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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

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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) Eugene WARREN Connor Signed Eugene W Connor
Rank 2nd Lt A. S. N. 0-741306 Dated September 19, 1944
Unit 384th Bomb Group 547th Bomb Sq W. Witness RS Will
1st JRM

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- *CONNOR, Eugene W. 2nd Lt. O-741306*

Unit:- *384th Bomb Group 347th Bomb Sqdn.*

Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training 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, why? *✓*
- c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".

Horlicks tablets. *used the first night. then french brought food*
Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *used chocolate and milk with*
Milk (tube). *water to make hot choc. while staying in the woods.*

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *No.*

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *yes. For purifying spring water.*

Matches. *yes, for fire in early morning*

Adhesive tape. *yes, bandage for my head*

Chewing gum. *yes*

Water bottle. *yes, for two days then it became useless due to a leak*

Compass. *yes, to get*

Sewing kit. *yes, to alter clothes given to me by French*

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?

e. How did you finally dispose of the box?

f. *I buried the box before we left the woods.*
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? *only the one in the escape kit*
State color of stripes and letters. *Red stripes*
If NOT, State why not.

b. Did you use the purse?

only until I started (over) traveling by rail

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones? *The large Scale of France*

Compass, *the small one*

File (hacksaw). *No*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *France Currency*
How did you spend the money? *only for quites the others*

d. How did you dispose of:- *would not except any for food clothing etc.*

Maps. *gave to french at frontier*

Compass. *gave to french at the frontier*

File (hacksaw). *burned*

Surplus currency. *None*

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion?

Yes, a small one from ser at my group. Sewed in flying suit

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? *Yes*

If so, how many? *Three*

b. Did you use them? *Yes for identity cards in France*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *Yes, at home group*

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. *by S-2. App. Oct. 2, 3, 4*

b. Did you find the lectures of value? *Yes - very*

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers?

Yes, do what you are told and keep your mouth shut.

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2nd Lt Eugene W. Connor "C" Report

I was bombardier of a B-17 shot down near Rhambluzin (Meuse) France on 14 October, 1943. I was joined on the ground by Sgt Yeryar (E&E No.) ~~of my crew~~, and Sgt Mauritho (E&E No.), both of my crew. We were first helped by Michel Perrain, of Rhambluzin. We stayed in the woods near the village, and this man and his family provided for all our needs. He helped us, as did a veterinary of the same town, until 19 October, '43. (The veterinary is known to Perrain). We were then taken to Souilly by the veterinary, where we were placed in the care of a baker, also known to Perrain. His place was across the street from the town butcher shop. We spent four days there, then on 23 Oct, we were taken, again by the Vet, to a woman in Verdun, known as the "Countess". She had helped others, and she said it was her business to get airmen into Switzerland, and advised us against going to Spain. We were ~~with her until 26 Oct~~ at her home until 26 October, when she took us to Belfort and turned us over to local guides, who charged 1800 francs to get us into Switzerland.

When we arrived in Switzerland, we stayed on a farm for three days, and then were picked up by police. After going to Berne, we were interned at Klosters, then sent to Glion on 1 May 1944. We were repatriated on 13 September 1944.

Sgt. Mauritho left us here. Sgt Yeryar was with me during the remainder of the trip.

Descriptions: Veterinarian: About 40 yrs, rather bald, spoke some English. Had been cavalry officer in last war. Tall, heavy. Married, wife expecting child.
Countess: About 40, two children, about 5'3", brown hair, medium build. Rich. Had large collection of Chinese furniture and gadgets. Her husband runs a factory for the Germans.

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CONNOR Eugene W. 2nd Lt. 0-741306

384th Bomb Grp. 547th Bomb Sq/W
Organization & Air Force. 8th AF

Shot down: Oct. 14, 1944 App. 20 miles SW of Verdun
Date & Approximate location.

Experiences after being shot down: Ship was blown up.

Treatment by French excellent. Furnished with food clothing and all the necessary papers for getting to Suisse.

Status: Escapee - ~~Evader~~ - Internee.

Date of Escape: Oct. 14, 1943

Date of Arrival at ^{Annecy} MAAF: Sept 13, 1944

Physical Condition: on arrival in Suisse good.

