

EXEM 2113  
C O N F I D E N T I A L

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 32782979 Rank S/SET

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) M. J. POLITO

Unit 384 B. 90. 545 B. 90.

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)  
on 14 SA 1944 and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

*Q. 14 Jans  
2113, CAC*  
Major

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.

If E & E is returned to the United Kingdom, he will report to 63 Brooks  
Street, London.

George Cosentino, 1st Lt, 0802728 P/W

Harold J. Speck, 7/0, T-122564 P/W

George S. Malcolm, 2nd Lt, 0944319 P/W

P. alito - narrator

Vincent P. Romano, 3/sgt - 12084491 MIA

Frank H. Butman, 3/sgt - 31174381 MIA

Clinton H. O'Leary, Sgt, 35276961 ~~MIA~~ KIA

Glenn M. Faust, 3/sgt, 33251730 MIA

James F. Stanley, 3/sgt, 34243895 P/W

Waldo F. Mariani, 3/sgt, 31067050 P/W

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

EVASION CAPTURE ~~XXXXXX~~ FROM (Name of Country) BELGIUM.....

For all Personnel

- 1. No. **32782979**..... Rank... **S/Sgt**..... Name **MICHAEL J. POLITO**.....  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) **Air Medal 2 oak leaf clusters..**  
**14 missions**
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details **Yes in right knee - flak**.....
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) **545 Bomb Sqn**.....
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) **384 B. Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Cmd., Rfn., etc) .. Gunner...**
- 7. Date of Birth **Jan 30, 1923**..... S. Length of Service **1 yr. 9 mo.,...**
- 9. Peace time occupation **Roller Skating Dance Instructor**..... LC. Private Address **286 Cromwell Ave.**  
**Dongan Hills, Staten Island, New York.**
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? **yes**.....
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? **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 **Bombardier (for the last mission)**.....
- 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... **2nd Lt. Constanteno - Killed or Wounded seriously by Flak**...

CO-PILOT... **5 men went down with ship all were killed... 5 chutes**...

NAVIGATOR... **navigator and engineer baled out after me. 4 men were taken prisoners, one of the men broke one or two of his legs.**

BOMBARDIER.....

RADIO OPERATOR.....

TOP TURRET GUNNER.....

BALL TURRET GUNNER.....

WAIST GUNNER (R.).....

WAIST GUNNER (L.).....

TAIL GUNNER.....

- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure **B-17G England Grafton...**  
**Underwood, Mar. 4 0700**.....
- 18. Where and when did you come down? **Flures, Belgium 1600 hrs.**.....
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? **Belgian Police destroyed everything.**.....
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? **I had no papers.**.....

Interviewed by I.S. 9 (WEA)

Date... **14 Sept. 1944**.....

(I grade this evasion No. 5)

- Attached:
- Appendix **"B"**
- Appendix **"C"**
- Appendix **"D"**

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**MICHAEL H. DANA**  
 2nd Lt., CAC Major

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

DISTRIBUTION;

Hq. I.S. 9 (WEA)..... 2

12th Army Group..... 2 (less C)

9th AF..... 1



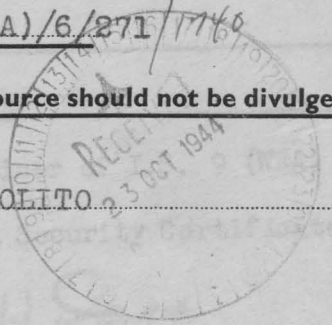
I baled out over Flurees, Belgium, 1600, 4 March 1944. Descend~~id~~ in a small farm. Old folks at the barn gave me pants and jacket. Taken ~~xxxx~~ into barn and hid there until morning, and left. Two policemen took parachute and mae west and disposed of it. Following day headed south. Leg was bad. Got help, passport. Tram to Charlois. And asked for pass. Got by to Mons by train (tram). Walked south to Quesmes and from there I was taken care of by organization. I was picked up by the Americans at ~~XXXX~~ Sept. 2.  
Hyon

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)/6/271/17768

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

No. 32782979 Rank S/Sgt. Name MICHAEL J. POLITO

Date of Interview 14 Sept. 1944



On April 1 joined Service Mark. worked with them until 2 Sept. 1944 and worked at HYON near Mons surveying roads, plans of military areas, checked vehicles. Turned in reports to Brussels. Worked under George Scholl (VN/CM I). Our plans on transparent paper, photographed and sent to (through Brussels). Telegraphed special information to London.

Has good letters of recommendations for his service with Service Mark (award?).

Priest of Ciply approx. 1 month

Madame Jacob, 161 Rue de Maubauge, Belgium 4 months.

George Scholl (same address) chief of Service Mark in Belgium.

~~Used escape kit.~~

~~carried money in purse and used it for expenses.~~

~~Briefed at base~~

MICHAEL H. DANE  
2nd Lt., 2nd

MARC SERVICE

12 September 1944

The below mentioned Michael J POLITO, 286 Cromwell Avenue, Dongan Hills Staten Island, New York, Staff Sergeant, 32782979 has effectively been a member in the Marc Service from 1 April 1944 to 2 September 1944.

This agent has always accomplished his missions on gathering information in a most devoted fashion. During all this period he worked in direct collaboration with the other agents of the group VN/CM in the Marc Service.

The Chief of Service

Boris

I certify this is a true translation:

*Charles A. Byron*  
CHARLES A BYRON  
1st Lt, AC



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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) Polito, Michael J. Signed Michael J. Polito

Rank S/Sgt A.S.N. 32782979 Dated Sept 15 44 Place .....

Unit 384 Sgp 545 Sedin 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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(See Reverse Side)

SECRET

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. 75, 44  
(Date)

Polito Michael J. S/Sgt 32782979  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Berlin 14  
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: Mar 4-44

Returned to UK: Sept. 15-44

384 Bomb GRP 545 Sqdrn.  
(Unit)

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

PILOT Constantine Wounded by flak  
CO-PILOT Don't know the names of other crew  
NAVIGATOR members - ~~that~~ The crew I flew with  
BOMBARDIER was not my permanent crew  
RADIO OPERATOR  
TOP TURRET GUNNER  
MID TURRET GUNNER  
WAIST GUNNER  
WAIST GUNNER  
TAIL GUNNER

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. 4 PM MAR 4 - Flerus Belgium

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
Engines ~~not~~ missing

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?  
Pilot wounded - 5 men went down with ship

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?  
Navigator + Engineer  
other 2 men??

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?  
4 men were taken prisoners

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.  
1 man broke 1 or 2 legs

(over)