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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) WARREN, Chas. R. Signed... Charles R. Warren
 Rank S/Sgt A.S.N. 17060226 Dated 11 Sept 44 Place London
 Unit... 9.5. B. Gp. 34.5. B. SAdN Witness... John D. Mann, Capt. USA

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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 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)

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

List all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defenses, AA batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.,.....)

*On the 24th of Jan going to Brusselles 3
Kil. SW of Brusselles on the military
route is a ammo. dump.*

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

3 Sgt Charles R Warren 17060226

Unit:-

95 B Group 365 B 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 LEFT IN PLANE*
- b. If not, why? *No time*
- 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*
 State color of stripes and letters. *Don't know LEFT IN PLANE*
 If NOT, State why not. *No time*
- 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? _____

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? *yes*

If so, how many? *6. Burned with personal belongings.*

b. Did you use them? *No*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *Not in ENGLAND.*

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *AMERICA - only once*

b. Did you find the lectures of value? *No*

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

None

(17 mi SE Bruxelles)

Jan. 24 - bailed out - landed in court st. Etienne
5 min helped by Fr. lady. - M^{me} A. FOCUNIER
Cries, burned clothes - taken to BRUXELLES in truck
by man after given watch.

Stayed & driver's wife overnt. - blonde girl, ^{streak of black in middle child 5 yrs. the} owned cafe
worked for Amer. & Belgians for 7 yrs in intel. & overnt.
To Henry at home - 1 night. Phony I-card no seal.
Jean Pierre - downstairs (killed by Gestapo) -
nurse - ^{her} father Eng capt. in last war, also in
intel work. Sent to Charleroi

~~Boussu~~
des-Walcourt

to Boussu to Beaumont, 4 days & doctor's widow & 2 children
(1.3 mi S Charleroi) → (38) girls - 19416

to woods ^{we} Boussu - 8 days & 2 Eng, 2 Canad, 2 Amer, 1 Polish, 2 Belgian,
2 Slovaks

resistance chief - Desire Croin

Walcourt
(12 mi S, Charleroi)

Gestapo came & all left.

2 Am. & 1 Eng left for France, 1 wk later caught - (St Sgt)
Chas. Higgins, 95 BA, 412 SADV + Jack Alchrist (Eng B-12)

Split up - went to FAIROU (^{5 mi E. of Walcourt}) & 1 Eng. remained 1 month
& the priest at FAIROU, (Ralph)

Back to Croin's house at Walcourt 4 days
to Fontenelle (^{13 mi SW Walcourt}) 4 days & Julie Constant
woods for 3 days

to Boussu - stayed & Walter Navelle's friends
to Croin's house, 63 days & constant

may ²⁴ Chief from NAMUR came to check identity. ^{Log tags}
^{etc. labeled}
Plane coming. Cleaned arms, etc. Supplies dropped
Guarded bridges on raids

Sept 3 - 1st inf. or troops (7th) came thru BOUSSU
advised by FA capt there to wait & unguard chief. ~~Witch labeled~~
on Sept 7 & chief's son-in-law to Beaumont on motorcycle
Signal Corps - contacted col. Back & prisoners to south of
Paris. Truck to Paris airport. Flown on 10 Sept to UK

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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Charles R. Warren S/3rd 17060226 Sept 11, 44
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)
365 B Sqd 95 B group
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

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

1

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

*Jan 24 - 42
noon Court Saint Etienne, Belgium*

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

a little flack 5 fighters + it was on fire

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

20 or 21,000 feet

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

Don't know for sure

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

8 chutes were seen

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Before hitting the ground

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

2 pilots dead + 1 radio operator + 1 prisoner

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.

Not sure

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

Don't know

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?

A man told me that the two pilots were dead + the radio operator was a prisoner

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E & E REPORT NO
EVASION IN

(Date)

TARGET: HUCHELN, GERMANY

Date Missing in Action: 24 Jan 44

Date Arrived in UK: _____

(Name) _____ (Rank) _____ (ASN) _____
(No of Missions) _____
95 Bomb Group
(Squadron) _____ (Group) _____

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know
KIA
P/W
MIA
MIA
P/W
P/W
P/W
P/W
MIA

PILOT	0-742764	2d Lt	Charles H MOWERN	KIA
COP-PILOT	0-797610	2d Lt	Gerald E RODERICK	P/W
NAVIGATOR	0-687896	2d Lt	David W O'BOYLE, Jr	MIA <i>1799 Brussels 29/3/44</i>
BOMBARDIER	0-682013	2d Lt	Gerald P DE CHAMBRE	MIA <i>Brussels EJE 1799</i>
RADIO OPERATOR	34408107	T/Sgt	Howard C GEBERT	MIA P/W
TOP TURRET GUNNER	14123542	T/Sgt	Compton H GRIFFIN	P/W
MID TURRET GUNNER	14021721	S/Sgt	Ceber M CREECH	MIA P/W
WAIST GUNNER	32360411	S/Sgt	Andrew (NMI) TOROK	MIA P/W
WAIST GUNNER	33255238	S/Sgt	Frank A BIALAS	P/W
TAIL GUNNER	17060226	S/Sgt	Charles R WARREN	MIA <i>safe hands - OSS</i>

Check all MIA dispositions to see if status changed. EE 1886

Were you wounded?

