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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. *Gordon B Erickson*
2. Decorations. *—*
3. Unit or Squadron. *544 Sqdn 384th GRP.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *U.S.A.A.F*
5. Date of Birth. *MARCH 31 - 1919*
6. Length of Service. *4 3/12*
7. Private Address. *11150 STAFFON ST.
LUDINGTON MICHIGAN*
8. If in A.F., on what operation were you engaged? State place, date, and time of departure. Where and when did you come down? Were Aircraft and all instruments and papers destroyed?
*LE MANS FRANCE, July 19 43
GRAFTON Underwood, 40 Miles Due North of Le Mans, 4 Miles Due East of Sees*

1745
1919
24

9. If in AF, give names of other members of crew and what happened to them.

10. Give details and full story of your trip on attached sheets.

11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *NO*

12. Do you speak French? Spanish? *NO*

13. Did you have Identity Papers? *NO*

14. Have you been questioned before to-day on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom? Have you given anyone a written report on your experiences? Where and when? *Yes, to Major Clark U.S. Military ATT.*

15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?
*2. Donald Darling, GIBERAITOR (Verbal)
Major Clark, Donald Darling*

16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when?

Yes, Madrid GIBERAITOR.
17. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.
GIBERAITOR 8-15-43 BY AIR.

18. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
Plymouth England.

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E & E REPORT NO. 65
EVASION IN FRANCE

26 AUGUST 1943
(Date)

GORDON BERICKSON F/O T-60135
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

544 384
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 24 years
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 4 3/12 years
HOME ADDRESS: 111 So STAFFONST
CADINGTON MICHIGAN

MIA: 4 JULY 1943
Arrived in Spain: 17 AUGUST 1943
Arrived in Gibraltar: 13 AUGUST 1943
Arrived in UK: 16 August 1943

OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW

MIA: 4 July 43 - Over Noyen, France
544 Bomb Sq. 384 Gp

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RADIO OPERATOR	33350091	S/Sgt	Paul G. WELCH	MIA
ENGR & T/TURRET GUNNER	32281820	T/Sgt	Robert H. FINELY	NARRATOR
BALL TURRET GUNNER	32454255	S/Sgt	Willard B. FREEMAN	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	15090270	S/Sgt	Frank J. WINGERTER	NARRATOR
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BWIB 26 AUGUST

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Immediately after landing I took off my chute and hid it under a hedge. Several Frenchmen came up to greet me. We moved to a tall hedgerow where I started to give them my flying equipment to take away when they were suddenly frightened. They motioned me to hide and left but were back in an hour with food and an ointment to put on my burns. I was given civilian clothes. Because my back was sprained in landing a young boy helped me to a hay-loft where I rested until after dark. Then three Frenchmen guided me through the fields to joining F/O Erickson, S/Sgt Wingerter and S/Sgt Ashworth.

Sgt WINGERTER'S STORY:

After the order to bale out, I helped ~~the~~ Sgt Ashworth with his chute and then tried to open the waist door. The pins jammed. ^{When} Sgt Freeman joined us at the door I told them I was going out the Tail escape-hatch. Before I got there I saw the tail gunner sitting in the hatch with his feet hanging out. I motioned him to jump and looking back saw Sgt Freeman and Sgt Ashworth force their way out the waist door. I jumped then from the tail and pulled my ripcord at once. On the way down I saw great clouds of smoke off in the distance and counted five chutes in the air.

I landed in a farmhouse yard with four or five Frenchmen there to meet me. They took my chute and then guided me to a barn. I gave them all my clothes except kahki pants and a green woolen sweater. After I had my escape kit and money in my pocket they guided me to a hedgerow where I remained hidden until F/O Erickson and Sgt Ashworth joined us.

