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1. Because disclosures of information regarding evasion from capture, escape, details of imprisonment, release from internment, and repatriation have been made, the lives and services of fellow soldiers and those who help them have been lost or endangered. All information which you possess on these subjects, including the experiences of others as well as your own, briefings and equipment for evasion and escape, and preparations and other activities in connection therewith, constitutes MILITARY INFORMATION which is classified SECRET by the War Department.

2. You will therefore disclose no information whatever, beyond the fact of your return to duty from "missing in action" or "prisoner of war" or "internment", to anyone except the following military officials:

- a. The first Military Attache to whom you report;
- b. An officer designated by the Commanding General of an overseas Theatre of Operations;
- c. The Prisoner of War Branch, MIS, Washington, D.C., the interrogating agency designated by the A/C of S, G-2, War Department General Staff;
- d. Certain other officers holding written authority from the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, to interrogate you.

3. You will particularly guard against disclosure of SECRET information to relatives, friends, representatives of the press and radio, and military officials, except as noted in a, b, c and d above.

4. In order to protect yourself against disciplinary action, any question involving publicity must be referred BY YOU PERSONALLY to the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, Washington, D.C.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have read and fully understand all of the foregoing and the Directive of the Secretary of War, 6 Aug 43 (on the reverse side), and will at ALL TIMES hereafter comply fully therewith.

I understand that all information concerning escape, evasion from capture, activities and equipment in connection therewith, and details of imprisonment or release from internment, is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone except the military officials specifically designated. I further understand that disclosure to any other person will make me liable to disciplinary action for failure to safeguard MILITARY INFORMATION.

I realize that publicity concerning my experiences, by word of mouth or otherwise, will endanger the lives of many persons and therefore it is my duty to take all possible precautions to prevent it.

I further certify that I have received a copy of the foregoing.

Name (Print) DAVIS, RAY E. Signed Ray Davis

Rank S/SGT A.S.N. 35606857 Dated 28 Oct 44 Place LONDON

Unit 95th B-6 Witness

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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

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

KIS/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 Forces;
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.

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(See Reverse Side)

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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
and QUESTIONNAIRE FOR I.S. 9 (W.E.A.) PERSONNEL

Sept-11-1944
(Date)

DAVIS RAY E S/SGT 35646627
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Date Missing in Action: JAN. 5-1944

VACHEN EIGHT
(Target) (Number of missions)

Returned to UK: SEPT-11-1944

95th B.G.
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (List names by positions and indicate what happened to each one)

- PILOT 2LT. ROBERT CURTENCE - DEAD. CHUTE FAILED TO OPEN.
- CO-PILOT 2LT. BETTY HANKINS - BELIEVE TO BE TAKEN TO PRISON
- NAVIGATOR 2ST. MARVIN EDWARDS - BELIEVE TO HAVE ESCAPED
- BOMBARDIER 2ST. BOB WARNER - BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO PRISON
- RADIO OPERATOR T/SGT. T. R. WOZNICKI - BELIEVE TO HAVE ESCAPED
- TOP TURRET GUNNER T/SGT. LOUIS RENGENWITZ - " " "
- BALL TURRET GUNNER S/SGT. RAY E. DAVIS - MYSELF
- W.A.I.S.T GUNNER S/SGT. JOHN P. CAMPBELL - BELIEVE TO HAVE ESCAPED
- W.A.I.S.T GUNNER S/SGT. JAMES MELLEHEIT - KILLED IN ACTION
- TAIL GUNNER S/SGT. LEO J. LANDY - BELIEVE TO BE IN PRISON

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. JAN 5, 1944 - 1300 O'CLOCK
APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF CRASH - NEAR DINANT - BELGIUM

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
BADLY DAMAGED BY ENEMY FIGHTER. ONE MOTOR OUT AND ON FIRE

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? ABOUT 18000 FEET

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? YES. RIGHT WAIST GUNNER

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? ALL BAILED OUT EXCEPT THE DEAD BOY OF THE PILOT CHUTE DID NOT OPEN

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? I DO NOT KNOW. THERE

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?
WERE HAZY CLOUDS

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise. YES THE BELIGUN PEOPLE WHO TOOK CARE OF ME ALSO TOOK CARE OF THE NAVIGATOR; W. E. CAMPBELL & TOP TURRET GUNNER & WERE (over) TO TELL WHAT HAS HAPPEN TO THE OTHER MEMB OF THE CREW.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition? *I do NOT KNOW. I WAS TOLD THE PLANE WAS BURNED & THE BELGIAN PEOPLE BURNED THE DEAD BUNNET.*
 If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? *I BELIEVE THAT ALL BUT TWO ARE O.K. AS THE BELGIAN PEOPLE TOLD ME.*

