

JD
Comment on 716:

Sound procedure, especially
evader's care in determining the
intention of his helper and his
obedience to helper's advice -

E+E716
Sgt Mize
Apoc C

Twenty year old

Sgt. Mize landed on 10 February 1944 somewhere between DIEPPE and EU. A farmer found him at once, fed him and sheltered for three nights and then turned him over to two girls, PAULETTE MARCELIN and Mlle. BAUBESACHE, both of EU. They took him in a horse-drawn trap to TOUFFREVILLE - SUR - EU to the home of M. and Mme EDOUARD WANDRE (husband French, wife English) with whom he lived for three weeks in TOUFFREVILLE. At that time TOUFFREVILLE was cleared of its inhabitants, and Mize went with M. and Mme. WANDRE to EU. In TOUFFREVILLE M. BAUBESACHE had brought him clothes and had given him the airplane story. When Mize moved to EU with the WANDRES, he spent one night at the home of M. MARCELIN, PAULETTE's father. M. MARCELIN, M. BAUBESACHE,

and several other men held a conference, as the result of which Mize was the next day taken by automobile to HORNAY and turned over to JOE BELFE. That night Mize was kept at the house of a man called HENRI, and the next day BELFE took him to a farm at HALLIVILLERS (20 kms. due S of AMIENS) where he lived for three weeks with the farmer, his wife, and their eighteen year old daughter. Then ~~because~~ Mize was brought back to HORNAY where he lived for ten days in the house where Wilson Jones ~~was~~ ~~staying~~, and another American evader ~~was~~ had been staying. When LEAN FORAGES, BELFE's lieutenant was arrested, HENRI took the three Americans by train to AMIENS. There Mize lived for three days with Rutherford and Mays at the house of BENJAMIN. Then Rutherford, Mays, and eight others were taken to PARIS, and Mize joined Elisco, with whose journey his own from this point is identical (see E + E 713)

E+E 715

Sgt. Mize

Republic

N.A.A.F.I.

Please supply the following items:

We had reached the coast of

France on our way home when

~~suddenly~~ I heard the pilot

order us to bail out. The

~~oxygen system had failed, and~~

~~I could see blue smoke in the~~

~~waist; but I had no notion~~

~~what had happened to the~~

~~ship.~~ I left the ship at 15,000

feet and opened my chute at

12,000. ~~At 2 feet~~ I landed

in a patch of woods, cut down

my chute from a tree, in which

it was caught, and buried it

under some leaves. Then I

crawled a hundred yards

through the thick underbrush

and lay still.

BAIL-OUT
ORDER

Above fifteen minutes later

a farmer approached my

hiding-place. I watched him

for five minutes; and then,

confident that he was

looking for me and wanted

(next)

HIDDEN
BY
FARMER

WISE
PRECAUTION

to help, I called softly to him. He took me to a better hide-out in a gully and told me to wait there until dark. A German searching-party ~~was being in the~~ soon appeared in the vicinity, and several Germans passed within a few yards of me; but the farmer had hidden me securely. *

GERMAN
SEARCH

At dusk he returned and led me to his house in the village. There he fed me, gave me some civilian clothes, and then hid me in ~~the~~ his barn for the night. The next morning I wanted to ~~start~~ leave, ~~but~~ but

IMPATIENCE
~~PROPERLY~~
RESTRAINED

~~region~~ he begged me to wait a day and give him a chance to find help.

~~The~~ I consented to do this because he appeared to be genuinely concerned for me. That evening he brought me a message in English telling me to remain where I was for a few days. I obeyed, ~~but~~ and ~~the~~ two days later my journey was arranged.

JOURNEY
ARRANGED

E + E 715

Sgt Mize

App B

This evader has no military
information ~~to~~ to report.

E + E 715
Sgt Mize
App D

Aids Box:

I used ~~the~~ ^{one} benzadrine tablet, ^{the} chocolate bar, and the compass ~~which~~ immediately after landing.

Purse:

I had a red purse. I used the compass and the map of France and spent the 2000 francs for clothing and to ~~buy~~ petrol for my helpers.

Photographs:

I had three photographs, all of which were used on my French papers.

Lectures:

I heard my S2 officer at base lecture several times on evasion. The lectures were of great use to me.

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
P/W and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

E & E REPORT NO. 716
EVASION IN FRANCE

Proofed

(Date)

Walter A MIZE, JR, S/Sgt, 34684088

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

3 missions
547 Bomb Squadron, 384 Bomb Group

(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: FRANKFURT

MIA: 11 February 1944

Arrived in UK:

8 June 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-803326	2d Lt	Seth G WIDENER, JR		P/W
CO-PILOT	0-684413	2d Lt	Harvey W REID		P/W
NAVIGATOR	0-690525	2d Lt	Alfred L WICKMAN		MIA
BOMBARDIER	0-688523	2d Lt	Leonard GERBER		P/W
RADIO OPERATOR	38426567	T/Sgt	William E SMITH		MIA
TOP TURRET GUNNER	32459370	T/Sgt	George E CIFELLI		MIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	14083946	S/Sgt	James M MOSBEY		P/W
WAIST GUNNER	33314812	Sgt	Howard G BOON, JR		P/W
WAIST GUNNER	15354167	S/Sgt	John P SANTOSUOSSO		P/W
TAIL GUNNER	34684088	S/Sgt	Walter A MIZE		NARRATOR

Were you wounded?