We left Grafton-Underwood 11.00 July 4th 1942
 to bomb Le Mans (Motor Works) France. We
 did not see any flock or enemy fighters until
 we started our bomb run. As we opened our
 bomb bay doors fairly heavy flock in patches
 came up. Saw enemy fighters in the distance.
 Dropped bombs and turned North. Flock hit
 our No 4 fuelled governor down. Could not
 feather the prop No 4 ran away. We started
 to fall out of formation. The fighters started
 attacking. They swept the whole left side
 of our ship starting at the nose. No frontal
 attacks. Our oxygen tanks were punctured
 and set on fire. I gave signal to bail out.
 The engineer went down and tried to open the
 bomb bay doors but they would not open.
 Then he went down to front escape hatch and
 tried to pull pins but could not get them
 out. He set on the door and slid out. The
 navigator & ~~tail gunner~~ followed him. The Co-Pilot
~~started~~ took thru bomb bay to waist and I followed
 him shortly thereafter but did not see
 Co-Pilot again. My cannels were on fire I hit
 the fire out with my hands & carried my chute
 back to waist & put it on. Went out left waist
 window. I baled out at between 18000 & 20000
 I delayed pulling my rip chord and found
 out minutely when chute opened. I saw 5
 chutes on the way down. I did not see any
 fighters on the way down nor did I see our
 plane. I landed in a pear tree and was
 held just off the ground. There was a group
 of 8 or 9 French then they took my chute.
 They hid me in a hedge row and left. I stayed
 there about 2 hrs when 2 Frenchmen came by
 with Sgt Ashworth I spoke and they took

While in hedge row I saw more of the same things as before.

...with them to another hedge row, where
was Sgt Freeman and Sgt Wingenter. The
French brought us food and blankets and we
spent the night. We stayed in the hedge row
Sunday night July 4th Monday day & night and
until about 7 AM Tuesday.

Later Sunday evening the French brought Sgt
Penly.

Sgt Freeman had a broken ankle and was
carried him.

The French came and had us move about
4 Kilometers to some woods. We walked back of
hedge rows and through fields. I F/O Erickson
still had on all my flying clothes except shirt &
Mac West.

Sgt Wingenter had on Raki pants & green
woolen sweater.

Sgt Freeman had on all flying clothes.

Sgt Ashworth " " " "

Sgt Penly " " French civilian clothes & S.I. shoes.

While in hedge row French brought a doctor
who treated us.

→ We stayed in woods until about 23:00 when 3
Frenchmen came back with a stretcher. The Frenchmen
were heavily armed. They moved us first to
the Mayors home in Mortree where we were fed.
Just before arriving we met Sgt Mankovity
who was being carried by 4 Frenchmen on a
stretcher. The two injured Mankovity & Freeman
we helped carry to some woods and left them
for the night. The next morning they were taken
to a French hospital.

night of 6 to 8:30
old
We were taken a short distance to a
shed and stayed there 8 days. While there we
were given more food than we could eat. Steel
visitors every evening. While here 2 men came

I was Dominick, again asked name, rank serial no & told us how to act. The Mayor was with them. They told us Org would take care of us they were trying to contact Head of Org in Paris & said they thought we would fly back.

We moved with Mayor his daughter & her boy friend 2 kids to a house. We stayed here until the 26th of July. Food brought in. House owned by Marcel he was the butcher in Montreal he brought us food. A boy 20 yrs brought us cider (Henry)

The night before we left Sunday July 25th the Mayor's wife came and turned over hair we were also given civilian clothing all except shoes. Next day given additional clothing that fit better.

26th We left about 8 PM in a car with ~~the~~ ^{two} ~~men~~ ^{men} to a small railroad station. Here we met the mayor & two French guides. The mayor told us to do as guides said. The guides had tickets & told us how to act. We drove in same car to another station nearby & took train 3rd class to Paris. Arrived about 2200 ^{there in Paris,} ~~rockets~~. We changed guides on arrival in Paris and took subway to Madame Farber's place. We were fed & spent the night and following day & night. While here we were taken out and photographed also many people came and took us out to drink & eat. Suzanne came and spoke English to us.

