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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) *Ewell M. Riddle* Signed *Ewell M. Riddle*

Rank *S/1st Lt* A.S.N. *34390100* Dated.....Place.....

Unit *95th 334 sqdn* 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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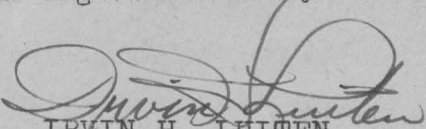
No. 34390100 Rank S/Sg t

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) EWELL M. RIDDLE

Unit 334 Sqdn, 95th Bomb Grp, Eighth Air Force

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)
on 14 Sep 19 44 and has signed a Security Certificate.

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


IRVIN H. LUITEN
Major, I. f.

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.

Upon arrival in UK, you must report at 63 Brook
St., for identification.

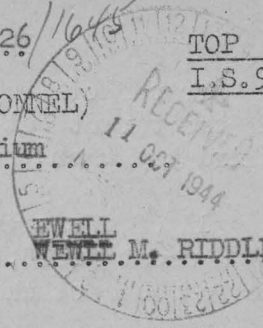
OF INDIA

SECRET

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

EVASION CAPTURED/~~RECOVERED~~ FROM (Name of Country) Belgium

For all Personnel.



- 1. No. 34390100 Rank. s/sgt Name. WELLS M. RIDDLE
(U.K: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Air Medal
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details. cut on left hand, sprained right ankle
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 95 B. Gp. 324 Sq.
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 8th AF 6. Job. (Pl. Cmd., Rfn., etc.) tail gunner
- 7. Date of Birth. 20 May 1921 8. Length of Service. 2 yrs.
- 9. Peace time occupation. farmer 10. Private address. Heflin, Okla.
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? dog-tags
- 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 BALE OUT.

- 15. Post in Crew. tail 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. Lt. Mangan I donot know what happened to other members of my crew. However, I do know that two chutes from our ship failed to open
- CO-PILOT. Lt. Cox
- NAVIGATOR. Lt. Cahn
- BOMBARDIER. Unknown
- RADIO OPERATOR. Sgt Ennis
- TOP TURKEY GUNNER. Sgt Huff
- BALL TURRET GUNNER. Sgt Smith
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) Sgt Schultz
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) Sgt Phillips
- TAIL GUNNER. Narrator
- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure. B-17 station 119, Eng. 23 June.
- 18. Where and when did you come down? Near Ninove, Belgium
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Hidden by civilians
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

Interview by I.S.9.(WEA)

Date. 14 Sep 1944

I grade this evasion No. 5

Ervin H. Luitzen
ERVIN H. LUITZEN
Maj., Inf.

Attached:

- Appendix "A"
- Appendix "C"
- Appendix "D"

Disposition: Returned to UK

Major

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

Our target was a bridge near the German border. We made two runs over the target but never dropped our bombs. We were on our way back for a third try when the plane went into a dive and caught fire.

All of the crew baled out, but two chutes failed to open. I landed near a wheat field, and ran for this and hid there. After it was dark a man came to the spot where I was hidden and arranged my journey from that point on.

I left my aids box in the plane. The money from the purse I gave to my helpers. I was briefed on escape and evasion at my base in England.

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)6/326/1648

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

No. 34390100 Rank s/sgt Name EWELL M. RIDDLE

Date of Interview 14 sep 1944

Alfred MOTEBOOM, Brulst, 13, Haaltert, Belgium, was the man who first contacted me. He carried me to the home of M. ACHILLE COPPINS, yondelen, 148 (OFL) Denderhautens, Belgium. I stayed at his home from 23 June to 9 Sept., and he provided me with food and clothing.

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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 15, 1944
(Date)

E.M. Riddle S/sgt 34390100
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: June 23, 1944

Returned to UK: Sept 15, 1944

95th Bomber 334th Sqdn
(Unit)

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

PILOT	<u>Morgan</u>	<u>Do Not Know</u>
CO-PILOT	<u>Lok 2nd Lt.</u>)
NAVIGATOR	<u>Cohn 2nd Lt.</u>)
BOMBARDIER	<u>Do Not Know</u>)
RADIO OPERATOR	<u>Carris T/sgt</u>)
TOP TURRET GUNNER	<u>Huff T/sgt</u>)
MID TURRET GUNNER	<u>Smith S/sgt</u>)
W/ST GUNNER	<u>Schultz S/sgt</u>)
W/ST GUNNER	<u>Phillips S/sgt</u>)
TAIL GUNNER	<u>V</u>)

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

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

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? Less than two thousand

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

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? All bailed out Two chutes failed to open

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? No

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 Two were found who's chutes failed to open they were buried in ~~the~~ Allost Belgium
(over)

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

Did not examine

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?

have no idea

Were you wounded?

ONLY A SMALL CUT ON LEFT HAND

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.

What security briefing were you given?

What souvenirs do you still possess?

NONE

Home address.

Route #1 Heflin ALABAMA

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

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