

CONFIDENTIAL

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 38211105 Rank T/Sgt
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Curtis Easley
Unit 384 B Gp

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)
on 16 Sept 1944 and has signed a Security Certificate.
He ~~should~~/should not be re-interrogated.

Robert H Bacon
Major 2/Lt. Ac.

IMPORTANT:

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (PRETENSE) 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, DANISH, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVASION CAPTURE ~~RECORDED~~ FROM (Name of Country) France and Belgium

For all Personnel

- 1. No. 38211105 Rank T/sgt Name Curtis Easley
(U.K. Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 6 mission
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details Left foot, cuts on face, slight back injury.
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 547 sq.
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 384 B. GP. Job (Pl. Gnd., Rfn., etc) Radio Operator
- 7. Date of Birth 10 June 1918 Length of Service 25 mos.
- 9. Peace time occupation Teacher Private Address PO Box 275,
Ashdown, Arkansas
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? dogtags, photos.
- 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 Radio operator
- 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 0738222 2d Lt. D.C. Nelson P/W Hearsay HW
- CO-PILOT 0680527 2d Lt. E.L. Smith P/W " "
- NAVIGATOR 10601396 T/sgt J.H. Harrison Joseph Unknown P/W
- BOMBARDIER 0696575 2d Lt. S. Drake P/W " "
- RADIO OPERATOR Narrator ✓
- TOP TURRET GUNNER T/sgt V. Gregorich Vincent 29391674 P/W
- BALL TURRET GUNNER S/sgt Turner John H. 10068360 P/W
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) Extra gunner S/sgt Francis M. Seager 37221170 P/W
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) S/sgt Gomez Antonio 38114466 P/W
- TAIL GUNNER 20434636 S/sgt A. Brewer Unknown R+D
- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17F 1 Dec. 1943 0800 from Grafton underwood, England
- 18. Where and when did you come down? Boeschepe (Nord) France at 1300 hrs 1 Dec. 1943
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Hidden in ditch.
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? unknown

Attached:

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

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 16 sep 1944

I grade this evasion No. 5.

Robert Bacon
ROBERT BACON
2d Lt. AC

Major

Disposal: returned to UK

DISTRIBUTION:

- HQIS9(WEA).....2
- 12 Army Group.2 (lessc)
- 9th AF.....1 "

On raid on Aircraft plant in the Cologne area. Hit on way to target, one engine out. Bombed target, Straggled back and shot down in Péeschepe, France. Two Engines out and badly shot up. All parachuted out and all reached ground, plane crashed and taken away by Germans. Five boys taken prisoner.

Taken to home by Maurice Baey's wife. Injuries were cared for for many days and attempts were made for arranging escape. Contacted Raibroad Detective in Lille, France, who was to take me out by train. Many promises resulted in nothing and was finally told that they could do nothing for me.

Later contacted Belgium Underground who only offered binancial aid. Said escape impossible at that time. (talked of flying me out, June 1944)

Stayed with people with FTI contacted until Polish div. came through 5 Sept 44

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)6/231 / 712

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

No. 38211105 Rank T/Sgt Name Curtis Pasley

Date of Interview 16 sept 1944

Stayed with:

Mr. and Mme. Maurice Baey Bailleul, Boeschepe Nord, France

kept me all the time.

Mr. Mme Phiedman Margurite Last names unknown, Belgians just across frontier in Belgiu.

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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. 18, 1944
(Date)

Easley, Curtis T/SGT. 38211105
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Aircraft Plant
Cologne Area
(Target)

6
(Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: DEC. 1, 1943

384 Bomb Group - 547 Bomb. SQDN.
(Unit)

Returned to UK: Sept 17, 1944

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

PILOT 2nd Lt. D.G. Nelson - Taken Prisoner

CO-PILOT 2ND LT. E.L. Smith - " "

NAVIGATOR T/SGT. Harrison - Whereabouts UNKNOWN.

BOMBARDIER - 2ND Lt. Sam Drake - " "

RADIO OPERATOR T/sgt. Curtis Easley - Returned to U.K. Sept. 17, 1944

TOP TURRET GUNNER T/sgt. Vincent Gregorich - Whereabouts UNKNOWN

BALL TURRET GUNNER S/SGT. TURNER - WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

W.A.I.S.T GUNNER - ANTHONY GOMEZ (S/SGT.) whereabouts UNKNOWN

W.A.I.S.T GUNNER - EXTRA GUNNER, NAME AND whereabouts Not Known

TAIL GUNNER - S/SGT. ALBERT BREWER WHEREABOUTS NOT KNOWN

FIVE MEMBERS TAKEN PRISONER NEAR PLACE WE BAILED OUT.

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. 1330 ON DEC. 1, 1944

Village of Boeschepe (NORD) FRANCE

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

TWO MOTORS OUT, and Badly shot up By Flak & Fighters. SHIP WAS NOT ON FIRE

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 20,000 Ft.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? Pilot seemed to have been most seriously injured, hit in stomach (maybe hit coming down) ROSCOFF face cut up by Flak.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? ALL MEMBERS BAILED OUT. CHUTES OPENED - Trouble with chutes.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? NO

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? ONLY AT SOME DISTANCE - COULD NOT DETERMINE WHO IT WAS OR PHYSICAL CONDITION.

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.

INFORMED BY CIVILIANS THAT 5 WERE TAKEN PRISONER INCLUDING TWO OFFICERS - NAVIGATOR WAS ONLY MEMBER IDENTIFIED TO ME BY NAME BY CIVILIANS WHO AIDED HIS ESCAPE FROM VICINITY.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition? **Civilian visited plane Damage was ~~serious~~ Severe. Plane removed By Germans in One Month.**

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?

Fate of four member Not KNOWN.

Were you wounded? **Yes - Cuts about Face - Severe FOOT INJURY**

AND BACK INJURY

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? **GIVEN IN STATES - AT BOVINGTON AND AT Base. Quite EXTENSIVE**

What souvenirs do you still possess?

ONLY Belgium & FRENCH COINS

Home address. **PO. Box 275**

ASHDOWN, ARKANSAS

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

NONE KNOWN

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

NONE KNOWN.

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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-989 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.

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 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) EASLEY, CURTIS Signed Curtis Easley
Rank T/SGT. A. S. N. 38211105 Dated Sept 18, 1943
Unit 384 BOMB. GRP., 547 BOMB SQDN. Witness _____