The professor tall slim (Paul) very athletic professor of mathematics. He took us & a young Frenchman took the other two to the station where we met Anthe Barbier who was to guide us. We went back to a small tavern and the professor made out our identity cards and then we all met to the station and the 5 of us

took the ^{express} train 3rd class to Ryon de Landa
 We changed at Bideaux no check here on the train.
 Took local to Ryon de Landa arrived about
 9.15 P.M. and were met ~~at~~ Manuel and he took
 us to the home of Harry (right arm off)
 We stayed Wed night and until Sat morning.
 While here studied G.I. shoes for French shoes.
 Gave us new identity cards, cuts of travel.

31st We left Sat morning early with 1 armed man
 + Andre Barber for Bionetz. Train stopped
 at Day a Gestapo agent in civilian clothes
 asked to see our identity cards we showed them
 + he was not satisfied with mine a Sgt Ashworth.
 He started asking us questions in French so Andre
 Barber did the talking for us. They talked
 for 2 to 3 minutes + Gestapo agent paid
 particular attention to our shoes. Finally
 handed back our cards.

On arrival at Bayonne identity cards
 checked again by a German Lt.

On arrival at Bionetz we were met
 by a Frenchman who took us to a tavern
 for us. ^{3 PM} A truck took about 15 of us about
 8 Kilometers toward Pyrenees. 5 of us, 1 armed man
 4 Frenchmen who worked with us + 4 Guides.

We walked thru until 7 PM then rested in
 the rain until 10 P.M. then walked until 12.15 AM
 and stopped at one of guides houses in Spain
 stayed in barn. Harry still with us.

1st August

Next morning Harry showed us the way to
 Aurtup and told us to call M. S. command. He left.
 We walked to town tried to call but could not
 so decided to give ourselves up to police.

We had destroyed all papers. Went to police
 station + they told us to go to hotel and eat.
 We had traded our French money to Harry he

us each 100 Pesetas. After eating we were questioned said we escaped T.W. Later taken to jail but slept in hotel + ate in jail. Stayed two days took bus + train to Irun then we were taken to an Army Hq + questioned. Then to city jail Photo + finger printed. Then to another hdy fully furnished. We saw Frank Red Cross man said he would contact Council at Bilbao.

5 August Thursday Council came + then returned Thursday and took us to sat us on train to Madrid.

Arrived Friday noon met by a young American. 6 August taken to Embassy. Saw Major Clark + Mr Bond + Mr Gilbert. Mr Albert attended to our papers. Stayed at Metropolitan Hotel 6 days. Left by car for Gib. on 3:00 PM Aug 13th stayed until Aug 15th on UK Aug 17th.

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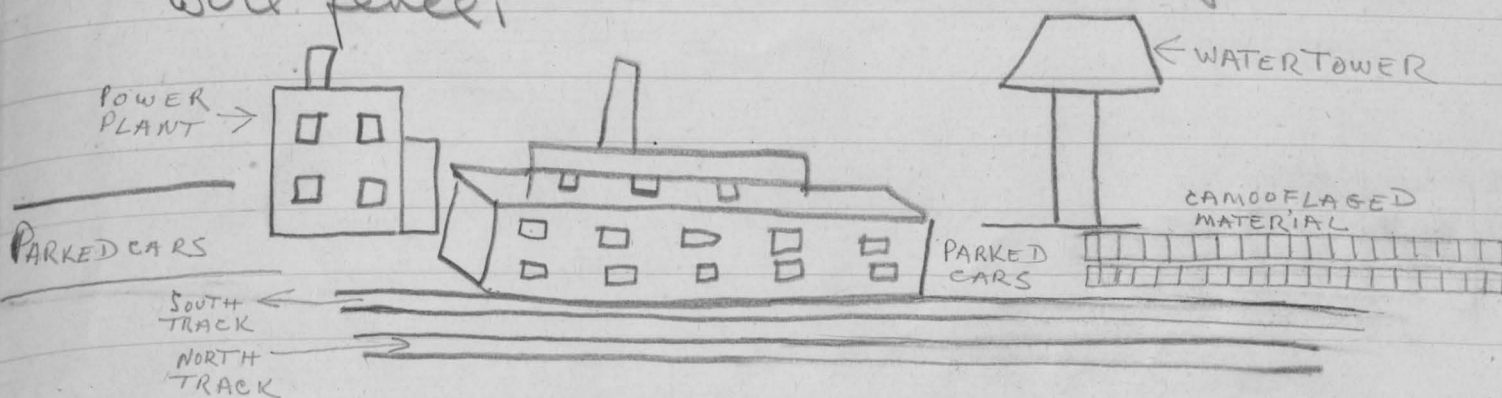
1. The following information has been obtained from an interview with an Officer and three Sergeants who evaded capture by the enemy, after being in enemy-occupied territory.

