUNNER

WING GUNNER (R.)

WING GUNNER (L.)

TAIL GUNNER

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17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure P-38, Wormingford, 111400 June 44.

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 15 August 1944

18. Where and when did you come down? Clemont, 111600 June 44.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and Mae West? 1 grade this evasion 5.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes.

CAMERON J LA CLAIR JR
2d Lt, AC

Disposal: Returned to unit.

Major

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-740423 Rank 1st Lt.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) REX P. WELM

Unit 343 Ftr. Sq., 55th Ftr. Gp.

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9 (WEA) on 15 August 1944
and has signed a Security Certificate.

He ~~should~~/should not/be re-interrogated.

Cameron J. LaBlanc
2nd Lt & C.

For Major. Ing

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.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

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

None.

IF Returned to UK this officer is to report
to 63 Brook St., London, W. (Special Interrogation
Center.)

IMPORTANT.

M.I.5. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.
AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X. DET.
THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)

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

E & E REPORT NO. _____
EVASION IN

17-8-44
(Date)

Helm Ref. P 0-740423
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

40-50
(Number of Missions)

MIA: JUNE 71 1944
Arrived in UK:

343rd 55th
(Squadron) (Group)

Jan 10-44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT

Official
Disposition

Narrators
Disposition

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

Were you wounded?

yes - Head wounds from flying fragments
Nothing very serious

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

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

KLS/el-2B-939 Pentagon

6 August 1943

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

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

1. Publication or communication to any unauthorized persons of experiences of escape or evasion from enemy-occupied territory, internment in a neutral country, or release from internment not only furnishes useful information to the enemy but also jeopardizes future escapes, evasions and releases.
2. Personnel will not, unless authorized by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, publish in any form whatever or communicate either directly, or indirectly, to the press, radio or an unauthorized person any account of escape or evasion of capture from enemy or enemy-occupied territory, or internment in a neutral country either before or after repatriation. They will be held strictly responsible for all statements contained in communications to friends which may subsequently be published in the press or otherwise.
3. Evaders, escapees, or internees shall not be interrogated on the circumstances of their experiences in escape, evasion or internment except by the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations. In allied or neutral countries, American Military Attaches are authorized to interrogate on escape, evasion and internment matters.
4. Should the services of escaped prisoners of war, evaders, or internees be deemed necessary for lecturing and briefing, such services will be under the direct supervision of the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations.
5. Commanding Officers will be responsible for instructing all evaders, escapees, and internees in the provisions of this directive which supersedes letter, AG 383.6 (5 Nov 42) OB-S-B-M, 7 November 1942, subject: Instructions concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War and other previous instructions on this subject.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J. A. ULIO
J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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) REX P. HJELM
Rank 1st Lt. A. S. N. 0-740455
Unit 55th AG 343rd Pz

Signed Rex P. Hjelm
Dated Aug 17 1944
Witness _____

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If any further information is required concerning this report detailed application should be made to I.S.9 (~~WEA~~) G-2 Div. S.H.A.E.F. giving the E and E Report No.

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EVASION IN FRANCE

Rex P HJELM, 1st Lt, O-740423
343 Fighter Sq, 55 Fighter Group
MIA 11 June 1944
UK - 16 August 1944

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