

S E C R E T

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 141

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Unit:- 384 Bomb Group, 544 Bomb Squadron

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? YES
- (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. YES
 - (vii) Adhesive tape.
 - (viii) Chewing gum. YES
 - (ix) Water bottle.
 - (x) Compass YES
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? NO
If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? GAVE TO A FRENCHMAN
- (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? NO

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? YES
If so, state COLOR. GRAY
If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? YES
- (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? ONE OF FRANCE
 - (ii) Compass. NONE

- (iii) File (hacksaw). NO
- (iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. FRANCE - 2000 FRANCS
How did you spend the money. GAVE TO HELPER

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps.	GIVEN TO HELPERS
Compass.	" " "
File (hacksaw).	" " "
Surplus currency.	" " "

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE -- (GADGETS+) NONE
(+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. WHEN RUNNING FROM PLANE
- (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? YES

(c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions
which would improve the above equipment? NO

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

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

(b) Did you use them? NO. BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO SMALL
State how.

5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? YES
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. BOVINGDON, JULY 1943 - BY ENGLISH, S-2 OFFICERS
BY SQDN OFFICERS, S-2

(b) Did you find the lectures of value? YES, BUT SHOULD LECTURE MORE ON
KEEPING GI SHOES: NEED MORE MONEY IN ESCAPE KITS.

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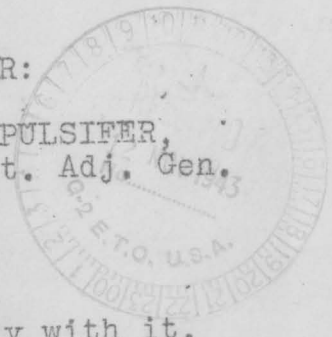
SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

TO : Personnel concerned.

1. It is the duty of all Americans to safeguard information which might, either directly or indirectly, be useful to the enemy.
2. It is an offense, carrying heavy penalties, to publish or to communicate to any unauthorized person any information which might be useful to the enemy.
3. Information about your escape or your evasion from capture would be useful to the enemy and a danger to your friends. It is therefore SECRET.
4. a. You must therefore not disclose, except to the first Military Attache to whom you report, or to an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations:
 - (1) The names of those who helped you.
 - (2) The method by which you escaped or evaded.
 - (3) The route you followed.
 - (4) Any other facts concerning your experience.
- b. You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the Press.
- c. You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.
- d. You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4a.
- e. No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of the War or Navy Department.

By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

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



CERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

I understand that any information concerning my escape or evasion from capture is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the American Military Attache to whom I first report, or an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name(Print) JAMES L. WAGNER Signed James L. Wagner
 Rank S/SGT A.S.N. 18160097 Date Oct. 22 1942
 Unit 384th Bom B. Group, 544th Bom B. Sqdn. Witness Gray Lewis
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9 April 1943

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~~MOST SECRET - BRITISH~~
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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
PW and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. JAMES H. WAGNER, S/SGT, 18160097
2. Decorations. NONE.
3. Unit or Squadron. 384th Bomb Group - 544th Bomb, 8 BDN.
4. Division (Army) or Group. 384th Bomb Group.
5. Date of Birth. SEPT, 4, 1921
6. Length of Service. 15th MONTHS.
7. Private Address. 208 F.S.E. MIAMI, OKLAHOMA.
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?
STUTTGART, GERMANY, DEPARTURE - NEAR KETTERING, SEPT, 6, 1943, ABOUT 7:AM. CAME DOWN N.W. OF PARIS AT 11:50 AM. EVERYTHING OF IMPORTANCE WAS DESTROYED. (NEAR PONTAISE)
9. What was your position in aircraft? BAH TURRET.
10. Were you wounded? NO.
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? MONEY GIVEN TO ORGANIZATION.
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? NO, NO.
13. Did you have Identity Papers? YES.
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? GIBRALTER BY MAJOR LEWIS, AND BRITISH MIS, BARCELONA, BY MISS GAUTNEY, MADRID, BY MAJOR CLARK, MADRID BY ENGLISH OFFICER. NOW WRITTEN REPORT.
15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?
NO.
16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when?
BARCELONA - OCT, 15, MADRID - 20, OCT, GIBRALTER - OCT, 22, 1943
17. Date of arrival in Spain. OCT, 10, 1943.
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. OCT, 22, 1943
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.
OCT, 25, 1943. 134 AIR.
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
OCT, 28, 1943.
PORT REITH.