2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so, no information as to the source may be divulged.

Statement of information covering period from 4 July 1943
to 1 August 1943

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(HEAR SAY)

Train Schedule Near Mortree.

TRAIN FROM THE NORTH } 24:45

TRAIN FROM THE SOUTH }

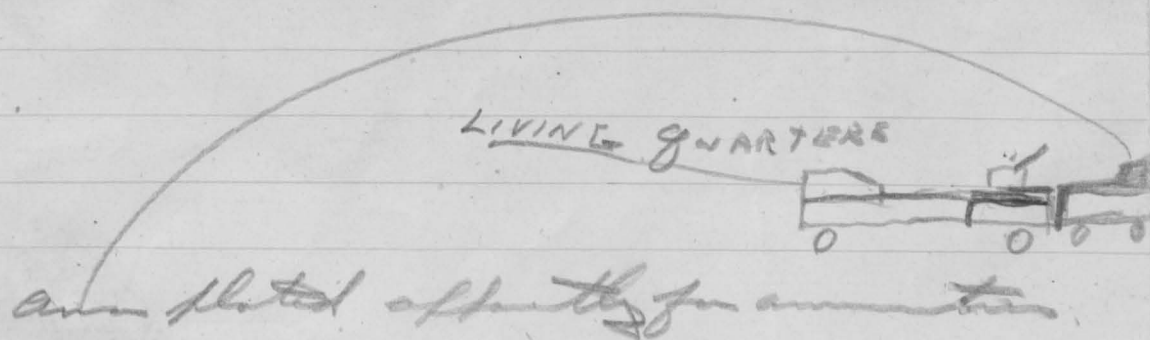
To Switchyards. Then AT 24:50 Continued
ON.

GERMAN SOLDIERS. Observed

Some appeared Extremely young
others in late 30'S & EARLY 40'S

Observed a locomotive that had been
shot. IT WAS IN A REPAIR YARDS IN PARIS.
IT APPEARED TO HAVE A QUITE A FEW
BULLET HOLES THROUGH THE BOILER.

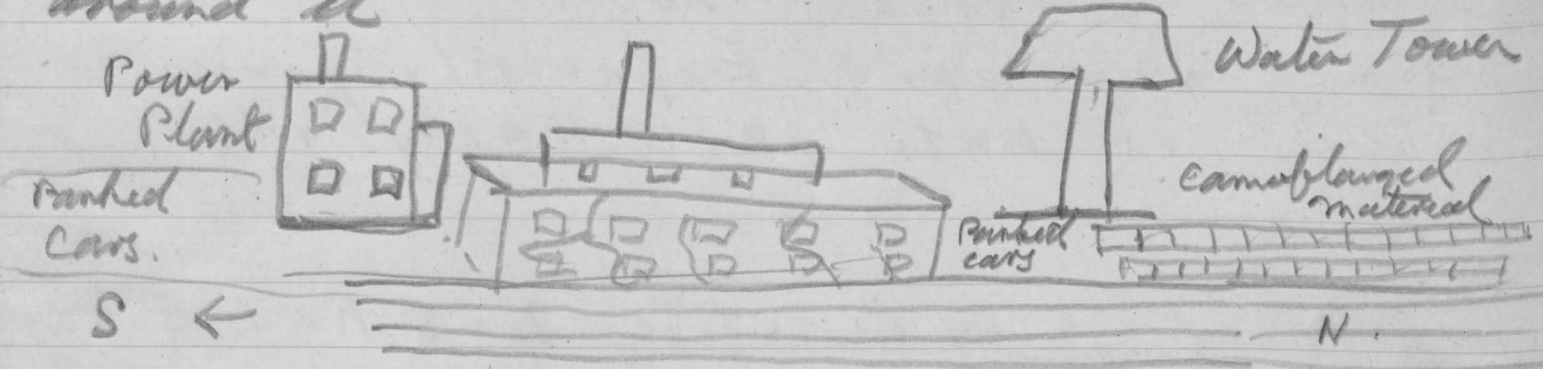
Freight Trains carried a ANTI AIRCRAFT
UNIT DIRECTLY BEHIND THE LOCOMOTIVE.
I HAD A CHANCE TO OBSERVE ONE.
IT APPEARED TO BE ABOUT THE SIZE OF
20 M.M. THIS GUN WAS THREE BARRELED
ON A FAIRLY HEAVY MOUNT. THE CAR
IT WAS IN LOOKED LIKE A SPECIAL
BUILT



