

EXET 1969

C O N F I D E N T I A L

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-1286559 Rank 2nd Lt  
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Elton A. Skinner  
Unit 95 B Gp

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)  
on 10 Sept 1944 and has signed a Security Certificate.

He ~~should~~/should not be re-interrogated.

*Robert H Bacon*  
Major 2/Lt. Ac.

IMPORTANT:

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH) AN OFFICER OF M.I.9  
OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X DET.-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 Brook Street, London.

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

EVASION CAPTURED: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Name of Country: Holland

For all Personnel.

1. No. 0-1286559 Rank 2nd Lt. Name E.A. SKINNER  
(U.S. Army, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F. No. of missions) Air Medal w/3 clusters, 23 missions
3. Were you wounded? Give details. No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 334th Bomb. Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 95 Bomb. Gp., 6th (B.O.) Dfn., etc. Navigator
7. Date of Birth 6 Dec 1918 Length of Service 3 yrs. 5 mos.
9. Peace time occupation Hotel Private address 851 S.W. 4th Street Miami, Florida
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags & E&E Photos
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

FOR R.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 BARE OUT.

15. Post in Crew Navigator
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 0823103 G.B. Lloyd, GARLAND B. Dutch say captured 1st Lt P/W  
CO-PILOT 2d Lt W.P. Jones Willyp 0-686 982" P/W  
NAVIGATOR Narrator  
ENGINEER R.P. Allman Russell P. Shot in right hand, doctor amputated, taken prisoner  
RADIO OPERATOR 1st Lt Janssen John 37174496 Unknown P/W  
TOP TURBINE WINNER Gillmor, Marion T/Sgt Evaded, last seen in Holland 12198200  
P/W BALL TURBINE WINNER Rice, Ralph S/Sgt Unknown 12094917  
P/W WAIST GUNNER (R.) Robinson, George S/Sgt Unknown 32075983  
P/W WAIST GUNNER (L.) Hyght, Bartley S/Sgt Unknown 34103912  
P/W TAIL GUNNER Valek, Victor S/Sgt Unknown 36378914

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure. B-17G, Horham, 6 Mar 1944, 0730 hrs.
18. Where and when did you come down? Northern Holland, 1500 hrs.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Gave to people who took me in.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes, plane crashed and burned

Interview by I.S. 9 (WEA)

Date 10 Sep 1944

I grade this evasion No. 5

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

*Robert H. Bacon*  
ROBERT BACON  
2nd Lt., AC

Major

Disposal: Returned to unit.

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12th Army Group ....2 (less C  
9 AF .....1 "



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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) SKINNER ELTON A. Signed Elton A. Skinner  
 Rank 2nd Lt. A.S.N. 07286559 Dated 10 Sept 44 Place 63 Brook St. LONDON  
 Unit 334th Sq 95th Bm G.P. Witness.....

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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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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 (WEA) PERSONNEL

11 - Sept - 44  
(Date)

SKINNER, E.A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. 0-1386559  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

BERLIN 23  
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: MAR. 6, 1944

Returned to UK: SEPT 11, 1944

334<sup>th</sup> Sq 95 Bm. Gr.  
(Unit)

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

PILOT Lloyd } Dutch say they are prisoner  
CO-PILOT Jones }

NAVIGATOR \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBARDIER ALLMAN - Right hand shot + amputated prisoner  
(note from doctor)

RADIO OPERATOR JANSSEN Dutch say prisoner

TOP TURRET GUNNER GILMOR - EVADED - last seen Holland

BALL TURRET GUNNER RICE

WAIST GUNNER HYGHT } Dutch say prisoner

WAIST GUNNER ROBINSON } one might have evaded

TAIL GUNNER VALEK }

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.  
March 6 about 1500 near Hogovenen (north central Holland)

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

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?  
14000 ft.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?  
Bombardier shot in hand 1 hr. before target

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

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?  
saw it burn for 5 hours

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?  
I saw Bombardier took him to a house  
met TTC

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.

Received note from doctor saying Bombardier's  
hand amputated and in Hospital spent  
(over) over 2 months with T.T.C. - One other said  
to have evaded all others captured.



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

No

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?

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Were you wounded?

No

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.

Dont know any names

What security briefing were you given?

In Paris

What souvenirs do you still possess?

German belt.

Home address.

851 S.W. 4th St. Miami Fla

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

Dont know any.

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

all safe with me