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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

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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 388.6 (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) Richard M. Smith
Rank 1st Lt A. S. N. 0672009
Unit 95th Bomb Gr. 33687dr

Signed Richard M. Smith
Dated Jan 30 1944
Witness _____

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order to BO - 2 out of seat - Sup out of T.T - find into phone ^{dead} - saw R.O
lying across ammo - urged him to get out of the strid & rear -
Bridle + Wright & Egan + 2 out now escape - at 12⁰⁰⁰ or 10⁰⁰⁰ -
held regard at clouds 4000 - 4700 creling 4c - saw 3 chutes out
behind 4c - saw no more chutes - saw 9c + another man out - saw 4c in
air - that of Gerry trying curmen - get out of area - down backwards -
on feet - fell on back - saw people remaining toward me - that they
might not be friendly - tried to spill chute - took off chute of M.W. - started
running toward other chute & people around it - stopped - Then woman
in crowd back of me said yes yes yes - ran to her & other
people - American! - (?) - happy - took toward the village -
all talking among selves - 25 people - 2 or 3 women took me to me
house - th off boots - all clothes off - kept beige sweater - gave me
coat + pants - cap - had cadet shoes - man came - ^{"August"} took sheriff -
took me thru back alleys - find another man - to house - Dr. came -
had tried to save one chuted but Henry got him - told me Adams +
Onesi were badly wounded + in hospital - fed - then August got
Smitty -

We took in here alone with people in to feed us - we to be very
 quiet - Eschuis on to another house & Jacques left -
 Pierre & August stayed - 2 women with food -
 Guel curvets - Anglo French - August gave Jacques the dog tags
 we asked for them again - they sd were going to give them to Red
 Cross - for records - to bed - Pierre came & 14 yr old daughter stayed
 as guard - lady arrived to work - stayed in here 9 days til 9th or 10th -
 saw no one but women who fed us - one party at another house -
 lady next door had us - so moved to another house for 2 days - told
 that wounded comrades wld join us - that one of our crews chert
 habit opened - then told two wounded men wld leave - were told
 that Robert Adams was in hospital - for ampute think Hearin chert
 didn't open - 2 officers safe - Eschuis fed us in second house -
 Dr came to see him to dress wound - heard them about boy who
 had been caught with Dr - had been walking down road - Dr. jerked him
 up - Jerry came along & Dr had said was turning him in - Dr. kind
 nervous boy - think it was morison - M. had not been
 wounded - Jacques had seen two officers & they moved to Clermont -
 told we going to Paris - didn't get decent clothes - the dagger that got
 3 1/2 - Eschuis had seen one blow up ^{TT gun} & another that stated to break up
 from Eschuis's gunfire - other? -
 left - 10th for Paris by car go - given 38° - if Jerry tried to stop
 us we wldnt stop - shot it out on the p/w - driver new man -
 driver took us to a house - Pierre ^{created us} (yng, 21, studying to be Hist teacher, 3 autens (one
 sd he had hidden an an: Boarthe) - stay 2 days in English ladies house -
 Mme Coslon - Walrus noted putr (dead) - has sister in London - Mrs. Faucey
 41 Pennyone Rd, Earl's Court, Kensington - Saw Pierre & Aunt & 2 nurse-sisters -
 Aunt got things for us - clothes, etc. -

Boarthe (Barthe 75st)

we crowd - Pierre said moving into heart of Paris - to
line with Sport. of Can-Pac RR - shld out with Mele. - would
man didn't go - night of 11th man - all spk Eng - except 1/2 - some law of Mrs.
Clark whose husband is cutting date of Can-Pac - not " of Mr.
Clark because of second marriage - he'd see how he would see to walk -
Pierre first 1/2 mile flew - then he - the lost - not safe file -
wouldn't - phoned trip when workers guy home - not in metro
because had no papers - 24 Capameres St. - blk from Grand Hotel -
met trucker + step-son - Albert + Pierre - waiting for Can-Pac.
Jan 10 - Spilled at bldg - fd sheltered by Albert from 11th - 18th Jan - my
papers stolen - got dog tags back - 1st Jacques had come to Paris + brot them -
(Jacques Dr. ran Org in St Just) - In Paris big forceful trucker
in Paris + a little guy - little guy was to take us away - little
guy hot girl to see us - (English speaking - Wellerley)

Big guy: asked questions, names, ranks + ASN, would it be sent to
London for intelligence - girl asked for some info that big guy had
woud - she had it, she discovered - taken for photos by some law
at large dept - ^{claudette getting (known to court house + King)} girl sep own photos - she said But I D
Crazy when us -