A P P. R.

S/Sgt. Geo. Astworth

While enroute from Paris south, on the Paris - Combray railroad, about 30 min before we reached Bordeaux on the West side of the track ~~to~~ leading south. I saw a large factory estimated about 300 to 400 yds long with large Power House, and large water tower, and very heavily camouflaged, out in the yards there was long rows of what appeared to be tanks or Autos, and all very heavily camouflaged with nets. The whole place was had a barbed wire fence around it



APPENDIX D TO E AND E REPORT NO. 65

No., Rank, Name :- *F/O Gordon B Erickson - T-60135*
 Unit :- *544 Td Sqdn 3rd GP.*

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must 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? *Lost Due Clothing Being ON FIRE.*
- (b) If not, had you one on you?
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g. "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.
- (i) Horlicks tablets.
 - (ii) Chocolate.
 - (iii) Milk (tube).
 - (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).
 - (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).
 - (vi) Matches.
 - (vii) Adhesive tape.
 - (viii) Chewing gum.
 - (ix) Water bottle.
 - (x) Compass.
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box.
- (g) 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? *Lost Due To Clothing Being ON FIRE.*
 If so, state COLOR.
 If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse?
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
- (i) Maps. Which ones?
 - (ii) Compass.

(iii) File (hacksaw).

(iv) 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. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS*)

(* Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

(a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?
If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE.

(i) Round compass. *yes. Invaluable.*

(ii) Stud compass.

(iii) Swinger compass.

(iv) Fly-button compass.

(v) Pencil clip compass.

(vi) Tunic button compass.

(vii) Pipe compass.

(viii) Pouch.

(ix) Special flying boots (and knife)

(b) Were they satisfactory? *Hunting Knife used to cut parachute out of tree.*

(c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions which would improve the above equipment?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs?
If so, how many? *4,*

(b) Did you use them? *were given to helpers, were*
State how. *Re Photographed later*

5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape?
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *yes*
AT Base, By Major DILAN
Be Fore Each Mission

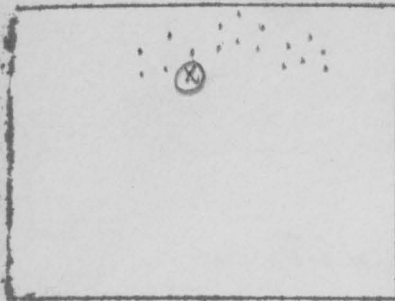
(b) Did you find the lectures of value?
yes. A GREAT DEAL

Small English - French Dictionary

Dickson

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GROUP 384 SQ 544 A/C No. 229960 Letter SU J Load 10-000 Date 4-7-43



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing NONE

Enemy fighter tactics: To: The rear of the ship
markings:

Our Tactics Slight Evasive Action

Our fighter support. SPITS going in (approximately 30 miles FROM EAST)
PH) Going out, same dist.
NONE over TARGET

Flak

	Time,	Place,	Quality.
Approx	12:30	L-MANS	Heavy, in patches.

(over)

Technical Failures

Motors

#4 Engine Hit By Flack in Prop Dome
Throwing oil all out.
#3 Eng Supper charger Fluctuated.

