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E. & E. REPORT No.

8/44/504

TOP SECRET.
I.S.9 (WEA)

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) France.

LEF# 997

For All Personnel.

1. No. 8-758948 Rank 2nd Lt. Name ROBERT D COUTURE.
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 35 missions.
3. Were you wounded? Give details head and leg cuts.
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 354 F. Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 355 Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) PILOT.
7. Date of Birth 1 Feb., 1924 8. Length of Service 21 mos.
9. Peace time occupation student. 10. Private address 125 W. Newton St.
Rice Lake, Wisc.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? dogtags.
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 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-51, 1000, 7 June, 1944 from Steeple Morden.

18. Where and when did you come down? S.W. of CHARTRES at 1200, 7 June, 1944

19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?

20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

yes.

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EVASION CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country)

48/8: ON TROOPS & E

Name

Rank

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

Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missing)

I landed S.W. of CHARTRES at 1200, 7 June, 1944. I was hurt and stayed at a farm 6 days recuperating. I was later on the underground to the FORST DE FRETEVAL. From there on my stay is close to that of E & E Report No. 1039 (SIAV)

6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rtn., etc.)

5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force)

8. Length of Service

7. Date of Birth

10. Private address

9. Peace time occupation

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W/ST GUNNER (L.)

TAIL GUNNER

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date

18. Where and when did you come down?

19. How did you dispose of your equipment and what was west?

Attached:

Appendix "B"

" "C"

" "D"

Disposal:

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. U-758948 Rank 21LT

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) ROBERT D COUTURE

Unit 354 FSg, 355 GP

has been fully/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 15 AUG 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

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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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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.

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) Robert D. Couture
Rank 2nd Lt. A. S. N. O-758948
Unit 354th F.S. 355th F.G.

Signed Robert D. Couture
Dated 17 August 1944
Witness John F. [Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
OFFICE OF THE A. C. OF S., G-2

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DATE: 17 August 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, GERALD E. GRAHAM, 1st Lt., AC, O-701092

HEREBY CERTIFY that I have known and have been associated with

ROBERT D. COUTURE, 2nd Lt., AC, O-758948

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.

Robert D. Couture

Gerald E. Graham

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as _____

ROBERT D. COUTURE, 2nd Lt., AC, O-758948, 355 Fighter Group, 354 Sq.

previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

F. S. Verity
F. S. VERITY, SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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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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CERTIFIED THAT:

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

None

*If sent to U.K. this officer should
report to 63 Brook St, London*

R.H.D.

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