(internal injuries)

REMARKS: Treatment in Suisse fair more like interned personnel

Home Address: 1016 NEVILLE AVENUE AKRON Ohio

Departed MAAF Hq.:

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

CONNOR Eugene W JUN 17 9-741306
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: Oct 14-43

4 (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: Sept 1, 43

547th B. Sqdn 384th B. Group
(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (Please list names next to positions)

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT	<u>KOPF, William E</u>	- Dead	} escaped The french told us they buried SIX MEN from the remains of our ship. Spt. Bernard died in the village.
CO-PILOT	<u>Scott, Alfred W.</u>	- Dead	
NAVIGATOR	<u>Massey, Toscha</u>	- Dead	
BOMBARDIER	<u>CONNOR, Eugene W</u>	- blown - out	
RADIO OPERATOR	<u>Yeryar, Herbert E.</u>	" "	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	<u>Mauritho, Hugh</u>	" "	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	<u>Smith, Clyde (amf)</u>	- Dead	
WAIST GUNNER	<u>Perroni, Anthony P.</u>	- Dead	
WAIST GUNNER	<u>Bernard, Lee Roy</u>	- Dead	(Machined gunner IN chute
TAIL GUNNER	<u>Buddemeyer, Elton, E.</u>	- Dead	

Decorations: NONE

Date of Birth: May 29, 1918

Private Address: 1016 Neville Ave AKRON OHIO

Length of Service: 2 yrs 5-mo.

Job as Civilian: Clerk

From what field did you take off? Take off time.

Grafton Underwood App. 1130 hrs.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

Yes to my knowledge

Were you wounded? Give details. Yes. When ship blew up I was blown out some where in the nose cuts and abrasions on face neck and head.

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? Yes, 1900 french francs

Do you speak FRENCH? SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE?

Did you have identity papers?

Yes furnished at Verdun

(over)

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?

Yes, Annecy France Col. Hull

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?

Yes Annecy - France Col. Hull

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?

Yes Annecy France Col. Hull

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When?

Not until this one

Date of arrival in Spain: Annecy-France Sept. 12 '44

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: UK. Sept 19-44

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air.

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.

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Cannon, Eugene W 2nd Lt 0-741306
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Sept. 19, 1944
(Date)

391st B Group 547th Bomb Sqdn
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT
CO-PILOT
NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER
RADIO OPERATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER
BALL TURRET GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER

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

Near Rhambluzin France APP. 1700

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

Do Not Know - Ship was on fire and exploded

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

20,000 ft.
Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

Do Not Know French buried six from the remains of the aircraft

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

Sgt H.E. Yeryar Sgt. H. Mauritho Sgt. LeRoy Bernard - (all opened)
Sgt Bernard machine gunned in chute according to French.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Do Not Know Ship was burning
Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

Two - Sgt. Herbert E Yeryar (Radio op) Sgt Hugh Mauritho (Top-turret)
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.

French claim they took six bodies from AC identity established by writing crews names and asking - one unknown. Dog tags apparently established identity. Sgt Bernard died in village. Spoke French
Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

From a distance - on fire.

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?

Seven believed dead from information received from the French.

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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List all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defenses, AA batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.,.....)

None - informed S-2 at Berne Switzerland
All of my route is now occupied by
our forces

TOP SECRET

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APPENDIX C, TECH. SHEET

1. Did you jump or crash land? *Blown out.*
2. What was the town or village nearest to which you jumped or crash landed?
Rhambluzin, France
3. How long was it before you got help?
Approximately one hour
4. List the people who helped you and the location (city, town, or village) in which you were with them, including addresses where possible. After the name or description of each person with whom you stayed give the approximate dates between which you were with him.

① *Michael Perrain - Rhambluzin, France. Stayed in the woods near the village and this man and his family provided us with every thing essential.*
(Oct. 14-43 - Oct. 19-43)

② *A Baker in ^{Sovilly} Soevy, France has was the first place we stopped on our way to Verdun*
(Oct. 19-43 - Oct. 23-43)

In Verdun we stayed with a lady who told us to call her the Countess. We were with her from Oct 23-43 to Oct 27-43. She provided the necessary papers + clothes for our Railroad journey and then went with us to Belfort France.

5. List other American and British evaders whom you saw during your evasion and state where you saw them.

Sgt. Herbert E. Yeryar with me at Rhambluzin and the rest of the trip

Sgt. Hugh Maurice with me in Rhambluzin and until the time we left Verdun

Sgt James V. Festa — Verdun
Sgt. William Martin — " }
Sgt. Emmitt Hood — " } all got to Soevy
Sgt ~~James~~ Francois-Sylvia — " }