Were you wounded? *YES - A PIERCE OF 20MM. IN THE LEG*

Were you in German hands? *NO*

Did you kill any Germans in escaping? *NO*

Have you previously given the names of your helpers? *NO*

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given. *DO NOT REMEMBER THE NAMES*

What security briefing were you given? *W, E, A*

What souvenirs do you still possess? *NONE*

Home address. *ALPOCA - W.V.*

List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans. *(2ST. HANKINS) (5/SGT (Geo J LANG V)) (3ST. WARTNER.)*

List names of American or British personnel believed to be evading.

*2ST. MATVIN EDWARDS
 T/SGT. LOUIS RENBOUWIS
 T/SGT. T. R. WOZNICKI
 S/SGT. T. P. CAMPBELL*

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 35646857 Rank S/ Sgt
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Ray E. Davis
Unit 95 B Gp

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)
on 11 Sept 1944 and has signed a Security Certificate.
He ~~should~~ should not be re-interrogated.

Robert Bacon
Major 2/Lt, Ae.

IMPORTANT:

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH) AN OFFICER OF M.I.9
OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X DEP.-M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

If E & E is returned to the United Kingdom, he will report to 63 Brooks
Street, London.

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

EVASION CAPTURED/XXXXXXXXXXXXX (Name of Country) Belgium.....

For all Personnel.

- 1. No. 35646857..... Rank..... S/Sjt..... Name..... R.E. Davis.....
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions)..... 8 missions
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details..... Yes, piece of 20 mm in leg.
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force)..... 336 Sqn
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 95 Gp..... 6. Job. (Pl. Cmd., Rfn., etc.)... Gunner
- 7. Date of Birth... 31 May 24..... 8. Length of Service... 1 yr. 8 mths
- 9. Peace time occupation..... Student..... 10. Private address.....
Alpoca, W.Va.
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Photos
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

FOR P.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. Ball turret gunner
- 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... 2/Lt R. Currence Robert B. 0677674 Dead P/W
- CO-PILOT... 2/Lt H. Hankins Hankins P. 6828 P/W P/W
- NAVIGATOR... 2/Lt E. Marvey Marvin P. Edwards Escaped 0808014 P/W
- BOMBARDIER... 2/Lt B. Warne John F. Warner P/W 0683170 P/W
- RADIO OPERATOR... T.R. Waznich
- TOP TURRET GUNNER... L. Robinowitz Louis Robinowitz Escaped 41st 12155710 MIA
- BALL TURRET GUNNER... R.E. Davis (Narrator) Evaded
- WAVE GUNNER (P.)... J. Kellheir James J. Kellheir, S/Sgt 35514655 P/W
- WAVE GUNNER (L.)... E. Campbell John P. S/Sgt Evaded 12159370 P/W
- TAIL GUNNER... L.J. Landon L.J. Landon P/W Believed to be captured
- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure... B.17G. Ipswich, 0800 hrs, 5 Jan 44.
- 18. Where and when did you come down?..... 7 miles from Dinant, Belgium
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?.....
... A Frenchman took care of my parachute and mae west.
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?.....
Plane crashed and burned.

Interview by I.S.9. (WEA)

Date... 12 Sep 44

Attached:
Appendix "B"
Appendix "C"
Appendix "D"

I grade this Evasion No. 5

Richard H. Dana
R.H. Dana, 2/Lt C.A.C.
Major PURB

Disposal:..... Returned to unit.

Distribution: I.S.9 (WEA) 2
12 Army Group 2 (less C)
9 AF 1

APPENDIX "B" TO E. & E. REPORT No. IS9WEA/6/200/940

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. 35646857 Rank S/Sjt Name R. E. Davis

Date of interview 12 Sep 44

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.
- 2.—Credible.
- 3.—Questionable.
- 4.—Undetermined.

I was told approx 10 Jun by a Belgian who was forced to work at the Florence Airport filling in bomb craters that he saw one German pilot who had shot himself rather than go up and fight. He had heard of 4/5 other cases. One had come down wounded and then shot himself. He was one of eight to return from a mission.

Richard J. ...
R. E. Davis

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