Big guy - 5'10" - Thick build - glasses (black rimmed) - Derby - well
dressed -

On Tues 18th - Claudette arrives to take me away - Mele asked to
stay to be RO - needed - we picked up Shapiro -

Before leaving - Englishman came - Hd of Org - hook nose - dapper - Eng +
th - knows NYC - entrance quite some time - piercing eyes - 5'7" - brown hair
Hamilton - name called by someone - is man who takes us to beach -

Hamilton says shld be in London in 15 days - Claudette said we would make
trip by boat -

got very cold - as night fell I'd been from going home - at 5:30
I'd expecting help - watched entry side - at 6 saw two men
coming thru fields toward me - showed self when they arrived - took off
clothes - put in bundle bag - they took everything - kept dog tags -
coat - pants + cap - went so over fields - whd down RR -
to town of Waverne - in back way to a school - turned out to be
pail - man was sheriff - "August" - of three counties - went
under another name like student - another man there - when
was offed - in the rode 15 mins - farm - met copilot -
fed - for owned by third man - August + three others asked us: "target?"
pilot? - shot at by Germans? - lots of talk about chfto jung? -
nothing in chfto ed - Dr. came - depressed - asked by Am. - Dr. English -
he said two wounded - both wld die - he had RO in car + Gerry had
picked him up - had had to turn him in - told him of mission -
told us ~~we~~ had shot down 3 of 'em - mechanic not good - sd he had one
wound comrade - sd had another comrade + wld meet him next
day - Dr. left - to bed in hse - back room - we decided staying here
I did ~~and~~ - midnite - RO arrived - August bot him - tried to figure who
was men were - two wnt guns? - who had he picked up who was caught? -
bapt - wld leave that night - RO could speak some French - curvita general -
left alone in a.m. - few neighbors in - opt - tall gangling man came - old sph
Aug - took our dog tags - didn't want to give them up - argd - insistent -
trd to keep me - he took both - told him I O's had said not to - said didn't
have anything Am on us - put to watch + G.I shoes but he said
that all night - August with us - took our photos - sd leaving
that night - wld meet other comrade that nite - sd ~~two~~ man wounded -
one was captured + two officers in hands of french but had sttd to
Paris alone - then proved to be false - we asked where had been (Hanz?)
he nervous - at dark a new man came - truck - rode ten min - village -
piled up Enshines - told gang to St Just - had given ^{am.} address at farm hse -
passed Gerry off. on road - to hse in St Just - met Pierre in
water in laws house and Jacques. tall thin, spoke English -
tough looking -

camp tracks from first - 2nd in my wood jacket - drop back - if over
140 too much weight - out of front 15 min 1 ft to 6 more + shot
all to pieces - 4th had to control - told crew to jump - we on fire - tried to give
BT man chance to jump - then into companion way - buckled on chute - had
had it fastened on one side - then nose - about 12000 - evive action
from 20000 to get fields - dipped on back + saw 6 chutes - held to
cloud at 2500 - jilted - saw plane burning after a straight dive
dive - 3 fw's circled me - peaceful entry side - old see farmers -
+ there was shouting + people running - seemed to be people around
a/c after it hit - saw no one running - ludd in field - no trees
for 1/2 mile - old chute + left in field - plane plowing black
away - ran to him - he said "German" "3 kms" - put in a
deton - then put over hill - "2 comrades - 2 kms" - he offered
me help - left boots + M. Then - he put way for me to run -
had back once - saw 4 or 5 people - an away from them toward a woods -
as I got there - sleep bank - guy into hide - saw 3 French by the bank -
wvd me to come up - they told me about Jerry at plane + deton of
comrades - gave them Mars bar - given apples - They put way
to go - knew where I was - didn't ask - went way men put - wld 1/2 mile
thru woods - stay behind tree - man plowing - he saw me - ldd at
me several times - soon after this - saw leaping man coming toward
me - let him see me - to point - he talked - plowing farmer + peasant
got to together - they came to me - American? - yes - showed wings
+ collar insignia + G-2 jacket with group patch - had to say wanted to hide
one man put thru wds - didn't want to - then he urged me to follow
him - I wldn't go back thru wds - flew him miles east, that - thru
fld (open) - hedge of trees + ditch in fld - flew thru line of hedge - to be
put down in ditch in willow trees - he put to watch ^(5:30) - remembered
what hapd to Major Cole - while alone - old Mars bar - food had lost escape
kit - just sat - saw plane down hill towing over working - seemed to
a lot of shouting + singing - man posd on bike in hurry

saw W G (Adam) in $\frac{1}{2}$ - sitting by door - door stuck - RO got it open
I yanked Adams out & chute open - Mele yanked me out & helped
Adams out - at 11⁰⁰⁰ to 12⁰⁰⁰ - open chute when clear
of APC - dozed - cold by 4W - wind about slight stream -
cutd 2 chutes (Adams & Mele) - clds at 5,000 ft - saw
ground - didn't twist around - saw people of ground -
had for village - 400 yds from village - people on road -
Adams ludd about 100 yds away - ludd - 12 boy
& 10 people ran into fld to me - boy helped spill chute -
he took off chute - "Comrade?" - "American" -
"Prisoner?" - "No!" - straight thru flds to house
in village - wouldn't let me see Adams - taken
to 12 boy's house - his father (one-armed big man) brother
& mother - kissing party - off clothes - wshd wound -
gave me civilian clothes - put flying equipment in
bag & hid it - took all clothes from me - boy went for
Dr. - he had seen Adams - Adams needed attention -
Dr. sent Adams to hospital - That wud serious - find out later
not - Dr. from village - food - bed - ~~where~~ of down - Jerry
arrives - mvd to barn - bed in hay - carefully hidden - Jerry
only in road - not house - stayed that night & all next day
w/ 0100 hrs - (Boy: Al George) few words of ins - he trying to get the doctor -
I got idea that Dr. wld take care of me - find pilot & copilot - car - St Just -
left pilot - another Dr. took me on to farm - Jack de Baynast -
wife is sister of 12 gen McClain (tell General wife & children are well)
She said McClain was last with Montgomery in Africa - how? days
Dr. boy visited with the doctor - a 3rd Dr. took care of leg -
2^d Doctor took on rank name ASN - Dr's car was small coupe - Willy? -

Lived with Sam Coulon + went to Plouha on Thurs + stays

8-6 / 10 days ~~⇒~~ — Capt Hamilton came once to identify —

woman guide took us to Plouha (mile, Barker to ^{Walter} ~~St. Louis~~)

at Plouha — to house — woman took care of us (8) of

Casden, Barker, mile, self, Walter, Andrew — Bnt J.D. + ^{Capt} Williams —

2 Bnt Halifax —

Claudette warned us about studying IC but not in detail -
warned of details of trip - fairly thorough

when picked up Shapiro + go to RR station - headed
I.C. - guide put out to us -
little benchman is at station -

to St. Brieux - someone checked papers -

went to another R.R. station -

saw another man who bought tickets for us to PHOUHA.

new man put out new guide

used Sunkoski as am. but that thing was guide (girl) (Maria Theresa Calvey)

after station at PHOUHA man put out a new guide -

all four of us stayed at girl's house - lived in

one room (all four)

little Englishman came to see us -

Had of Day met in St. Brieux

medium old. Blue eyes - square flat nose - hair curly, marcelled

Hair grew straight back - 5'8" - light complexioned - spoke very little Eng -

We waiting for rest of crowd to arrive -

arr. Phouha on Thurs - Fri others to come & Sat to leave -

at house listening for message in "message Personnel"

from Jeanne Touloune alpha was message -

left Maria with her - to house - met ~~let~~ Hamilton again -

at house at 10:30 p.m. - rest of crowd there - we went single file
to beach

Capt Williams

"Val" was member of party —

New guide leads party to beach — rugged country —
Think walked about 5 miles from Plouha —

in canoe on beach —

Stayed here

H. skiffs on beach

Thin water —

rowed 2 miles to ~~east~~ corvette — met

St. Cndr Guest (am navel off)

Hamilton didn't ~~come~~ with us — said next trip 3 weeks —

early 29th ⁰³⁰⁰ left & arr Dartmouth — 1000 hrs —

Captain army — (Wynndham - Wright) — But security
talk — good care taken off us —

boat crew

13 Americans

Russian

Val

typhoon pilot "Peter"

Frenchman aviator

Halifax RO

Englishman — Halifax pilot —

1.) Tues - in Rennes - on train - toward Paris - 70 Ford trucks - 6 wheelers
+ 1/2 - looked new - Army Coops paint - 1 anti- $\frac{1}{2}$ car at
each end of train - saw in yards Command cars about 10 -
saw anti- $\frac{1}{2}$ in every yards -

