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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

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

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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 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.

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) MELE, ALPHONSE, M.

Signed Alphonse M. Mele

Rank T/SGT. A. S. N. 32515731

Dated Jan. 30, 1944

Unit 95 Bomb. Gp. 336 SQDN.

Witness _____

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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. **MELE, ALPHONSE M. T/SGT. 32515731**
2. Decorations. **AIR MEDAL + CLUSTER**
3. Unit or Squadron. **336**
4. Division (Army) or Group. **95**
5. Date of Birth. **AUG. 21, 1907**
6. Length of Service. **16 MOS.**
7. Private Address. **3141 PERRY AVE. BRONX, N.Y.**
8. Job as civilian. **CONTRACTOR**
9. From what field did you take off? **HORHAM**
10. Take off time. **08:30 A.M.**
11. Date and target. **DEC. 30, 1943**
12. Where did you land? **ST. JUST - FRANCE (WAVANEY) 3 kms -**
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? **YES**
14. What was your position in aircraft? **RADIO OPERATOR**
15. Were you wounded? **YES**
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? **NO**
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? **LITTLE**
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?
NONE
20. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? **1**
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? **YES - LONDON. 30/1/44**
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. **PLONA, FRANCE**
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. **DARTMOUTH - 29/1/44**

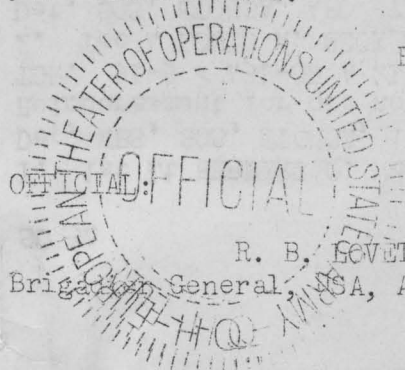
R E S T R I C T E D

(SO 34, ETOUSA, 3 Feb 1944, contd)

17. So much of par 4, SO 29, this hq, cs, pertaining to Capt BUCK SANDERS, 02054005, Cav, as reads: "is asgd to Fld Force Repl Dep No. 7, APO 153", is amended to read: "is asgd to Fld Force Repl Dep No. 6, APO 153".
18. So much of par 14, SO 26, this hq, cs, as pertains to Lt Col NYE K. ELWARD, 015827, SC, as reads: "asgd to Hq First US Army Gp", is amended to read: "is asgd to this hq for dy w/SHAEF".
19. So much of par 17, SO 32, this hq, cs, as pertains to JOHN M. SANABRIA, SC, is amended to show his ASN as 0316232.
20. So much of par 18, SO 32, this hq, cs, as reads:
"2d Lt to 1st Lt
HOWARD COLLINS, 01633765, SC",
is amended to read: "1st Lt to Capt
HOWARD COLLINS, 01633765, SC".
21. DP, Lt Col RUSSELL R. KLANDERMAN, 019099, OD, is reld fr det in GSC w/trs.
22. DP, Col EUGENE F. CARDWELL, 0230325, CAC, is det in GSC w/trs.
23. The following O, now atchd to Hq First US Army Gp, are reld fr asgmt to this hq, are asgd to Hq First US Army Gp:
Col CORNELIUS E. RYAN, 07375, Inf Lt Col CHARLES L. PRATHER, 0513109, CMP
Col DAVID P. PAGE, 0204809, AUS Maj JOHN H. AWTRY, 0914101, JAGD
Col FRANK E. FRASER, 0222901, QMC Maj JOHN L. DONOVAN, JR, 0506212, AUS
Col WILLIAM H. PETERS, JR, 0161886, Inf Maj LEONARD T. SCULLY, 0395913, QMC
Lt Col ELMER H. HARRISON, 0293838, FA Maj JAMES S. CULLYFORD, 0337155, MC
Lt Col JOHN K. CUNNINGHAM, 0277284, Cav Capt GEORGE F. CAKE, 0919497, CWS
Lt Col ROBERT M. KENNEDY, 0231654, SC Capt LOUIS F. GARBER, 0340040, CE
Lt Col ROBERT P. HAMILTON, 0511557, AUS Capt RAY HURLEY, 0518333, Spec
Lt Col BRUCE G. BOOTH, 0211148, Inf WOJG GEORGE SHENDELMAN, W2120359, USA
24. 1st Lt CHARLES T. HENDERSON, 01577857, QMC, is reld fr asgmt to this hq, APO 871, is asgd to Hq WBS, SOS, ETOUSA, for dy with QM Sec, eff 6 Feb 1944. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
25. 1st Lt FRANK W. McMULLEN JR, 01592431, QMC, is reld fr asgmt to this hq, is asgd to Hq EBS, SOS, ETOUSA, for dy as Base Sec Purchasing Agent. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
26. Maj LAWRENCE JACOBS, II, 0904372, AC, is reld fr asgmt to Hq & Hq Det, OSS, is asgd to this hq for dy in the G-2 Sec.
27. Lt Col DONALD F. ELLIOTT, 0334000, Cav, now on TD at 10th Repl Dep, WBS, SOS, ETOUSA, is reld fr asgmt to this hq, is atchd unasgd to 10th Repl Dep, and placed on DS w/3rd Repl Bn (Prov).
28. 2d Lt ROBERT J. JOHNSON, 01049245, CAC, is reld fr TD in the AA Sec, this hq, is atchd unasgd to Fld Force Repl Dep No. 2, APO 872, and placed on DS w/7th AAA Gp, APO 641. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425.
29. Confidential.
30. Confidential.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

