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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

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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.

GERTIFIGATE

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) WILLIAM H. BOOHER Signed William H. Booher
 Rank 2NDLT A. S. N. 0-680161 Dated 1-30-44
 Unit 95 Bomb Gr. 336 Sqdn. Witness _____

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SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. *WILLIAM HAROLD BOOHER 2NDLT. 0-680161*
2. Decorations. *AIR METAL & CLUSTER*
3. Unit or Squadron. *95th BOMBER 336th SQDN.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *"*
5. Date of Birth. *9-26-20.*
6. Length of Service. *1 year, 9 months.*
7. Private Address. *5516 N. ARTESIAN AVE. CHICAGO, ILL.*
8. Job as civilian. *TIMEKEEPER.*
9. From what field did you take off? *HORHAM.*
10. Take off time. *9.30.*
11. Date and target. *12-30-43 LUDWICK HAVEN.*
12. Where did you land? *ST. JUST. (Km)*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *SAW PLANE CRASH & EXPLODE*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *COPILOT.*
15. Were you wounded? *NO*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *NO*
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? *NO*
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? *No.*
22. Date of arrival in Spain. *NONE.*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *"*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *1-29-44 sea*
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *DARTMOUTH. 1-29-44*

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E & E REPORT NO. 350
EVASION IN FRANCE

(Date)

WILLIAM R. BOOHER, 2d Lt, O-680161
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

336 Bomb 95th Bomb
(Squadron) (Group)

MIA 30 December 1943
Arrived in Spain: _____

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

Arrived in Gibraltar: _____

Arrived in UK: _____

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

		Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	Richard M SMITH, 1st Lt, O-672007		NARRATOR
CO-PILOT	William R BOOHER, 2d Lt, O-680161		NARRATOR
NAVIGATOR	Louis (NMI) FEINCOID, 2d Lt, O-747085		MIA
BOMBARDIER	Warren C TARKINGTON, 2d Lt, O-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?

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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E & E REPORT NO.
EVASION IN

350

1-30-44
(Date)

WILLIAM H. BOOHER 2ND LT 0-680161
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: Ludwickhaven

336th 95th
(Squadron) (Group)

MIA: 12-30-43
Arrived in UK:
1-29-44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

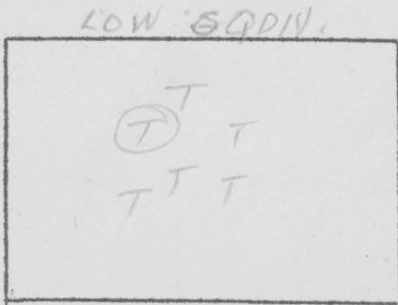
		Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	SMITH.		EVADED
CO-PILOT	BOOHER		"
NAVIGATOR	FEINGOLD.		EVADING
BOMBARDIER	TARKINGTON.		"
RADIO OPERATOR	MELE.		EVADED
TOP TURRET GUNNER	MORRISON.		CAPTURED
BALL TURRET GUNNER	ESHUIS		EVADED
WAIST GUNNER	ADAMS		CAPTURED
WAIST GUNNER	ONESI		"
TAIL GUNNER	HEARN		KILLED

Were you wounded?

No.

NAME WILLIAM H. BOOHER RANK 2ND LT. ASN 0-680161 REPORT NO. _____

SQ 336 GROUP 95 A/C NO. 0674 Letter B Load ⁴⁰ INCEN. Date 1-30-44



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing: NONE CLOUDS.

Enemy Fighter Tactics:
Markings: FROM REAR.

Our Tactics:

Our Fighter Support: NONE.

Flak

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
1230	TARGET	CONSIDERABLE DENSE

Technical Failures

Motors: 1/4 ENGINE. PROP WOULD NOT FEATHER.

Armor: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM ENEMY ACTION.

Armament:

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above: