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

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 11057514 Rank Sgt
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Cornelius P. McManus
Unit 384 B GP

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)
on 7 Sept 19 44 and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

24 APR
Robert H. Bacon
Major 2/Lt. Ac.

IMPORTANT:

THIS CERTIFICATE ~~SHOULD~~ 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 Brooks
Street, London

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

EVASION CAPTURED/RESCUED FROM (Name of Country).... **France**....

For all Personnel.

1. No. **11057514**.... Rank.... **Sgt.**..... Name **Cornelius P. Mc Manus**
(U.K: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions)..... **3 Missions**.....
3. Were you wounded? Give details..... **No**.....
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force)..... **544 Sqn**.....
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) **384 B. Grp.**... 6. Job. (Pl. Cnd., Rfn., etc.): **Gunner**....
7. Date of Birth... **25 June 1918**..... 8. Length of Service... **1 yr 7 mos**.....
9. Peace time occupation. **Crane Operator**... 10. Private address... **1 Wayne Terrace**
..... **Worcester, Mass.**
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph?..... **Identity tags**....
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language?..... **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..... **Waist 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 Baled out safely. (last seen in guerrilla battle, June 20, 1944)
CO-PILOT... (Rumored safe by French resistance).....
NAVIGATOR... Safely returned.....
BOMBARDIER... Same as pilot.....
RADIO OPERATOR... POW.....
TOP TURRET GUNNER... POW.....
BALL TURRET GUNNER... Same as pilot.....
WAIST GUNNER (R.)... POW.....
WAIST GUNNER (L.)... Self.....
TAIL GUNNER... POW.....
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure... **B-17, Crafter Underwood, Eng.**
..... **24 April 1944**.....
18. Where and when did you come down? **Near Town of Anglura, Marne, France**.....
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?.....
..... **Rolled chute and gave to a farmer**.....
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?.....
..... **Yes - plane crashed and burned**.....

Interview by I.S.9.(WEA)

Date..... **7 September 1944**.....

I grade this evasion No. **5**.

Attached:

- Appendix "B"
- Appendix "C"
- Appendix "D"

Disposal:.... **Returned to unit**..

Robert Bacon
ROBERT BACON
 2nd Lieut, AC
 Major

It is probable that records or history of the six evaders (opposite page) while in France were taken in a log kept by and RAF man killed June 20, 1944 in guerrilla battle.) White Russian troops (1500 or 2000) working for the Germans bayoneted the wounded RAF tail gunner.

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APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. IS9(WEA) 6/60/706

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

No. 11057514 Rank Sgt Name Cornelius P. Mc Manus

Date of Interview 7 September 1944

Mr. M. Hattat La Chappelle~~y~~ Laison
France, (Marne)

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Aubepart (June 22, 1944 - Sept. 5, 1944)
12 bis, Rue Simon - Desjardin,
Estissac (Aube), France

Delayed and defferred German searching parties at his home while
we (3) made our escape thru the rear.

Mr. Albert Lebrun Rue Simon - Desjardin,
Estissac, Aube France

Furnished transportation from place to place when necessary.

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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;
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.

1. 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**.

2. 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, or by A. C. of S., G-2, W. D.

- (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. 4.

e No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of A. C. of S., G-2, W. D., or corresponding organization in the theater.

GERTIFICATE

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 agency designated by A. C. of S., G-2, War Department, the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations, or to the Military Attache in a neutral country to whom I first report. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) McManus, Cornelius P
Rank Sgt A. S. N. 11057514
Unit 384 B. Grp. 544 Sqn.

Signed Cornelius P. McManus
Dated 9-8-44
Witness _____

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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 (WEL) PERSONNEL

9-8-44

(Date)

McManus Cornelius P. Sgt. 11057514
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

(Civ) Munich 3
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: 4-24-44

Returned to UK: 9-8-44

384 B. Grp. 544 Sqn.
(Unit)

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

PILOT Evaded, returned

CO-PILOT Evaded (last seen June 20, 1944 in battle)

NAVIGATOR Evaded returned

BOMBARDIER Same as pilot

RADIO OPERATOR P.W.

TOP TURRET GUNNER P.W.

BALL TURRET GUNNER Same as co-pilot

W.A.I.S.T GUNNER P.W.

W.A.I.S.T GUNNER Self

TAIL GUNNER P.W.

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

April 24, 1944, 12:00 noon, Anglure, Eastern France

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

Left waist window broken, fire thru to radio room
plane destroyed completely on crash

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

20,000 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?

All out All landed safely

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? Apparently (not seen crashing)

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

All six above mentioned were seen in good health up until
June 20, 1944

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.

Four above mentioned P.W.'s were taken shortly after landing

(over)

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

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?

Were you wounded?

Were you in German hands?

Did you kill any Germans in escaping?

Have you previously given the names of your helpers?

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

What security briefing were you given?

What souvenirs do you still possess?

Home address.

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.