R. B. LORD,
Colonel, GSC, Deputy Chief of Staff.



R E S T R I C T E D

SO 34

R E S T R I C T E D
Hq ETOUSA

3 Feb 1944

1. 1st Lt HERBERT Q. McVITTY, 0454458, Cav, is reld fr asgmt to 10th Repl Dep, WBS, SOS, ETOUSA, is asgd to this hq for dy in the G-2 Sec. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
2. Tec 4 LOUIS A. BECKER, 12056917, Hq, Sp Trs, SHAEF, is trfd in gr to Hq Det, SOS, ETOUSA, APO 871. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs and rat while on travel status is atzd in accordance with Cir 85, this hq, 1943. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
3. VCCG, date as indicated, assigning the following EM to Hq, USSAFE, and placing them on TD at Hq CBS, SOS, ETOUSA, are confirmed and made of record, the urgency being such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. Upon completion of this TD they will rpt to the CG, USSAFE, for dy:

<u>Eff 29 Jan 1944</u>	
T/Sgt ANDREW F. HATHAWAY, 32464145	S/Sgt JAMES A. KING, 6399623
T/Sgt ALPHONSE M. MELE, 32515731	S/Sgt WALTER J. SENTKOSKI, 33234285
S/Sgt WALTER E. DICKERMAN, 32725667	Sgt FRED T. SCHMITT, 32673290
S/Sgt JERRY ESHUIS, 19113783	Sgt JOHN L. SULLIVAN, 32605431
- Eff 30 Jan 1944
- S/Sgt ROBERT J. HAMRICK, 15105969 S/Sgt LAURENCE B. SHECK, 12156892
- S/Sgt LEVOUN J. JAMGOCHIAN, 13153375 Sgt RAYMOND F. CHEVRAUX, 15377732
- TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs and rat while on this TD is atzd in accordance with Cir 85, this hq, 1943. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425.
4. DP, Lt Col ELI STEVENS, 018235, Inf, is reld fr det in GSC w/trs.
5. Lt Col ELI STEVENS, 018235, Inf, is reld fr asgmt to this hq, is asgd to Hq First US Army Gp.
6. 2d Lt ROBERT S. BAILEY, 0428585, SC, is reld fr asgmt to this hq, APO 871, is asgd to 827th Sig Sv Co, CBS, SOS, ETOUSA. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
7. Lv of abs is granted Maj EDWARD H. GILMAN, 0171927, Cav, for eight (8) days, eff o/a 8 Feb 1944.
8. 1st Lt ALFRED JONES, 0455233, SC, is reld fr asgmt to this hq, is asgd to 124th Sig Rad Intelligence Co, VII Corps, First US Army. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
9. Capt DONALD R. HILL, 0419208, SC, is reld fr asgmt to this hq, is asgd to Hq & Hq Sq, American Component, AEAf. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
10. Lt Col REX L. SMITH, 0275070, QMC, this hq, is reld fr dy in the QM Sv, is asgd to dy in the G-4 Sec.
11. Lv of abs is granted 1st Lt EVERTS R. BUCHANAN, 0401722, Inf, for ten (10) days, eff o/a 15 Feb 1944.
12. Par 15, SO 30, this hq, cs, pertaining to Col THRUSTON HUGHES, 02609, AGD, is revoked.
13. So much of par 4, SO 9, this hq, cs, as pertains to Col THRUSTON HUGHES, 02609, AGD, is amended to add: for dy in the AG Sec.
14. 1st Lt RICHARD V. GAUMOND, 01001342, AGD, is reld fr asgmt to this hq, is asgd to Hq First US Army Gp for dy w/P & PW Div.
15. Lt Col WILLIAM J. T. YANCEY, 012849, Inf, is reld fr asgmt to Hq, Sp Trs, ETOUSA, is asgd to Hq First US Army. TCNT. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atzd. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
16. So much of par 3, SO 8, this hq, cs, as reads: "FREDERICK A. YOCNIM, 0736452", is amended to read: "FREDERICK A. YOCHIM, 0736452".