2) Concrete road - parallel to track - before + Rennes - left Paris
at 8:30 - road seemed to end at LE MANS - road traffic - 3 possibly abreast -
laborers - in groups - colored - in khaki + red fez - Algerians -

3) In Rennes - saw colored German soldiers on platform -
dressed in greyish brown uniform - full field packs - no rifle -
French forced labor loading of cement -

4. list of towns on maps (villages) where tanks are stationed
Abbeville Marcheville -

80 tanks seen
in one village
with figures of
rising sun on them

Clergues
Villers
Zotere

+ in villages are big gasoline dumps -

5. about 5th heard that 200 tanks - going north - passed thru
St Just - 20000 troops over period of time -

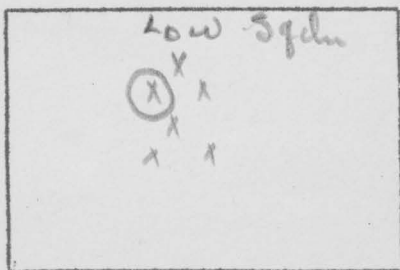
6. in houses along coast - houses evacuated + made
into blockhouses - where people not evacuated lower floor
made into blockhouses -

7. saw radio dropped by chute - crystal set - had Ap0635
+ radio made in Dayton Ohio - people didn't know why dropped -
Stc # - Signal Corps - battery in it -

8. French plan to blow up bridges at invasion -

NAME Smith, Richard M RANK 1st Lt ASN 0622007 REPORT NO. _____

SQ 336 GROUP 95 A/C NO. 0674 Letter R Load 4000 Date Dec-30-1943 ^{aka incd.}



Position in formation. # 3 in low Sqdn
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing: NO

Enemy Fighter Tactics: 1 From 12:00 rest From 6:00
Markings: Yellow Nose, From Sun + clouds

Our Tactics: Violent Evasive action

Our Fighter Support: None

<u>Flak</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
<u>Heavy</u>	<u>Over Target Area</u>		<u>Dense</u>

Technical Failures

Motors: # 4 Failed To Feather due To oil shortage

Armor:

Armament: Ball ^{burst} Failed After Being Hit

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

INSTALL oil gauges For quantity

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. *Richard Mansfield Smith*
2. Decorations. *Air Medal + cluster* *1st Lt. 0672007*
3. Unit or Squadron. *336th Sqdn*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *95th Bomb Gr*
5. Date of Birth. *Sept 8-1921*
6. Length of Service. *2 Months*
7. Private Address. *329 No. First Brock Knidge, Minnesota*
8. Job as civilian. *Student*
9. From what field did you take off? *Hoxham*
10. Take off time. *APP - 8:30 A.M.*
11. Date and target. *Dec. 30 - Ludwigshaven*
12. Where did you land? *ST. JUST France* *2 miles west (at Waveria?)*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *Yes - saw Aircraft explode*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *Pilot*
15. Were you wounded? *Yes*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *No*
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? *Spanish*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *Yes*
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?
No
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? *Yes - London Jan 30-1944*
22. Date of arrival in Spain. *None*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *None*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *Near Plymouth*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *France - Jan - 29 - 1944 - Sea*
Dartmouth, Jan - 29 - 1944

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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E & E REPORT NO.
EVASION IN

Jan - 30 - 1944
(Date)

Richard M. Smith, 1st Lt - 0-622007
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: Ludwigshaven

326th 95th B. Gr.
(Squadron) (Group)

MIA: Dec - 30 - 1943
Arrived in UK: Jan - 29 - 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT Smith		Evaded
CO-PILOT Booker		"
NAVIGATOR Feingold		"
BOMBARDIER Tankington		"
RADIO OPERATOR Mele		"
TOP TURRET GUNNER Morrison		captured
BALL TURRET GUNNER Eshius		Evaded
WAIST GUNNER Onesi		captured
WAIST GUNNER Adams		wounded
TAIL GUNNER Heann		captured
		wounded
		Dead

Were you wounded?

Yes - cut by flying glass on Fore head
And on top of head.

