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5 September 1943

MIA: 26 June 1943 Arrived in Spain:

12 August 1943

Arrived in Gibraltar:

27 August 1943

23 August 1943

Arrived in UK:

# EVASION IN FRANCE

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GRAFTON UNDERWOOD 26 June 1943

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ATTACKED BY FW's

Fighters (about 15) were coming in low at 6 o'clock, singly. The weather was cloudy and there was no flak. Sgt AGUIAR, ball-turret gunner, shot down two fighters - one went down trailing heavy black smoke and the other, after coming in to fifty yards, fell away in a

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spiral. Just then I heard the pilot call the navigator for the course home but before he got the course he called out, "I've lost all four engines! Bale out!" The navigator had trouble with the escape hatch and after getting the door away was stuck for about a minute before he got out of the ship. I followed him out at 22000 feet and the engineer was immediately behind me.

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JOURNEY ARRANGED Early the next morning a different friend brought civilian clothes and told me that he knew where other members of my crew were. We waited until night before the young man who was sheltering me took me to a small village, where I spent three days in an abandoned house across the street from a new friend who brought food to me during the day. On 30 June I was moved to another village where I joined Sgt AGUIAR. From here our journey was arranged.

## SGT AGUIAR'S STORY UNTIL JOINING LT HUNT:

I did not hear the order to bale out but I saw Sgt JENKINS leaving the plane and another chute below. As I opened the door of the turret I saw Sgt COSTELLO jump and Sgt McFARLAND going toward the bomb-bay doors. After removing my oxygen mask I put on my chute and bale-out oxygen bottle, then went out by the waist door. I delayed but a few seconds before pulling the ripcord. There were six chutes below me. Our plane made a wide circle and passed very close to me. I did not see it crash and when I last saw it one engine was still wind-milling.

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I landed, uninjured, in a plowed field. After unbuckling my chute I rolled my Mae West in it and ran to a small wood about fifty yards away. I had been in hiding for about fifteen minutes and was studying my escape maps when two Frenchmen approached. They whistled and circled me twice before I came out to speak to them. One spoke some English and said that the Germans were in the neighborhood. They pointed to some fields and told me to crawl through to the edge and they would come for me that night. It took me about four hours to crawl to the place I was to be met but I did it very carefully for I could hear Germans occasionally though I did not see them. After midnight a young boy came for me and took me to his home. I was given civilian clothes and before morning moved to another house where I stayed until joined by Lt HUNT.

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#### APPENDIX "B" TO E & E REPORTS NOS 81 & 82

- 1. The following information has been obtained after an interview with an Officer and a Sergeant who evaded capture by the enemy, after being in enemy-occupied territory.
- 2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so, no information as to the source may be divulged.

Statement of information covering period from 26 June 1943 to 12 August 1943

- l. At MASSY PALAISHAU there is a very large railroad junction with a great deal of night activity. Told that it was movement of supplies. July 1943
- 2. CYR DE SATORY (this town is unidentified) a large munitions dump here. July 1943
- 3. Between ROUEN and GOURNAY in a forest by the side of a main road there are many troops and a large number of blockhouses. July 1943
- 4. Northwest of PONTOISE, between PONTOISE and MARINES there is an airdrome which is camouflaged to resemble a village. It has underground hangars. July 1943
- 5. Many locomotives were seen at a main railroad junction (ACHERES) between ROUEN and PARIS. Travelling to PARIS from ROUEN, a large airdrome was seen just outside of PARIS with many camouflaged twin-engine, twin-tail ships dispersed over the field.
- 6. Saw a small arsenal in a cave in woods near BEZULA FORET which contained about 25 English-type machine guns, 50 Luger pistols, several kegs of daggers and several kegs of winchester ammunition, also several kegs of dynamite. Told that these were dropped at night by British planes to Frenchmen who had it hidden until the Allied invasion. July 1943
  - 7. A newly constructed radio station about halfway between DOUDEAUVILLE and ROUEN was seen from road. It was located at a large cross-roads where two main roads cross at right angles. It was built underground with only the roof showing. Constructed of wood and brick, it had three large loop antennae. July 1943
- 8. About 7 August, bomb-proof shelters were in process of construction at German Headquarters about a block from the Arc de Triomphe in PARIS.
  - 9. Anti-aircraft gun emplacements with sound detectors were built on the largest hill in ROUEN. July 1943

- 10. While travelling by train from BORDEAUX to DAX much activity (troop movement) was noted. Several trains carrying small tanks were passed.

  August 1943
- 11. All German troops seen were very young and very poorly dressed. They appeared tired and depressed. The officers were not of much better spirit than the men but were better equipped. July August 1943
- 12. There is a large training airdrome near BAYONNE using ME 109's. Evaders informed that it was a training field for pilots and one of the largest. August 1943
- 13. There were large boats, which appeared to be transports, in the river at BORDEAUX. There were many German ships docked at ROUEN. August July 1943
- 14. From a train, a large and busy cement factory was seen about half-way between ROUEN and PARIS. July 1943

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#### APPENDIX "E" - TECHNICAL INFORMATION

NAME William (NMI) AGUIAR RANK S/Sgt ASN 31036351 REPORT NO. 82

SQ 544 GROUP 384 A/C NO. 230031 Letter Load 5000 Date 26 June 1943

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Position in formation. Make Diagram

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Observed results of Bombing:

Unobserved

Enemy Fighter Tactics: Attacked our formation from 6 o'clock low. Number one and Markings: number three aircrafts of our squadron went down. I saw four parachutes from number three aircraft. A squadron of ME 109's attacked our plane at 6 o'clock, low. I fired upon one enemy aircraft and saw it go down in black smoke. Our Tactics: Several ME 109's attacking our aircraft hit the tailplane with cannon. ME 109 approached about 50 yards below ball turret in a half roll. I fired at it and saw it go down in a spin. S/Sgt ULLMER, tail gunner, saw the same go down. One week later Frenchman said he saw two ME 109's that were shot down on 26 Our Fighter Support: June in area where our aircraft went down.

No fighter support.

Flak

Time Place Quality

1720 hours

Coast of France Slight

Technical Failures

Motors: Lost all four engines.

Armor:

Armament: Good order.

Miscellaneous:

#### Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

Ball-turret gunners should take portable oxygen bottle in Ball. It was very helpful in my case.



### APPENDIX "E" - TECHNICAL INFORMATION

NAME Tom J.E. HUNT RANK 2d Lt ASN 0-732619 REPORT NO. 81

SQ 544 GROUP 384 A/C NO. 230031 Letter SUD (?) Load 5000 Date 26 June 1943

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Position in formation. Make Diagram

Check indicated position of aircraft

Observed results of Bombing:

None.

Enemy Fighter Tactics:

Markings: 6 o'clock low, MR 109's.

Our Tactics: Evasive action.

Our Fighter Support: None

Flak

Time Place Quality

1730 hours Over coast of France on the way to target. Quality, slight. rechnical Failures

Motors: Lost all four engines.

Armor:

Armament: Good order.

Miscellaneous:

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

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#### APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 82

No., Rank, Name: 31036351, S/Sgt, William (NMI) AGUIAR

Unit:- 544 Bomb Squadron, 384 Bomb Group

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must 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? No
- (b) If not, had you one on you? Yes Not needed
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use?
  Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.
  - (i) Horlicks tablets.
  - (ii) Chocolate
  - (iii) Milk (tube).
  - (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue)
  - (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).
  - (vi) Matches.
  - (vii) Adhesive tape.
  - (viii) Chewing gum.
  - (ix) Water bottle.
  - (x) Compass
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?

  If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box?
- (g) 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? Yes

  If so, state COLOR. Tan with Mark IV

  If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? Yes
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
  - (i) Maps. Which ones? Northern France and Spain.
  - (ii) Compass.

- (iii) File (hacksaw).
- (iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

  How did you spend the money. Spent with guides.
- (d) How did you dispose of:

Maps.
Compass.

Gave to guides.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

- 3. AIDS TO ESCAPE (GADGETS+) (\*Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)
  - (a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?

    If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE
    - (i) Round compass.
    - (ii) Stud compass.
    - (iii) Swinger compass.
    - (iv) Fly-button compass.
    - (v) Pencil clip compass.
    - (vi) Tunic button compass.
    - (vii) Pipe compass.

(viii) Pouch

- (ix) Special flying boots (and knife).
- (b) Were they satisfactory?
- (c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions which would improve the above equipment?

#### 4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

- (a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? Yes If so, how many? One
- (b) Did you use them? No because it was too small. State how.

#### 5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? Yes State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

Nebraska, May 10, 1943

Kettering, June 20, 1943

(b) Did you find the lectures of value? Yes

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  - (i) Horlicks tablets.
  - (ii) Chocolate (-) First night.
  - (iii) Milk (tube).
  - (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue) Carried them too long and they were crushed to powder which I lost through a hole in paper container. I needed Halazone tablets (water purifier). it more than any of the other article
  - (vi) Matches.

Would suggest a stronger container to put them in as they would have been very useful.

- (vii) Adhesive tape.
- (viii) Chewing gum.
- (ix) Water bottle.
- (x) Compass
- (xi) Iodine used to put on cuts on face and hands (from parachute).(e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? Buried it.
- (g) 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? Stronger container for Benzadrine tablets.

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  If NOT, state why not.
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  - (i) Maps. Which ones? Northern part of France and Spain.
  - (ii) Compass. Yes

- (iii) File (hacksaw).
- (iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. Gave part to
  How did you spend the money. Frenchman for disposing of parachute
  and life vest and part for food.
- (d) How did you dispose of :-

Maps. Gave to helpers.

Compass. Still have it.

File (hacksaw). Gave to helpers.

Surplus currency. None

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    - (iii) Swinger compass.
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    - (v) Pencil clip compass.
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- (ix) Special flying boots (and knife).
- (b) Were they satisfactory? Yes
- (c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions which would improve the above equipment?

#### 4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

- (a) Did you carry passport-size photographs?

  If so, how many? Three but they weren't proper size. Had to have others taken for papers.
- (b) Did you use them?
  State how.

#### 5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape?
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.
By Major Dolan - Group intelligence officer, during training before operations.

(b) Did you find the lectures of value? Some of the lectures were helpful but parts of them were misleading.

#### HQ, ETOUSA

#### OFFICE OF AC OF S, G-2

#### MIS DETACHMENT

# QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

- 1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. Tom J.E. HUNT 2ND. LT. 0-132619
- 2. Decorations.
- 3. Unit or Squadron. 544 TH Sq. 384 TH B.GP.
- 4. Division (Army) or Group. 384 TH GP.
- 5. Date of Birth. APRIL 25,1920
- 6. Length of Service. 31 months
- 7. Private Address. 2814-10" CT. So., B'HAM, ALA.
- 8. If in A.F., on what operation were you engaged? State place, date, and time of departure. Where and when did you come down?

  Were Aircraft and all instruments and papers destroyed?

  VILL COUBLAY, FRANCE June 26,1943 1600

  12 miles From ST. Dennis

  Plane CR45HEO + ALL DESTROYED EXCEPT FROM RADIO COMPARTMENT TO THE TAIL UNCERTAIN AS TO WHETHER OR NOT RADIO EQUIPMENT WAS DESTROYED.
- 9. If in AF, give names of other members of crew and what happened to them.
- 10. Give details and full story of your trip on attached sheets.
- 11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? 1000 FRANCS
- 12. Do you speak French? Spanish? No
- 13. Did you have Identity Papers? yes
- 14. 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? major Clark major Clark major Lewis , Gibraume
- 15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?
- 16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? GIBRALTAR Aug. 23
- 17. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. Merricect, French Morocco Aus. 26
- 18. Place and date of arrival in U.K. PRESTWICK, SCOTLAND, AVG. 21

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(Squadron) (Group)

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Arrived in Spain:

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- 4. Southwest of PONTOLE, between and MARINES there is an airdrome which is camouflaged to resemble a village. It has underground hangars.
- 5. Many locomotives seen at a main railroad junction ( kourses) between ROUEN and PARIS. Travelling to PARIS from ROUEN, a large airdrome was seen just outside of PARIS with many train engine, plans twin-tail ships camous larged and dispersed over the field.
- 6. Saw a small arsenal in a cave in woods near BEZU LA FORET which contained about 25 English-type machine guns, 50 Luger pistols, several kegs of daggers, and several kegs of Winchester ammunition, also several kegs of dynamite. Told that these were

dropped at night by British planes to Frenchmen who had it hidden until the Allied

invasion. July 1943

- 7. From a road powly constructed radio station about halfway between BUDEVILLE and ROUEN was seen. It was located at a large cross-raods where two main roads cross at right angles. It was built underground with only the roof showing. Constructed of wood and brick, it had three large loop antennaes.
- 8. About 7 August, bomb-proof shelters xtxtkxx were in process of construction at German HQ about a block from the Arc de Triomphe in PARIS.
- 9. Anti-aircraft gun emplacements www with sound detectors were built on the largest hill in ROUEN. July 1943
- 10. While travelling by train from BORDRAUX to DAX much activity in the way of troop movements) was noted. Several trains carrying small tanks were passed. From the train a lot of trench-digging was noted some gun-emplacements were being built.
- 11. All German troops seen were very young and very poorly dressed. They appeared tired and depressed. The officers were not of much better spirit than the the men but were more well equipped. July-august 1943
- 12. There is a large training airdrome near BAYONNE with using ME 109's. Informed that it was a training field for pilots and one of the largest. Queen 1943
- 13. There were large boats which looked like transports, in the river at BORDHAUX. There were many German ships docked at ROUENx August July (843)
- 14. From a train, a large and busy cement factory was seen about half-way between ROUEN and PARIS.

Hank

# GROUP 384" SQ 544 A/C No. 23003/ Letter SUD? Load 5000 LBS. Date June 26

#3 (#3)

Position in formation. Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing No

Enemy fighter tactics: 6 dccoq Low m F109's

Our Tactics Evasive Action

Our fighter support. None

Flak

Time,

Place,

Quality.