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HEADQUARTERS
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E & E REPORT NO.
EVASION IN FRANCE

(Date)

ALPHONSE M MELE, T/Sgt, 32515731

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
336 Bomb 95th Bomb

30 December 1943

(Squadron) (Group)

MIA: _____
Arrived in Spain: _____

AGE: _____

LENGTH OF SERVICE: _____

Arrived in Gibraltar: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

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 BOONER, 2d Lt, O-680161		MIA
NAVIGATOR	Louis (NMI) PEINGOLD, 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) ONEGI s/sgt, 32479031		MIA
TAIL GUNNER	Thomas G WERN s/sgt, 11090452		MIA

Were you wounded?

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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E & E REPORT NO.
EVASION IN

351

30/1/44
(Date)

MEKE, ALPHONSE M. T/SGT. 32515731
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: LUDWIGSITAUEN

336 95
(Squadron) (Group)

MIA: 30/12/43

Arrived in UK:

29/1/44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWID)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT SMITH		EVADED
CO-PILOT BOOHER		EVADED
NAVIGATOR FEINROLD		EVADED
BOMBARDIER TARKINGTON		EVADED
RADIO OPERATOR MEKE		EVADED
TOP TURRET GUNNER MORRISON		CAPTURED
BALL TURRET GUNNER ESHUIS		EVADED
WAIST GUNNER ONESI		(WOUNDED) CAPTURED
WAIST GUNNER ADAMS		(WOUNDED) CAPTURED
TAIL GUNNER HEARN		DEAD

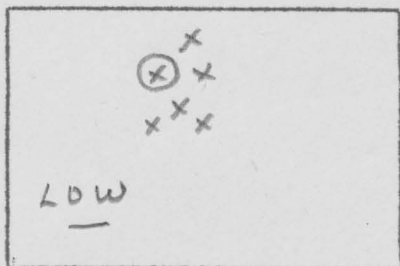
Were you wounded?

CONCUSSION DUE TO 20 M.M. BULLET
CUT INSIDE OF MOUTH. BLED FROM NOSE. INJURED
BACK OF HEAD.

was in gun position - Wright asked me to get fire - 1st leg - busy - 20 min in
radio room - fire - extinguisher - copilot told me to BO - I ran to waist
saw N.W.G. & Jerry trying to open door - pushed Adams out + Jerry
+ then I jumped - 12,000 ft - delayed jump to 3000 ft - saw
no cloud near me - saw 2 chutes below to left - dazed -
saw 1/2 crash - had been told by pilots how to hit - 3 men + 2
women - blonde asked me if I were Polish - no, American - an
Indian folding chute - another took MW - another took me to
ground - told me to lie there - took clothes - got out watch - said
6 p.m. - came at 6 p.m. - put all my stuff in bag - walked
10 min to house - wife - children + John Jr. - his wife washed the
blood off face - food - didn't eat - wine - few hrs later
traveller came to take me 3 kms - walked thru farms to farm -
food - in house - bed - at 12 August awakened me
It took me to pilot -

NAME MELG, ALPHONSE M. RANK T/SGT. ASN 32515731 REPORT NO. _____

SQ 336 GROUP 95 A/C NO. 6674 Letter B Load _____ Date 30/1/44



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing:

Enemy Fighter Tactics: ONE FROM 12 - OTHERS MOSTLY
Markings: FROM 6 O'CLOCK

Our Tactics:

VIOLENT EVASIVE ACTION

Our Fighter Support:

NONE

<u>Flak</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Quality</u>
HEAVY		OVER TARGET AREA	DENSE

Technical Failures

Motors: 3RD + 4TH OUT. - NO. 4 FAILED TO FEATHER DUE TO LOSS OF OIL - HIT BY FLAK

Armor: NONE

Armament: NONE

Miscellaneous:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM OUT DUE TO ENEMY ACTION

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above: