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SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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*OK - 24 July 44 - lhl*

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

E & E REPORT NO. 769-770 -771  
EVASION IN FRANCE

(Date)

Eugene M HOAG, 2d Lt, O-682183 - 9 missions  
Robert <sup>U</sup> BEHRENS, T/Sgt, 36435582 - 12 missions  
Anthony B McKEON, S/Sgt, 33580391 - 11 missions  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

754 Bomb Squadron, <sup>5</sup>488 Bomb Group  
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: MANHEIM

MIA: 25 April 1944  
Arrived in UK:  
24 June 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWID)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-742065	1st Lt	John H COMBS, JR		MIA
CO-PILOT	0-810224	2d Lt	Charles W ROOF		IN NEUTRAL COUNTRY
NAVIGATOR	0-682183	2d Lt	Eugene M HOAG		NARRATOR
BOMBARDIER	0-688166	2d Lt	Charles G BIEBER		MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	36435582	T/Sgt	Robert O BEHRENS		NARRATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER	33580391	S/Sgt	Anthony B McKEON		NARRATOR
BALL TURRET GUNNER	37314739	S/Sgt	Clayton L MILLER		MIA
WAIST GUNNER	32557920	S/Sgt	Harry L TAMBOER		MIA
WAIST GUNNER	18119298	T/Sgt	Joe WAGNER		MIA
TAIL GUNNER	32745523	S/Sgt	Richard <sup>U</sup> McCARATHY		MIA

Were you wounded?

LT HOAG:

When I heard the alarm bell I opened the nose turret, put on my chute and went out the nose wheel door at 6000 feet with the bombardier (BIEBER) behind me ready to jump. I delayed my jump to avoid the aircraft which was in a flat spin and pulled the ripcord around 500 feet. It opened around 250 feet and in a matter of seconds I was on the ground, not more than 30 feet from our ~~crashed~~ burning plane.

Delays  
JUMP TO  
500 FEET

I had left the plane without shoes so immediately I put on my GI shoes which were attached to the chute harness. Over 70 Frenchmen had arrived at the scene and were there when I threw the chute, mae west and flying equipment on the burning plane. ~~They took me to the home of the bombardier who was dying~~  
Two Frenchmen in the crowd led me ~~into the house~~ to their home

Use GI  
SHOES  
TO CLIMB

in the small village to get civilian clothes and then we walked to a wood on the side of the town away from the plane. They hid me in the brush with instructions to wait until they came back for me. In the evening they took me back to their house for more food. A Frenchman was waiting for me when we arrived and after I had eaten we got on bicycles and I was taken to a house where my journey was arranged. Several days later I was joined by SGTS BEHRENS and MCKEON.

IMMEDIATE  
HELP

Sgt BEHRENS:

~~After~~ During a fighter attack I felt the plane lurch into a steep climb and when I saw the copilot leaving his seat I grabbed my chute and opened the bombbay doors. ~~I think the top turret gunner and copilot went out around 22,000 feet but after that~~ The plane was in a flat spin and I couldn't jump until around 18,000 feet. I held my jump down to 8000 feet. ~~After my chute opened I saw two chutes on the ground and one in the air.~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Delayed  
Jump

I landed in an open field near a wood. There were farmers all around working in the fields and when I gathered up my ~~chute~~ chute and ran into the wood one of them followed. He took the chute, asked ~~me~~ <sup>was</sup> if I ~~was~~ an American, and told me to stay there until he brought food. When he returned we walked along the

GETS  
HELP

the wood's edge, ~~to~~ keeping out of sight. I was hidden again in another wood and told to wait until evening. This time <sup>Stenail!</sup> when my helper returned he had a man with who also brought clothing. I was given a note in English that <sup>to id</sup> asked me to follow this man. From there my journey was arranged. Three days later I joined Lt HOAG.

Sgt MCKEON:

~~When I left the ship REEFERS ~~xxxxxx~~ the copilot was behind me and the pilot ready. I was out around 18000 feet and delayed my jump down to 2000 feet or thirty seconds <sup>from</sup> off the ground. There was one chute above but near me.~~

I landed in a hard swing and was knocked breathless <sup>for</sup> a few seconds. ~~But then~~

I stuffed my chute under some brush and raked leaves over it. I saw two chutes landing in the distance and started in that direction, but there was a wood between us. I ~~change~~ changed my direction as two more came down nearer and ran into

Lt ROOF who was hopping toward the wood with a broken ankle. I helped him hide <sup>to a hiding place in the wood.</sup> his chute and then supported him enough to get into the wood and in hiding.

<sup>sticks, and</sup> We made splints for his foot out of strips cut from a me west, ~~and ordinary~~ sticks. He had his shoes which we had taken from his chute harness before hiding it.

A dog found our hiding place and brought a young Frenchman, <sup>who</sup> ~~with to us.~~ He wouldn't give us help but directed us to a place and left. We started there but

Lt ROOF ~~couldn't make it,~~ <sup>so</sup> we went back into hiding. After dark I went out looking for help but could not find a house. We were near a road but rather than get lost from Lt ~~Roof~~ ROOF I waited until the next morning. I was afraid to get out on the road so I went toward the fields where we had entered the wood. ~~There xxxxxx~~ I ~~sneak~~ <sup>sneak</sup> up close to watch three men who were

plowing. They were poorly dressed, ~~and~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ because I was too desperate to go much further without help I approached them. They listened to my explanation about being an American airman and having an injured comrade with me and then talked it over. I hid in the brush while one went off across the fields. I had decided to trust them and waited until he came back, bringing food. This man went with me to Lt ROOF who could understand French

DELAYS  
JUMP

MEETS  
INJURED  
CREW MEMBER

SPEND NIGHT  
IN WOOD

FINISH HEAD

better, than I. The man said he would come back to see us later in the day.

SE CON 26  
NIGHT  
WOOD IN 8

He brought ~~with him~~ more food and a new helper who stold us to stay hidden in the wood that night. During the rest of the day we were visited by many Frenchmen who had heard about us.

The following day we had more visitors and by the end of the day they had ~~been out~~ <sup>beaten</sup> a path to our hiding place. Once when we <sup>were</sup> talking to a large ~~number of Frenchmen~~ crowd a Frenchman rushed up in great excitement and indicated we should hide. The crowd melted away and we crawled into the brush but nothing happened. One man told us to stay in the wood another night and we would be moved the next day. He told us that he knew Lt HOAG, so we felt we had gotten in <sup>to</sup> the right hands at last. ~~Then~~

Journey  
Arranged -

Our journey was arranged when this man returned the next day to take us out of the wood. Later I joined Lt HOAG.

APPENDIX B:

- April - May
- French source states that 4-track railway bridge over road and canal at SERMAIZE les B. ( <sup>(MARNE)</sup> MARNE ) is mined.
  - French source states that fields W of ST VRAIN were being mined as possible protection to ST DIZIER.
  - French source noted much surveying activity in fields ~~W~~ N of ST VRAIN. At first thought to be for <sup>(MARNE)</sup> airfield but nothing happened.
  - ST DIZIER <sup>(MARNE)</sup> airfield was bombed week before 25 April and during that week the Germans moved to ORCONTE, then came back to ST DIZIER. A German officers' quarters was hit during this raid. ST DIZIER was raided again around 2 May and this time it took two weeks to repair. After that night fighters were active around this field, moving in and out, between 0200 hours and 0400 hours every morning. Aircraft here were Me 110s, Ju 88s and Me 109s.
  - Around the 6th or 9th MAY the RAF bombed the CHAMP DE TIR DE MAILLY <sup>(MARNE)</sup>. A large tank encampment was hit and French stated 180 tanks and 8,000,000 liters of gasoline were destroyed. Also that there were 15,000 casualties. Many tanks had been moved out before the raid but two weeks after the raid bodies were still being found in the debris.
  - ~~Evaders~~ Evaders, when travelling from VITRY-le-FRANCOIS <sup>(MARNE)</sup> to PARIS counted 9 engines destroyed in one railway yards and 13 engines in another. Marshalling yards E and S of PARIS had been badly damaged. The tops were burned from most of the cars but the undercarriages were often not ~~not~~ damaged.
  - Evaders noticed heavy troop movements through SERMAIZE les B. during the month of April.
  - Evaders saw Tiger tanks travelling through the streets of PARIS. (25 May.)
  - One km S of JONZEAC <sup>(CHARENTE INF)</sup> on W side of train tracks evaders saw excavations where caves had been dug into rock. The caves were under heavy guard and French police were stationed at the corners of a surrounding wood.
  - Evaders saw the iron-rod <sup>(ambulance)</sup> arrangement described in appendix B, <sup>(LAIN)</sup> ~~item 1~~. E & E Report no. ~~66~~ 764. They locate it as being S of LABOUREYRE <sup>(LAUBES)</sup>.
  - Evaders noticed many road blocks and tank traps on road between BORDEAUX and DAX.
  - Evaders saw approximately 100 He 177s land at MERIGNAC airfield on 25 May. This field, according to French, can handle on transit aircraft.

(CIRCONDE)

- m. French stated that two of three powder plants at MERIGNAC had been destroyed. Evaders did not know whether by air raid or sabotage.
- n. Between ANGOULEME and BORDEAUX evaders counted 8 or 9 powerhouses for the electric rail lines. Most of the powerhouses looked new.

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XX Lt Hoag:

- 1. I used all the contents of my aids box at different stages of my trip. Most of it I saved for the mountains because I hadn't needed it earlier. The adhesive tape prevented my dogtags from rattling.
- 2. I had a RED purse and used the money for guides and food.
- ~~3. I had no extra evasion aids.~~
- ~~3. I carried 6 passport photos and used one for an identity card.~~
- ~~4. I had evasion lectures in the States and at Group and found them valuable.~~

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Sgt Behrens;

- 1. I saved most of the contents of my aids box to use when crossing the PYRENEES.
- 2. I had a RED purse. The money, 1200 francs, was used to pay guides. The surplus was handed in at GIB.
- 13. I carried an extra compass.
- 34. I used one of the six escape photos I had with me.
- 45. I was lectured periodically at HORSHAM ST FAITH, on evasion by IOs. In my case the lectures were not needed.

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Sgt MCKEON:

- 1. I used the chocolate bar, milk tube, halazone tablets and water bottle while hiding in the woods. I save the benzadrine and Horlicks tablets for the PYRENEES. The water bottle was not very satisfactory.
- 2. I carried a RED purse. I spent the money for food and guides and used the maps of France ~~which~~ during my first few days in France.
- 13. I had two extra compasses.
- 34. I had 9 escape photos and used one for an identity card.
- 45. The lectures I had on evasion in the States and at Group were very valuable. I suggest to evaders that they carry all the escape equipment possible and that during missions they try always to know where they are in case they are shot down.

Hay

Bills say - opnd nose tent on chute - went out nose wheel door - Bomba behind  
redy to go - sent at 6000 ft - 9c in flat spin - y dlyd jump - toward 9c -  
plld around 500 - and 250 when opened & hit in few secs - about  
30 ft from 9c - Bomba didnt get chute open - layed about 50 ft  
from 9c - between town, canal broad - off chute - Its on right there -  
had no holes on who left 9c - threw chub on burning 9c & other eggs -  
lots of (75) came - took me to Riebis body - went into town - two young  
boys took me - to ~~the~~ his home - clothes - toward Noy town - 1/2 mile from  
9c - hid there til night - 2 mil gendarmes in the town while I in uniform  
not bothered - in evening took of shoe - foot - cycle - young girl Annette  
~~Collet~~ Collet took me to her Boursier - stpd 2 days Brites  
& Mauria Collet, brother, brot dead from crew and Le Boursier  
he gave me Riebis, Miller & Mcathy names & Harry Fox of the first  
next day Dr Fritsch from Sermaize are to visit - of 2 Sur - I  
& take mod - next day take both me to Sermaize - stpd with  
brother-in-law of Jean Vidal is ST VRAIN - stpd nite & next  
day cycled to ST VRAIN - Jean Vidal with Sgt Behrens &  
Sgt Krueker & Sgt Downiel & Sgt Morris (down <sup>on B. 17</sup> on Sunday) -  
2 days or longer Wagon arrives -

with Behrens to Vitry-le-Francois - to Paris -  
In Paris flwd Blonde with Krueker - spoke little English - Patrick  
met us & gave me shoes - staying at apt of elderly hunchback  
lady - had daughter - in Paris 5 hrs - that nite train to Bordeaux -  
intation with blonde & at train boy, 28, 5'10", 155, l. brown hair - fair complexion,  
clean cut, slim build - to Nantes & changed trains & then to  
Bordeaux - not met - took stbcar to LUXOR cafe - COUDERC  
runs it - pched up in car by man that like Peter HORRE - went  
to Merignac (in androme) stpd with M. TESTAS, butcher

and had two meals with <sup>"</sup>Puybouyat - stayed 3 days & nights -  
while he didn't move - then to ~~Del~~ by car - met  
Copley ~~at~~ at Testas & came from there -

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, AGC, Asst. 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) Eugene M. Hoag

Signed Eugene M. Hoag

Rank 2nd Lt. U.S.A. S.N. 0-682183

Date 6/19/44

Unit 458 Bomb Gr 754 Sq.

Witness

D. W. Forster  
DORICE W. FORSTER,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
U. S. Mil. Lia. Off.



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

E & E REPORT NO  
EVASION IN:

June 24, 1944  
(Date)

Hoag, Eugene M 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. 0-682163  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
9 (No of Missions)  
754 458  
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: Monhien

Date Missing in Action: April 25, 1944

Date Arrived in UK: June 24, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

Indicate what happened to  
each man  
and how you know

PILOT Combs POW

CO-PILOT Roof Spain

NAVIGATOR Hoag UK

BOMBARDIER Bieber Killed Shoot Did not fully open

RADIO OPERATOR Behrens UK

TOP TURRET GUNNER McKeon UK

SIDE TURRET GUNNER Miller Killed in plane

WING GUNNER Wagner Toulouse

WING GUNNER Tambor Killed in Plane

TAIL GUNNER McCarthy Killed Chute caught on wing

Were you wounded?

No

Men buried near  
Le Buisson France

TOP SECRET

F & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Hogg, Eugene M. 2nd Lt. O-682183  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

June 24, 1944  
(Date)

754 Sq. 458 Group  
(Unit)

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Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. April 25, 1944  
10 30 Between town of Pontivy France and Canal to South

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Evader Contris  
Was it on fire, etc? Damaged Both Fins Shot off  
No fire

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 6,000

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?  
Possibly Tail Gunner Injured

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?  
Pilot, Co-pilot, Bombardier, Navigator, Radio operator, Top Tower  
2 waist gunners Bombardier Shute Did Not have time to open

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? No Bombs went off  
about 15 minutes after plane caught fire in crash

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? Bombardier Dead, McKeon, Root, Schrems, Wagner  
in France

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. Identified 4 Dead by name Breber, Tambour  
McCarthy, Miller

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its conditions? Completely Demolished and burning, bomb went off later

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? 4 Dead Buried near Le Buisson  
Pilot Captured Told by Underground

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

Unit:-

*Doody*

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. *crossing Mountains*

Chocolate ~~or Peanut Bar~~. *crossing Mountains*

Milk (tube). *crossing Mts*

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). *crossing Mt.*

Halazone tablets (water purifier). *NO*

Matches. *Spain*

Adhesive tape. *Stop Dog Tags from rattling*

Chewing gum. *crossing Mts*

Water bottle. *crossing Mts*

Compass. *crossing Mts*

Sewing kit. *sewing clothes Through out.*

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *NO*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *Buried it in wood the first day*
- 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?  
*Replace Chocolate bar with Horlicks Tablets.*

2. PURSE

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

- 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? *New Gold*

Compass. *Good*

File (hacksaw). *No*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.

How did you spend the money?

*200 Franks Portugal 500 Lira*  
*Spain*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

*Did not*

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

*No*

#### 4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?  
If so, how many?

*Yes*

b. Did you use them?

*Yes for Identity Card*

#### 5. LECTURES

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

*Yes*

*2 Times in The States*

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

*Yes*

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

*No*

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MOST SECRET - BRITISH  
MIS (X)

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. Eugene M. Hoag 2nd Lt. 0-682183
2. Decorations.
3. Unit or Squadron. 754
4. Division (Army) or Group. 458
5. Date of Birth. 1/25/44
6. Length of Service. 27 months
7. Private Address. Springport Michigan
8. Job as civilian. Salesman
9. From what field did you take off? station 123
10. Take off time. about 0630
11. Date and target. April 29, 1944 Mauthausen
12. Where did you land? Pontion France
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? yes
14. What was your position in aircraft? Navigator
15. Were you wounded? No
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? 1000 francs
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? No
18. Did you have Identity Papers? Don Juan's, French ones
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 British Intelligence in Madrid + Gibraltar. No written
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? Spain, Gibraltar  
June 17, 1944 June 20, 1944
22. Date of arrival in Spain. June 2, 1944
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. June 19, 1944
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. By Air from Gibraltar  
June 23, 1944
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K. Hendon Air Base, London June 24, 1944

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

DATE: 25 June 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, ROBERT H. HINCKLEY, JR., Capt., AC, O-24889

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

EUGENE M. HOAG, 2nd Lt., AC, O-682183

prior to his being reported ~~missing in action over enemy territory.~~ <sup>missing in action over enemy territory. (JEP)</sup>

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

*Robert H. Hinckley, Jr.*

*Eugene M. Hoag*

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



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The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as EUGENE M. HOAG,

2nd Lt., AO, O-682183 (754 Bomb Squadron - 458 Bomb Group)

previously reported ~~missing in action over enemy territory.~~ <sup>missing in action over enemy territory. (JEP)</sup>

*John E. Parish*  
JOHN E. PARISH, SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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## WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 48) 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 383.8 (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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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.

### GERTIFIGATE

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 M. Hoag  
Rank 2nd Lt D.C. A. S. N. 0-682183  
Unit 454 B.G. 754 Sq.

Signed Eugene M. Hoag  
Dated June 24, 1944  
Witness \_\_\_\_\_

AG P BR HQ SCS 2-44/2M/22472

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