On way home

Flying 18000 ft. over coast between Dieppe & Le Tréport. Something went wrong & order to bail out was given. Pilot turned back & headed down. I jumped at 15000 ft. Ship was filled with smoke. I was first out from waist. I opened chute at about 12000 ft. Then I saw plane hit ground & blow up. I saw a farmer in a valley. I landed in a patch of wood, parachute hung over tree about 6 ft high. Had a knife & cut chute down & hid it in leaves. I crawled through thicket 100 yds. About 15 minutes after I had hidden in thicket the farmer came. I watched him for 5 minutes, then spoke to him. He hid me in a gully at once & told me to wait till dark. Germans hunting me passed within few yards. At dusk farmer returned and took me to his house in the village. He gave me some rude civilian clothes & food. He wanted me to wait a day until he could find help. ^{Hept in barn that night} Next night he brought me a message in English saying "Wait a few days. Perhaps tomorrow evening. Good luck." Next night he brought me another message in English "OK Tomorrow you will be in good hands. Follow me"

whose house you are now in at 1.30 PM. tomorrow." 2
Next day he gave me a pitchfork + led me a mile to
a highway + ~~at first~~ we meet a horse + buggy. Two
beautiful girls (PAULETTE MARCELIN - home in
EU [speaks some English, about 20 yrs, blonde (sandy)

> - BAUBESACHE [Lives in EU, father has
helped evaders; blonde (sandy) about 20 yrs old]

These two girls took me to a town (TOUFFREVILLE
near le TREPURT + EU) to a house of an
English woman husband French and

a niece M. + Mme EDOUARD WANDRE. Next

day M. BAUBESACHE brought me good clothes + I
gave him 1200 francs. He gave me airplane story.

I stayed until the people had to evacuate (3
weeks) and then I went to EU with them. I

stayed one night at M. MARCELIN's house
(Paulette's father). He brought M. Baubeseche +

several other men + they told me I'd leave by car next
day. A man next day drove me in a car to JOE

BELFE in HORNNOY. Joe took me that night
to see Wilson Jones + Frederick (known to Jones; caught
(now here) in PAS)

and that night I stayed with HENRI's family.

The next day JOE took me to HALLIVILLERS (near
Hornoy) to a farm (man + woman + daughter of 18)

where I stayed about 3 weeks. Then I was
moved back to Hornoy to stay with Wilson Jones
where we stayed about a week or ten days. Then

20 kms
S. of
AMIENS

JEAN, Joe Belle's client, is named FORAGES

↑

when Jean was arrested we had to get out. We ³ (the three
7no) left with HENRI on train for Amiens, there
we went to BENJAMIN's house. I stayed 3
days with Benjamin (Mays + Rutherford also here)
Then Jean was sent out but I was left. I and

MAURICE ELISCO went to ~~a house~~ with coiffeur
to house of JEAN (he + wife - about 30 - + 1 km
about 7; JEAN sells bicabros). After five days
we go back to coiffeur's house. Coiffeur takes us
to the house of a wealthy grocer. Stay here
for several days. Left there with nine others
(Lindell, Elisco, Friuli, BAIRSTON) for Paris.

From here on story same as Lindell's.

- Except for this incident -

In Paris five of us went to Gabry's house. Genevieve
came to see us here. Next day I + Elisco, Lindell
went to another house - man (gendarme) + his
wife + small child. ~~Li~~ -
I left here with Elisco + Lindell + met Friuli +
Lt Edward BAIRSTON.

a) Germans were ploughing ditches in all level pastures which might be used for airplane landings (Kessauy end of February, 1944)

b) ~~The~~

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 716

No., Rank, Name:- *S/sgt. Walter G. Mize Jr. 34684088*

Unit:- *384 GP, 547 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. *DID NOT USE*

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. *IN WOODS AFTER LANDING*

Milk (tube). *NO*

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *ONE IN THE WOODS*

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *NO*

Matches. *NO*

Adhesive tape. *NO*

Chewing gum. *NO*

Water bottle. *NO*

Compass. *YES. TRYING TO DECIDE WHERE I WAS AFTER LANDING.*

Sewing kit. *NO*

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *NO*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *BURNED IT.*
- f. 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?

A SMALL PACK OF CIGARETTES. EVEN ONE BUTT

WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *YES*
State color of stripes and letters. *RED*
If NOT, State why not.