1730

OVER COAST OF FRANCE

SHOUP SQ A/C No. Lustur Lord Date

ON THE WAY
TO TARGET

Enemy fighter techicu:

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#### Technical Failures

Motors LOST ALL Four ENGINES

Armor F ac A/C No. Letter Armament Good ORDER our fighter support. Miscellaneous

Quality.

Time. Place,

Corments and Suggestions on any of the above:

(4) LT HUNT.
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(By TRAIN)

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Jean Argence, Forester, of Begu La Foret, took me to his home where I stayed for 3 weeks. I was taken to a cave in the woods where there was about 25 English machine guns, 50 or so revolvers, 10 small kegs of ammunition, and several kegs of dynamite.

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

No., Rank, Name :- 2NO. LT. Tom J.E. HUNT 0-732619

Unit :- 544 TH 59. 384 THE ROUP

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and comments will help others to evade capture or to escape.

#### AIDS BOX

- (a) Did you use your aids box? Yes
- If not, had you one on you?
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g. "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.
  - (i) Horlicks tablets.
  - (ii) Chocolate. (-) FIRST NITE
  - (iii) Milk (tube).
  - (iv) (Benzadrine tablets (fatigue) CARRIED THEM TOO LONG & THEY WERE

    (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier) CONTAINER AS A RESULT OF CARRYING
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ANY OF THE OTHER PRTICLES. WOULD SUGGEST A STRONGER

NOULD HAVE BEEN VERY USEFUL.

CONTAINER TO PUT THEM IN AS THEY

- (vi) Matches.
- (vii) Adhesive tape.
- (viii) Chewing gum.
- (ix) Water bottle.
- (x) Compass.
- (XI) Iopine USED IT TO POT ON CUTS ON FACE + HANDS ( JUM PROCLEME) id any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect?
- How did you finally dispose of the box. Burneo ir. (f)
- (g) 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? SIRONGER CONTAINER FOR BENZADRINE TABLETS

#### 2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? yes. If so, state COLOR. TAN WITH MARK IV If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? Yes
- If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? (c) Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
  - (i) Maps. Which ones? WORTHERN PART OF FRANCE & SPAIN
  - (ii) Compass. Yes

(iii) File (hacksaw).

- Foreign Currency. State countries and amounts.

  How did you spend the money. GAVE DART TO FRENCHMAN FOR DISPOSING OF PARACHUTE + LIFE VEST & PART FOR FOOD
- How did you dispose of:-(d)

Maps. GAVE TO member of ORGANIZATION

Compass. Stice Have it

File (hacksaw). Same As maps

Surplus currency. None

- AIDS TO ESCAPE (GADGETS\*) 3. ( \* Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)
  - Did you carry or wear any of the following?

    If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE.
    - Round compass. FROM PARACHUTE SEAT PACK-USED IT TO GET
      BEARINGS AFTER LANDING
    - (ii) Stud compass.
    - (iii) Swinger compass.
    - Fly-button compass.
- (v) Pencil clip compass.
- (vi) Tuhic button compass.
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  (vii) Pipe compass.

  (viii) Pouch.

- (ix) Special flying boots (and knife).
  - (b) Were they satisfactory? yes
  - (c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions which would improve the above equipment?

#### PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

- (a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? If so, how many? THREE - BUT THEY WEREN'T PROPER SIZE
  HAO TO HAVE OTHERS TAKEN FOR PAPERS
- (b) Did you use them? State how.

#### LECTURES 5.

- The contract of pures years and the party of the contract of t (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. BY MAJOR DOLAN - GROUP INTELL. OFF. DURING TRAINING BEFORE OPERATIONS
- (b) Did you find the lectures of value? Some of The Lecrores were Helpful BUT PART OF THEM WERE MIS LEADING

AG 383.6

Hq ETOUSA

9 April 1943

SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

: Personnel concerned.

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- 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.

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By command of Lieutenant General ANDREWS:

Ralph Pulsifus RALPH PULSIFER, 15K Colonel, AGD, Adjutant General.

#### CERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

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19 October 1942

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#### OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER U.S.ARMY CASUAL DETACHMENT GIBRALTAR

23 August 1943

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : Persennel named below.

2nd Lieut. TOM J.E.HUNT, 0-732619, 544th Sqdm.384th Bm. Grp.

having reported at this station on 23 August 1943, you are placed on temperary duty this office. Upon completion of this temperary duty you will proceed by first available transportation to LONDON, ENGLAND, where you will report without delay to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, U.S. Army. Under authority of WD Cablegram No. 45, 4 February 1943, in lieu of subsistence, a flat per diem of \$6.00 is authorized while traveling on official business (except by belligerent or government vessel) and while on temporary duty this station, in accordance with existing law and regulations. TDN FSA 1-5600 P 432-02 A 0425-24.

By order of Colonel FORSTER:

OFFICIAL:

GRADY LEWIS,

Major, Air Corps, Executive Officer.

Distribution.

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