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E & E REPORT NO.
EVASION IN FRANCE

(Date)

RICHARD M SMITH, 1st Lt, 0-672007
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

336 Bomb 95th Bomb
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: _____
LENGTH OF SERVICE: _____
HOME ADDRESS: _____

TARGET: *Ludwigshafen*

MIA: 30 December 1943
Arrived in Spain: _____

Arrived in Gibraltar: _____

Arrived in UK: _____
29 Jan 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with FWIB)

		Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	Richard M SMITH, 1st Lt, 0-672007		NARRATOR
CO-PILOT	William R BOOHER, 2d Lt, 0-680161		NARRATOR
NAVIGATOR	Louis (NMI) FEINGOLD, 2d Lt, 0-747085		MIA
BOMBARDIER	Warren C TARKINGTON, 2d Lt, 0-673752		MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	Alphonse M MELE T/Sgt, 32515731		NARRATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER	Kenneth A. MORRISON T/Sgt, 39846543		MIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	Jerry (NMI) ESHUIS S/Sgt, 19113783		NARRATOR
WAIST GUNNER	Robert F ADAMS S/Sgt, 35318775		MIA
WAIST GUNNER	Anthony (NMI) ONESI S/Sgt, 32479031		MIA
TAIL GUNNER	Thomas G HERN S/Sgt, 11090452		MIA

Were you wounded?

3.

JOINS CREW MEMBERS

at his house. I was fed there and put in a bedroom where I slept until midnight. Then another man came for me and led me to another house where I joined Lt Smith.

SGT ESHIUS'S STORY BEFORE JOINING LT SMITH:

Sgt ADAMS and I tried to get the waist door, which was stuck, open. Sgt MELE came up to help and succeeded in opening it enough to push Sgt

Adams out first and then he helped me get out. We were jumping around 12000 feet and, because I was wounded and feeling dizzy, I opened my chute

as soon as I had cleared the plane. An FW 190 circled ~~me~~ close enough to cause my chute to swing violently but otherwise I was not bothered. There

were two chutes below me.

I fell into clouds around 5000 feet but a minute or so later I was out of them and could see the ground clearly. My chute was drifting toward

a village and most of the population seemed to be in the streets watching. I saw Sgt ADAMS land and then I hit the ground about 100 yards from him and

about 400 yards from the village.

I was surrounded immediately. A young French boy helped spill the chute and roll it up. "Comarade?," he asked.

"American," I replied. He looked pleased but his next question was, "Prisonnier?" "No," I answered and shook my head violently. He ~~must have~~ asked because he had seen that I was wounded.

Immediately he motioned to several of the French people who, supporting me, led me to a house in the village. They would not let me stop to talk

with Sgt ADAMS who ~~was~~ had also been surrounded by a crowd of Frenchmen. I learned later that he had been more seriously wounded than I.

I was taken into a French home and, before anything was done for me, I had to be kissed by each member of the family in turn. Then my ^{flyng} clothes were taken away, my wound washed and bandaged, and civilian clothes given me.

After I had dressed, I was fed and put to bed but two and a half hours later my helpers moved me into a barn, because the Germans had arrived in the

vicinity to start their search. I was very carefully hidden in the hay but

CIRCLED BY FW 190

IMMEDIATE AID

HIDDEN FROM GERMAN SEARCH

the Germans did not search the barn. I was told that they had only gone up and down the road, stopping to enquire at a few farmhouses whether any parachutists had been seen.

I spent my first night and all of the following day hidden in the barn, being moved ~~only~~ into the house only at mealtimes. At midnight of the second day I joined Lt Smith and the rest of my journey was arranged.

*Journey
Arranged*

J + Whitege

W.S. Holt

Appendix B:

- a. On 18 January 1944 evaders saw, in RENNES, freight cars loaded with seventy Ford trucks (ton-and-half six-wheelers) moving toward PARIS. They looked new and were painted tan (~~US Army Corps?~~). There was one anti-aircraft car at ~~the end~~ each end of the train. Evaders also saw, on flat-cars standing on the sidings in the RENNES yards, about ten command or staff cars.
- b. Between LE MANS and RENNES evaders saw a new concrete highway still under construction. It seemed wide enough for three-lane traffic. Among the laborers, particularly in the RENNES area, there were colored prisoners wearing khaki uniforms and a red fez. They were told these prisoners were Algerians. 18 January.
- c. In the station at RENNES evaders saw colored soldiers dressed in German uniform. They carried full field-pack but not a rifle. There was disagreement among the evaders as to whether or not these soldiers were under guard.
- d. The principal activity noticed by the evaders in the RENNES yards was the loading of cement bags by French forced labor. 18 January.
- e. Evaders were told that tanks were stationed in ABBEVILLE, MARCHEVILLE, CLERQUES, VILLERS, ZOTEUX and in other towns although the names were not remembered. ABBEVILLE was supposed to be the largest coastal town in which tanks were stationed. One Frenchman reported seeing eighty tanks in one village, and all the tanks were marked with a 'rising sun'. In some of these small villages there are large gasoline dumps. (hearsay). ~~January~~ 1943.
- f. ~~On 18 January~~ Evaders heard that 200 tanks, travelling north, passed through ST JUST. The French stated that over a period of several months 200,000 German troops had been moved in the coastal area. JANUARY 1944.
- g. Many of the private dwellings along the coast have been evacuated and turned into cement blockhouses. In some houses where the people have not been evacuated, the lower floor has been fortified.
- h. Evaders were shown a radio which had been dropped by parachute. The Frenchman who had it knew nothing about it. It was a type which the radio operator knew nothing about. It was crystal set and had a battery in it. It had been made in Dayton Ohio and had Signal Corps and an American Field Station number on it.
- i. The French told evaders that plans had already been made for blowing up bridges at the time of invasion. No details were divulged.

2.

My helper was thirty minutes later than he had expected, but he ^{to be} ~~brought~~ ^{arrived} ~~with~~ along another man who took charge of me. I was given civilian clothes and all my flying clothing was put in a burlap bag. ~~Now~~ I kept only my dogtags. When I was dressed I followed my new helper to his home and from there my journey was arranged. Within the next two days I was joined by Lt BOOHER, Sgt MELÉ and Sgt ESTIUS.

JOURNEY ARRANGED JOINS CREW MEMBERS

LT BOOHER'S STORY UNTIL JOINING LT SMITH:

When the order to bale out was given, I left my seat as the engineer was climbing out of the top-turret. I had tried the interphone and knew that it was dead. I started ~~sk~~ toward the rear and saw the radio operator lying across his ammunition box. He got up and started into the waist when I motioned him to get out. The bombardier, navigator, engineer and I went out the nose escape-hatch around 12000 feet and I waited until ~~we~~ falling into a small cloud around 4000 feet before pulling my ripcord. I looked up ~~just~~ just after the chute opened and saw four FW 190's circling the aircraft. While I was watching, three chutes blossomed out behind the tail. I saw no more chutes, but at the second and last glimpse I had of the plane I saw someone jump out ~~but~~ ~~did not~~ ~~know~~ ~~where~~ ~~he~~ ~~was~~ ~~going~~ ~~to~~ ~~land~~ ~~and~~ ~~was~~ ~~lost~~ ~~sight~~ ~~of~~ ~~him~~ ~~before~~ ~~he~~ ~~opened~~ ~~his~~ ~~chute~~. I think it was the pilot. The plane went into a steep dive right after that.

Delays JUMP

I was coming down backwards and having trouble watching the ground. I remembered having read in the papers that the Germans were going to try Allied airmen so I made a mental note to get out of my chute and out of the area as quickly as possible.

I fell on my back when I landed and, before scrambling to my feet, could see people running across the field toward me. I thought they might not be friendly and, because I was nervous, I had trouble getting the air out of my chute. Finally I got it rolled up but I dropped it with my Mae West when I saw I would have no more time if I wanted to get away from the people. As I started to run I saw another chute in a field several hundred yards away and ran toward that. About halfway there I heard a woman's voice call from the crowd behind me, "Yes, yes, yes!" I stopped ~~at that~~ ^{then} because it ~~sounded like~~ ^{was a chance to talk to}

Delayed BECAUSE OF NERVOUSNESS

someone who could speak English. I turned and went back to her. "American?," she asked, and, when I nodded, the people gathered around ~~me~~ to pat me on the back. They seemed very happy about the whole thing. There were about twenty-five people in the crowd and at once they began pulling ^{me} off toward the village. Three of the women took me to a house. They motioned me to take off my clothes; which I did after some persuasion, because they wouldn't leave the room while I changed into the French clothes that had been collected for me.

IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES
TEN MINUTES AFTER
PARACHUTING

A few minutes later a man arrived to take me out of the village to a farmhouse where the rest of my journey was arranged. In the evening Lt Smith was brought to the same house to join me.

Journey
ARRANGED

SGT MELE'S STORY UNTIL JOINING LT SMITH:

Just after a 20 mm exploded in the radio room knocking me to the floor, I looked up and saw the copilot motioning me to bale out. I went into the waist and saw the right waist-gunner and ^(ADAMS) Sgt Eshius trying to salvo the waist door. I pushed Sgt ADAMS out and then helped Sgt Eshius through ~~me~~ the door before following him out. This was around 12000 feet. I delayed my jump down to 3000 feet because we had been instructed to delay our jumps as much as possible. When I finally pulled the ripcord it was because I felt dazed. After my chute opened I saw our aircraft crash and burn. The rest of the way down I concentrated on my landing, trying to remember how a paratrooper at our Base had told me to do it. I hit with my knees bent and took the weight of my fall with a roll over on my shoulder.