- b. Did you use the purse? *YES*

(over)

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

Maps. Which ones? THE MAP OF NORTHERN FRANCE

Compass. YES

File (hacksaw). NO.

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. 2,000 FRANCS

How did you spend the money?

FOR CLOTHES, AND GASOLINE

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. GIVE THEM TO FRENCH.

Compass. " " " " " "

File (hacksaw). " " " " " "

Surplus currency. USED IT ALL

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

NO.

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? YES

If so, how many? 3

b. Did you use them? YES

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

YES. AT MY BASE BY THE PW OFFICER SEVERAL TIMES

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

VERY, VERY MUCH.

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

NO.

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
F/W and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

E & E REPORT NO 7186
EVASION IN

JUNE 8-44
(Date)

WALTER A. MIZE JR. S/SGT. 34684088
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
3 (No of Missions)
547 384
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET:

11 F1A44

Date Missing in Action: 2-10-44

Date Arrived in UK: JUNE 8-44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know

- PILOT S.G. WIDENER
- PILOT REED?
- COPILOT WICKMAN
- BOMBARDIER L. GERBER
- RADIO OPERATOR W.E. SMITH
- TOP TURRET GUNNER G. CEFFELI
- MID TURRET GUNNER J. MOSBEY
- WAIST GUNNER H. BOONI
- WAIST GUNNER J. SANTASSUSO
- TAIL GUNNER W.A. MIZE JR.

John J. York
Wm C. Dancy

The French told me that six of the crew escaped and four were captured. They did not know who were captured and who got away. I have never seen any of the crew at all. I don't know what has happened to them.

Were you wounded?

No.

TOP SECRET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

WALTER A. MIZE JR. S/SGT. 34684088
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

(Date)

384 GP. 547 SQDN
(Unit)

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

*Feb. 10-44, - 15:30 - BETWEEN DIEPPE AND EU FRANCE ABOUT
2 MILES INLAND*

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.

Was it on fire, etc?

*all I could see was the oxygen went out and there was some sort
of fire because there was dense blue smoke in the waist.*

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

15,000 ft.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

as far as I know they were not.

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

*Drops the first man out. I counted four other chutes, but everyone
got out according to the French. All chutes opened according to them.*

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

yes

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

no

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so give detailed furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

The French said ten men bailed out and all chutes opened.

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

no

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and 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?

*I think they were all captured because I did not see any of them
after the jump, and the Germans were searching because they
passed by me when I was in a forest.*

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
P/W and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. *S/Sgt. WALTER ALVEST MIZE JR. 34684088*
2. Decorations. *NOT ANY.*
3. Unit or Squadron. ~~384~~ *547*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *384*
5. Date of Birth. *AUG. 18, 1923*
6. Length of Service. *17 MONTHS.*
7. Private Address. *198 ELBERT ST., ATHENS, GA.*
8. Job as civilian. *MACHINE SHOP.*
9. From what field did you take off? *384 GP.*
10. Take off time. *APPX. 8.00*
11. Date and target. *FRANKFORT, GERMANY - FEB. 10-44*
12. Where did you land? *BETWEEN DIEPPE AND EU FRANCE ABOUT
2 MILES INLAND.*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?
YES
14. What was your position in aircraft? *TAIL GUNNER*
15. Were you wounded? *NO*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *NO*
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? *NO.*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *YES*
19. 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?
*YES. GIB. BRITISH INT. OFFICER
JUNE 6-44*
20. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? *NO.*
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when?
YES, JUNE 6 AT GIB TO AMERICAN OFFICER
22. Date of arrival in Spain.
MAY 7-44
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar.
JUNE 5-44
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.
GIB. BY AIR
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
BRISTOL, JUNE 8-44

AG 383.6

Hq ETOUSA

19 October 1942

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) WALTER A. MIZE JR. Signed Walter A. Mize Jr
Rank Sgt. A.S.N. 346840 88 Date June 5, 1944
Unit 384TH GP. Witness Horace W. Forster

HORACE W. FORSTER,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
U. S. Mil. Lia. Off.

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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.
3. *b* You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.
4. *c* You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.
5. *d* You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4.
6. *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) WALTER A. MIZE JR. Signed Walter A. Mize Jr.
Rank S/Sgt. A. S. N. 34684088 Dated June 8, 1944
Unit 384TH BR. 547TH SQDN Witness _____

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
OFFICE OF THE A. C. OF S., G-2

DATE: 9 June 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, JOHN PRIGGINS, Capt., AC, 0-566463

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

WALTER A. MIZE, Jr., S/Sgt., AC, 34684088

prior to his being reported missing in action over enemy territory.

The person whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon is the individual referred to above.

Walter A. Mize Jr.

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



John Priggins

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The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as WALTER A. MIZE, Jr., S/Sgt., AC, 34684088 (547 Bomb Squadron - 384 Bomb Group) previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

W. F. Maranda
W. F. MARANDA, SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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