Armor

Armament

Bombidder's Gun Failed
Right Waist Gun Failed
Ball Turret Ran out of Ammunition

Miscellaneous

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

When a plan Falls out of Formation over Enemy Territory, Pilot should Have The Three Hatches pulled
Bombidder - Navigator.
MAIN ENTRANCE Hatch.
TAIL GUNNERS HATCH.

Motors

Armor

Armament

Miscellaneous

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

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Hq ETOUSA

19 October 1942

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TO : Personnel concerned.

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By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

(signed) RALPH PULSIFER,
Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

CERTIFICATE

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Name(Print) ERICKSON Gordon B. Signed Gordon B. Erickson

Rank F/O A.S.N. F-60135 Date 8-14-43

Unit 384th GP. 544th SgdN Witness Grady Lewis
GRADY LEWIS,
Major, A.C.



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MILITARY OBS. GIBRALTAR
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER
U.S. ARMY CASUAL DETACHMENT
GIBRALTAR

13 August 1943

SUBJECT: Orders.

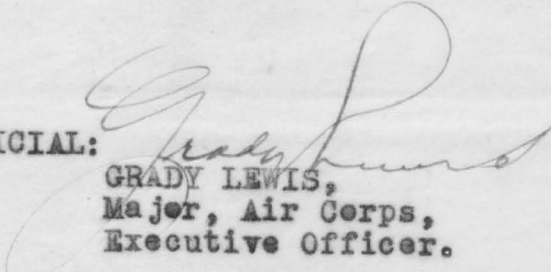
TO : Personnel named below.

Flight Officer GORDON B. ERICKSON, T-60135, 384th Grp.,
544th Sqdn.

having reported at this station on 13 August 1943, you are placed on temporary duty this office. Upon completion of this temporary duty you will proceed by first available transportation to LONDON, ENGLAND, where you will report without delay to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, U.S. Army. By authority of WD Cablegram No. 45, 4 February 1943, in lieu of subsistence, a flat per diem of \$6.00 is authorized while traveling on official business (except by belligerent or government vessel) and while on temporary duty this station, in accordance with existing law and regulations. TDN FD 1-5412 P 432-02 A 0425-24.

By order of Colonel FORSTER:

OFFICIAL:


GRADY LEWIS,
Major, Air Corps,
Executive Officer.

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Major, Air Corps,
Executive Officer.

Distribution.

MIS
Hq ETOUSA (A.C. of S., G-2)
Personnel concerned
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ESCAPE, EVASION OF CAPTURE, OR REPATRIATION.

This applies to Members of all Services.

1. It is the duty of all persons to safeguard information which might, either directly or indirectly, be useful to the enemy.
2. The Defence Regulations make it an offence, punishable with imprisonment, to publish or to communicate to any unauthorised person any information or anything which purports to be information on any matter which would or might be directly or indirectly useful to the enemy.
3. This document is brought to your personal notice so that you may clearly understand information about your escape or how you evaded capture is information which would be useful to the enemy, and that therefore to communicate any information about your escape or how you evaded capture is an offence under the Defence Regulations.
4. At the earliest possible moment you will be interrogated by an Officer or Officers specially appointed for this purpose, who will instruct you how to deal with questions by your family, friends, and members of the public, whether in the Services or not.

TO BE COMPLETED IN THE PERSON'S OWN HANDWRITING, AND WITNESSED BY AN OFFICER.

I have read the above paragraphs, and I understand that I must on no account disclose any information about my escape, evasion of capture, or repatriation, to any unauthorized person, and I undertake to maintain a strict secrecy about my experiences.

Signed Gordon B Erickson

Date 8-16-43

Full Name. (Block letters) GORDON B ERICKSON

Rank and Number F/O T-60135

Unit 384 Bomb Gr

Witnessed by [Signature]

9 April 1943

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By command of Lieutenant General ANDREWS:

Ralph Pulsifer
 RALPH PULSIFER,
 Colonel, AGD, Adjutant General.

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Name (Print) Gordon B Erickson Signed *Gordon B Erickson*Rank F/O ASN T-60135 Date 17-8-43Unit 544th Sqdn 384th Gp Witness *John F White*
Pvt. A.C.