Delays
SUMP

CONCENTRATES ON
LANDING

Before I could get to my feet about five Frenchmen had surrounded me. One of them asked if I were Polish, to which I replied, "no, American." One Frenchman was folding my chute, another took my Mae West and still a third grabbed me by the arm and led me to a barn. I was told to lie there until he returned and in a few minutes he was back with clothing. He took out his watch and pointed to eight o'clock, then motioned that I was to crawl into the hay and stay there until that time.

IMMEDIATE
AID

When he came for me, we ~~took~~ walked for ten minutes before arriving

some of my comrades had landed in the direction I was running. I swapped a Mars bar for some apples they were carrying, and ran on in the direction they pointed out to me. I didn't ask them where I was because I knew approximately.

For a mile I walked and ran through a woods until I came out at a field where a farmer was plowing. From behind a tree I watched him and then stood where he could see me though I did not leave cover. It was a few minutes before he spotted me but after he did, I could see that he was ~~was~~ studying me out of the corner of his eye. Before he decided to approach me another Frenchman came into the field and I stepped forward so that he ^{also} could see me.

GETS TWO FARMERS
TO COME INTO WOODS

This man hesitated, looked at me several times and then walked over to the plowing farmer. After a short conversation they came over to the edge of the wood to talk to me.

"American?" one of them ^{one} asked. I nodded my head, and produced my wings, leather collar insignia and pointed to the Group patch on my A-2 jacket. In the sign language conversation that followed, I tried to show them I wanted a place to hide. One of the men pointed back ^{to} ~~through~~ the woods through which I had been running but I shook my head and let him know that I thought the Germans were back in that direction. At that the farmer went back to his plowing and the other man motioned me to follow him. We cut through an open field until we reached a wide gully bordered with a hedge of trees. We followed this line of trees until my helper suddenly stopped and pointed to a clump of willow trees ⁱⁿ which he wanted me to hide. I crawled in after he had pointed to his watch to indicate the time he would return.

SECURES AID

After I was alone I discovered that I had lost my Aids Box and Purse while I was running through the woods. It had been in my coveralls pocket when I hit the ground. There was nothing to do but sit and wait for my helper to return. It grew very cold and I tried to amuse myself by watching the countryside. Once a cyclist, in a great hurry, passed near me along a path. I remember ^{ed} that I had heard Major Cole, an American evader, tell of having had just such an experience as this—hiding in a willow clump waiting for a helper.

LOSES AIDS BOX
WHILE RUNNING

1.
at Ludwigshafen

Returning from the target, our number four engine ran out of oil and could not be feathered. We dropped out of formation because a terrific vibration ~~was~~ ^{was set up} at any speed over 140. Fifteen minutes later, seven fighters attacked and shot us all to pieces. We fought our way from 20000 to 12000 feet in an effort to reach cloud cover but after the controls had been shot away and the aircraft was burning, I gave the order to bale out. I had already fastened my chute on one side but I stayed with the plane long enough to give the ball-turret gunner a chance to get out.

CONTROLS GONE
AND PLANE ON FIRE

Then, climbing into the companion-way, I fastened my chute and baled out through the nose at 12000 feet. I dropped on my back, and although I watched the ground over my shoulder, I counted six chutes ^{above me} before pulling the ripcord around 2500 feet. My last glimpse of the plane was ~~xxxxx~~ soon after opening my chute and then it was in a straight dive, trailing flames and smoke.

COUNTS
SIX CHUTES

Three FW 190's circled me, waved and flew off. The countryside beneath ~~me~~ was both farmland and wooded areas. I could see the farmers in the fields staring up at the chutes and some of them ^{were} running toward our burning plane.

I landed in a field; the nearest trees were a quarter of a mile away. Rolling my chute, I left it in the furrows with dirt kicked over it and ran ~~xxxxxx~~ toward a farmer plowing at the other end of the field. He was watching me and as I ran up to him he pointed in one direction and said, "Germans - three kilometers"; then pointing in the other direction, he said, "Comrades - two kilometers". I left my boots and Mae West beside his plow. He had offered no further help, so I ran in the direction of my comrades, ~~which took me over a hill~~.

