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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 34543961 Rank T/Sgt 1750
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Richard T. Ennis
Unit 95 B Gp

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9

(WEA) on 7 Sept 1944 and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

Robert H. Bacon
Major 2/Lt, Ac.

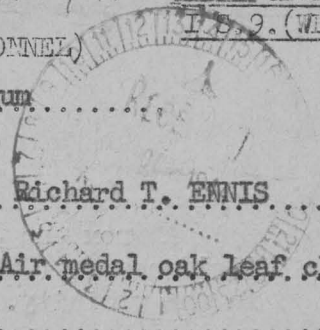
IMPORTANT:

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.

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

EVADED CAPTURED/~~ESCAPED~~ FROM (Name of Country) Belgium

For all Personnel.



1. No. 34543961 Rank. T/Sgt. Name. Richard T. ENNIS
(U.K. Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 14 missions, Air medal oak leaf cluster
3. Were you wounded? Give details. No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 334 Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 95th B.Gp. 6. Job. (Pl. Cnd., Rfn., etc.) Radio Operator
7. Date of Birth. 18 May 1923 8. Length of Service. 1 yr. 7 mos.
9. Peace time occupation. Civil Service 10. Private address. 6-B Victoria Circle
Panama City, Fla.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags and E&E Photos
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? A little French.

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 BALE OUT.

15. Post in Crew. Radio operator
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	<u>Mangan</u>	<u>Believed dead</u>
CO-PILOT	<u>Cox</u>	<u>In Brussels middle of July</u>
NAVIGATOR	<u>Gahn</u>	<u>Believed captured</u>
BOMBARDIER	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Saw parachute</u>
RADIO OPERATOR	<u>Narrator</u>	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	<u>Huff</u>	<u>Believed dead</u>
BALL TURRET GUNNER	<u>Smith</u>	<u>Alive in Belgium</u>
WAIST GUNNER (R.)	<u>Phillips</u>	<u>Evaded</u>
WAIST GUNNER (L.)	<u>Schultz</u>	<u>In Belgium</u>
TAIL GUNNER	<u>Riddle</u>	<u>In Belgium</u>

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure. B-17F, Horham 119, 23 Jun 1944
1600 hrs.
18. Where and when did you come down? Denderhautem, Belgium (15 miles N. Mons), June 23
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Belgian hid them.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Belgians stripped crashed plane

Interview by I.S.9. (WEA)
Date. 7 Sep 1944

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

Robert Bacon
ROBERT BACON
2nd Lt., AC

Disposal: Returned to unit.

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Approx end July 10 flying bombs were launched from a night fighter field nearby (Cambrou) (Since blown up by Germans) and out of 10, 7 fell in the vicinity.

Heard that the German CO of the night fighter field was allowing his Belgian office worker to gather up information. He would lay things on his desk, leave the room, and allow her to ~~copy~~ copy them. In this way she got the plans for a flying bomb, but she was taken by Germans a few days later. I don't know what happened.

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APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S. 9 (WEA)/6/65/1911

If further circulation of this information is made, it is important that its source should not be divulged.

No. 34543961 Rank T/Sgt. Name Richard T. ENNIS

Date of Interview 7 Sep 1944

I was helped by the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Paduart - Lombise, Belgium

Helped in a convent at Lombise, Belgium (north of Mons)

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No. 34543961 Rank

T/Sgt

Name (BLOCK LETTERS)

Richard T. Ennis

Unit

95 B Co

has been fully/~~thoroughly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9

(WEA) on

7 Sept 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

23 JUNE
Robert H. Bacon
1st Lt, AC.

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If returned to the UK, he will
report to 63 Brook St, London.

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Robert Brown

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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) *Richard T. Ennis* Signed *Richard T. Ennis*
Rank *T/SGT* A.S.N. *34543961* Dated *Sept 8, 1944* Place *London*
Unit *334th Bomb SQD. 95th Bomb GP* 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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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

SEPT. 8, 1944
(Date)

Richard T. Ennis 1/SGT 34543961
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

BRIDGE on the Seine 14
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: JUNE 23, 1944

Returned to UK: SEPT 8, 1944

934th Bomb SQD. 95th Bomb GP.
(Unit)

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

PILOT 1st LT. MANGAN - Believed Dead
CO-PILOT 2nd LT. COX - EVaded LAST heard WAS IN Brussels
NAVIGATOR 2nd LT. CAHN - Believed ~~DEAD~~ CAPTURED
BOMBARDIER UNKNOWN - Believed CAPTURED
RADIO OPERATOR 1/SGT ENNIS - RETURNED TO UK
TOP TURRET GUNNER 1/SGT HUFF - Believed Dead
BALL TURRET GUNNER 1/SGT. Smith - evaded
WAIST GUNNER 1/SGT. Phillips - RETURNED TO UK.
WAIST GUNNER 1/SGT. SCHULTZ - evaded
TAIL GUNNER 1/SGT. Riddle - evaded

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

JUNE 23 1944 - 2130 Near NINOVE, Belgium.
Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM ON FIRE ALL ENGINES WERE OUT.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

19,000 FT.
Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

No

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

CO-PILOT, NAV., BOMB, RADIO, ALL GUNNERS, TOP TURRET GUNNER'S

chute failed to open, we were told.
Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Yes

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

Yes

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.

No

(over)

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.

No

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? *CO-PILOT - IN Brussels, Received Letter FROM HIM.*

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?

Yes.

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given.

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What security briefing were you given?

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What souvenirs do you still possess?

GERMAN KNIFE.

Home address. *6-B-VICTORY CIRCLE, PANAMA CITY, FLA.*

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

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

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