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Charles R. Winters SSgt 17060226
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
5
(No. of missions)
365
(Squadron) 95
(Group)

TARGET: FRANKFURT
Date mission in action: 24 Jan
Date arrived in UK: 10 Sept

MEMBERS OF CREW: (Please list names next to positions)

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.
SOURCE

PILOT Mowers } Skilled - French
CO-PILOT Roderick }
NAVIGATOR O'Boyle } don't know
BOMBARDIER Deschambe
RADIO OPERATOR Griffin - injured + } Prisoner - French SOURCE
TOP TURRET GUNNER Gilbert
BALL TURRET GUNNER Creech } don't know
WAIST GUNNER Torock
WAIST GUNNER Balian
TAIL GUNNER Me

Decorations:

Date of Birth: August 1, 1923
Private Address: 545 Lowell Avenue, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS
Length of Service: 1 year 11 mo
Job as Civilian: No - Student

From what field did you take off? Take off time.
0800 9582

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? yes

Were you wounded? Give details. Not much

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? a wrist watch

Do you speak FRENCH? little SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE?

Did you have identity papers? yes

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?

No

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?

No

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?

No

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When? *Yes. 63 BROOK 11 Sept 44*

Date of arrival in Spain: _____

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: _____

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. *10 Sept 44 - by air from PARIS*

List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans.

Charles Higgins } American (Rtd 2nd)
JEK [unclear] }

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

[Faint, illegible handwritten notes]

[Faint, illegible handwritten notes]

[Faint, illegible handwritten notes]

S/Sgt Charles R WARREN
17060226
365 Sqn, 95 B Gp

11 Sept 44

1886

On 24 January, I bailed out and landed in COURT ST ETIENNE (17 mis SE of BRUXELLES). Within five minutes I was given civilian clothes by a French lady named Mme A FOCUNIER. She burned my uniform.

She tried to persuade a truck-driver to take me into BRUXELLES but he refused until I gave him my watch. That night I stayed with his wife in BRUXELLES.

The next night I spent at the home of a blonde girl with a streak of black in the middle of her hair. She was about 27 and had a child of five. She owned a cafe and said that she had been working for the British and American governments in intelligence for seven years.

Then I was taken to the home of HENRY where I was given a phony identification card with no seal. JEAN PIERRE, the man who lived down stairs, was killed by the Gestapo.

The next day I met a nurse whose father had been an English captain in the last war. She told me that she also had been in intelligence work for the Allies.

I was sent to CHARLEROI, then to BOUSSU (13 mis south of CHARLEROI) and on to BEAUMONT. Here I stayed four days with a doctor's widow of about 38 who had two girls (about 19 and 16 years old).

Then I was taken into the woods near BOUSSU where I remained ~~eight days with 11 Englishmen, 2 Americans, 2 Canadians, 1 Pole, 2 Slovaks, and 2 Belgians.~~ eight days. Eleven other people were also hiding there -- 2 Englishmen, 2 Americans, 2 Canadians, 1 Pole, 2 Slovaks, and 2 Belgians. The resistance chief was DESIRE CROIN of WALCOURT (12 mis south of CHARLEROI).

The Gestapo got on the trail of this group, and we all scattered. S/Sgt Charles HIGGINS (E&E no.) and T/Sgt E.C. GILCREASE (E & E no.) left for France with one of the Englishmen. We heard a week later that they had been caught, but I have since learned that they escaped.

The other Englishman and I went to FAIROUL (3 mis E of WALCOURT) and stayed there for a month. We stayed with the priest who was named RALPH. Then we went back to WALCOURT and stayed at CROIN's home for four days. Then we went to the home of JULIE CONSTANT for four days.

Afterwards, we stayed in the woods for three days, then went to the home of friends of WALTER NAVELLE in BOUSSU. From there, we went to CROIN's house, then back to CONSTANT's home where we remained 63 days. (in Fontene Vel 3 mis SW of Walcourt)

On 24 May, the chief of the organization came from NAMUR to check our identity. He told us that a plane would be sent for us, and in the meantime we could continue to clean arms and help in various ways. We helped to collect supplies dropped to them and guarded bridges on raids.

On 3 September, the first Allied troops came through BOUSSU. They were part of the 7th Army, but a French captain advised us to wait in BOUSSU with the underground. On 7 September, the chief's son-in-law took me to BEAUMONT on a motorcycle, and I contacted the signal corps there. I was sent with a group of German prisoners and left them near PARIS. Then I got a ride to the airport and was flown to the UK on 10 Sept.

HIGLENN