RUNS TO FARMER
TO GET DIRECTIONS

I looked back once and saw three or four Frenchmen coming toward me. Not having any idea as to whether or not they were friendly, I turned around ^a the hill toward a woods and as I started up a steep bank to get into the woods I saw three Frenchmen standing at the top of the bank waving me to come up to them. They told me that the Germans had already reached the plane and that

RUNS INTO THREE
FRIENDLY FRENCHMEN

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- Smith, Richard M. 1st LT - 0672 009

Unit:- 95th Bomb Cn. 336th Sqdn

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? Lost Upon hitting ground; ~~how~~
- 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. 2 Red 5 Stripes - Marked "M"
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse? No - Also lost it.

zipper ripped open + AB, fell out when running; also purse; didn't know when lost them

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money?

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion?

No

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?
If so, how many?

Yes

Four

b. Did you use them?

No

didn't know why except French thought something was wrong with them

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

Yes

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. July-43-, Geiger Field, Wash., By Evaders; - Dec-43- Honham. By Maj-Cole

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

Yes

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

Do what French Tell you To do -

Don't ask questions - Don't be un-TRUSTING of French!

~~SECRET~~

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 32515731 - T/SGT. ALPHONSE M. MELG

Unit:- 95 Bomb. Gr. 336 SQDN.

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? **HELPED BY FRENCHMEN UPON LANDING**
- 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? **GAVE TO FRENCH WOMAN**
- 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?

NONE

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? **YES**
State color of stripes and letters. ?
If NOT, State why not.

- b. Did you use the purse? **YES**

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. YES - FRENCH
How did you spend the money? 2000 F. FOOD

d. How did you dispose of :-

Maps. GAVE TO FRENCH FOR SOUVENIRS.

Compass. NO | lost

File (hacksaw). NO

Surplus currency. HAD NONE

NO

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? YES
If so, how many? 10; had several of different sizes

b. Did you use them? NO; ~~but~~ but were given to French helpers.

by Lt Kelly, an evader.

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? BEIGER FIELD - 7/43
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM
HORHAM - NOV. BY EVADERS; - also Major Cole, an evader.

b. Did you find the lectures of value? YES

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

DO WHAT FRENCH SAY!

~~SECRET~~

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 0-680161 2NDLT. WILLIAM H. BOOHER

Unit:- 336 Sqdn. 95 Gr.

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? *DID NOT HAVE ONE; MY ERROR*
- 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? *No; in a/c & forgotten*
State color of stripes and letters. *RED*
If NOT, State why not.

- b. Did you use the purse? *No*

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money?

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion?

COMPASSES (small; to be sewn in clothing) - French phone sheet -

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? YES

If so, how many? 4 - in flying clothes

b. Did you use them? NO; though given to French helpers.

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? YES

State WHERE, WHEN, and by WHOM

SEABER FIELD - JULY 43 H. Kelly; an evader

BOYINGTON

SEPT 43

HORHAM

NOV.

MAS COLE, an evader

b. Did you find the lectures of value? YES

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

Never approach group of Frenchman -

may be; calisthenics - for pyruces -
patience -

No., Rank, Name:- *Jerry Eshuis, S/Sgt.*Unit:- *336th B.S., 98th B.G.*

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? *I was picked up by French at once*
- 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? *Gave to French helpers*
- 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?

*No*2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *Yes*
State color of stripes and letters. *Red Stripes, Marked "M"*
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, 2000 Frs.*
How did you spend the money? *Gave to French -*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *Burned*

Compass. *Gave to French.*

File (hacksaw). *" " "*

Surplus currency.

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? *Four; too large*

b. Did you use them? *no*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

yes, at 95th B.G. by I.O. (capt.) security officer

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

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

*Do as you are told by people;
remembered what I.O. had said*

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

SOURCE: 1 Smith
2 Busher
3 Melis
4 Gehius

DATE:

UNIT:

MEMBERS OF CREW.

PILOT
CO PILOT
NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER
RADIO OPERATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER
BALL TURRET GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER

KNOWN INFORMATION:

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

Lt Feingold) alive *after landing's*
Lt. Tarlington) ~~and uncaptured as of 6 February 1944~~ *account to the*

Sgt. Morrison alive and taken P/W on 30 December

Sgt. ADAMS - wounded; ~~the~~ trench source said seriously *wounded* and ~~later~~ *later* retracted statement. Source also stated *he* was in German hands in hospital.

Sgt. ONESI *The source stated he was in hospital in German hands; also that he was wounded and would very likely die. ^{the} later, source retracted statement that ONESI would die -*

Sgt. Heron; *the source claimed one chute did not open and from description evades thought it was probably Heron*