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**CERTIFIED THAT:**

No. 33487589 Rank Sgt.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) LAWRENCE C. RICHARDS

Unit 506th Bomb Sq. 44th Bomb 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. Seabury*  
2nd Lt AC.

*Br 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.**

SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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

E & E REPORT NO.  
EVASION IN

Aug 17-1944  
(Date)

Richards, LAWRENCE C. SGT 33487589  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

506 44  
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET:

MIA: MAY 11-44  
Arrived in UK:

Aug 16-44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWID)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT <u>JAMES WALSH 2nd Lt.</u>	→ 2nd Lt.	
CO-PILOT <u>WARREN BAUDER 1st Lt.</u>	→ F/O	
NAVIGATOR		
BOMBARDIER <u>PETER O'SHANICK 1st Lt.</u>	→ 2nd Lt.	
RADIO OPERATOR <u>DONALD MARTIN 1st Lt.</u>	→ S/Sgt	
TOP TURRET GUNNER <u>NARRATOR</u>		
BALL TURRET GUNNER <u>THOMAS FANARA 1st Lt.</u>	→ Cpl.	
L. WAIST GUNNER <u>JOSEPH PELOQUIN 1st Lt.</u>	→ S/Sgt.	
R. WAIST GUNNER <u>EDWIN PUSKITA 1st Lt.</u>	→ Cpl.	
TAIL GUNNER <u>SIDNEY ROPER 1st Lt.</u>	→ Sgt.	

Were you wounded?

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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.

### 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) Richards, Lawrence C.  
Rank Sgt. A. S. N. 33487589  
Unit 44 B. B. 506 Sg

Signed Lawrence C. Richards  
Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE

**For All Personnel.**

1. No. 33487589 Rank Sgt. Name Lawrence C. RICHARDS  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 2 missions
3. Were you wounded? Give details Broken nose
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 506th B. Sqn
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 44 B. Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Gunner
7. Date of Birth 3 Oct. 1922 8. Length of Service 21 mos
9. Peace time occupation Inspector in machine shop 10. Private address 37 N. 3 St., Emmaus, Penna.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags, photos
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

**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 Arm. Gunner Top Turret
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 2d Lt J. A. Walsh
- CO-PILOT F/O W. A. Bauder
- NAVIGATOR 2d Lt C.A. May Believed killed
- BOMBARDIER 2d Lt (Replacement-didn't know him) " " " "
- RADIO OPERATOR S/Sgt D.R. Martin Parachuted safely
- TOP TURRET GUNNER Narrator
- BALL TURRET GUNNER Cpl. T. J. Fanara
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) Cpl. Puska Injured by 20 mm shell
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) S/Sgt Peloquin " " " " with G-2, LeMans
- TAIL GUNNER Sgt. S. Roper
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24, 11 May 1944
18. Where and when did you come down? Between Patay & St. Peray, 11 May 44 1430 hrs
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? hid them in hole in woods, parachute dug out of hole by Frenchmen, wouldn't return it to me to hide.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? French say plane destroyed by fire.

For All Personnel.

1039 (Capt Davis)

Rank.....

(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W(2))

2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions)

3. Were you wounded? Give details

4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Spn. (Air Force) 5064th B. Sqn.

5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 44 R. Co. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rtn., etc.)

7. Date of Birth 2 Oct. 1922

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

WHO BALE OUT

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS

15. Post in Crew...

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.F.

CO-PL0T BYO W. A. Phillips

NAVIGATOR 04-14-79 08:15

Hq I.S.9(WEA).....2

12 Army Gp.....2

G-2 TUSA.....1

Q-2 FUSA.....1

File..... $\frac{1}{2}$

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TOP TURRET GUNNER...

BALL TURRET GUNNER  
Cpl. T. J. Powers

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 15 August 1944

I grade this evasion 5

*Cameron J. Baclair*  
CAMERON J. BACLAIR, JR.

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Attached:

## Appendix "B"

“C”

“D”

Disposal: Returned to unit.

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I.S.9 (WEA)

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)/8/51

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

No. 33487589 Rank 8gt Name Lawrence C. RICHARDS

Date of Interview 15 August 1944

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I was helped by:

M. & Mme. Mitchel  
Orleans  
Teacher in Orleans College

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TOP SECRET

I.S.9 (WEA)

APPENDIX "B" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)/8/91

List of all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defences, A.A. batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of Allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.).

No. 33487589 Rank Sgt. Name Lawrence C. RICHARDS

Date of interview 15 August 1944 (Evaded in France)

N.B.—It is of the utmost importance that when giving information on the above subjects you state clearly:—

- (1) Date, time and place where you obtained the information.
- (2) Was it the result of personal observation or a report by someone else?
- (3) If not from personal observation who was the source (i.e., waiter, farm labourer, hearsay, cafe rumour, etc.), and how accurate do you estimate the source to be?

Evaluation of informant's credibility.

Key.

- 1.—Reliable. **X**
- 2.—Credible.
- 3.—Questionable.
- 4.—Undetermined.

French told narrator large supplies of Gas Bombs at Air-drome near Orleans, between there and Patay.

HEARSAY

SECRET

With the exception of items.....above, information herein has been given verbally by E. & E. to.....

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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 EM is to report to  
Special Interrogation Center, 63 Brook St.,  
London, W.

He should not be re-interrogated.

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M.I.2. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.