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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

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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 supercedes 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
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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) THOMAS R. MURPHY

Signed Thomas R. Murphy

Rank S/SGT. A. S. N. 3211635

Dated April 18, 1944

Unit 755TH BOMB SQDN 458TH BOMB GR

Witness Robert A. Kelly

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LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OFFICE OF THE MILITARY ATTACHE
STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

18 April 1944.

Subject: Orders.

To: S/Sgt THOMAS R. MURPHY 32111635.

1. S/Sgt THOMAS R. MURPHY 32111635, escaped from enemy occupied territory, is assigned to detached service this station while awaiting transportation to United Kingdom. He will proceed on first available air transportation to United Kingdom and then proceed without delay via air or rail transportation from point of landing to London, England, reporting on arrival to United States Army Special Reception Center, 63 Brook St., London, W.1.
2. Travel by military, naval or commercial aircraft (Par 3, AR 55-120 1943) is directed as necessary in the performance of an emergency war mission. Travel by Army or Naval transport, commercial steamship, belligerent vessel or aircraft, and rail is authorized. A flat per diem of six dollars (\$6.00) is authorized while traveling by air and for periods of detention while in a travel by air status. A baggage allowance of fifty-five (55) pounds is authorized while traveling by military, naval or commercial aircraft.
3. In accordance with Section II of Executive Order 9386 as published in Section II, Bulletin No.19, WD 21 Oct 43, the Finance Dept will pay this EM monetary allowances in lieu of rations while traveling other than by air and monetary allowances in lieu of rations and quarters for periods of detention while traveling other ~~by~~ than by air.
4. TDN FSA 1-5600 P 431-02, 03, 07, 08 A 0425-24.
5. S/Sgt Murphy has been familiarized with contents of letter AG 383.6 MGB dated 25 Jan 44, Hqrs, ETOUSA, subject, Processing of US Personnel Who Have Escaped or Evaded Capture or Who Have Been Repatriated from Internment.

By order of Colonel Rayens:

ROBERT W. WOOD,
Major, Inf.,
Asst. Military Attache.

Official:

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SECRET

Murphy

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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

APRIL 9, 1944 - 1130 VENISLVE - CR 29 A

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

THREE ENGINES DAMAGED - TWO OFF THEM - OUT
HYDRAULIC SYSTEM SHOT OUT - ELECTRICAL SYSTEM
DAMAGED
At approximately what altitude did source bail out? - 3500 FT.

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

NAVIGATOR OUT ON NECK BY PLEXIGLAS FROM
ASTRODOME WHEN HIT BY 20MM. SHELL

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

NAVIGATOR, ENGINEER, BOMBARDIER, RADIO OP, COPILOT, PILOT
AND ONE MEMBER, FROM THE REAR OF SHIP - IDENTITY UNCERTAIN
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? YES - PILOT - COPILOT - ALIVE

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. YES - ONE GUNNER - DESCRIBED AS HAVING QUALY-HAIR
WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE THE 3RD ENGINEER. KNIFE BELONGING
TO THE GUNNER WAS FOUND AND THREE BODIES, ONE
ARM FOUND NEAR SHIP, WHICH LEAD TO THE BELIEF THREE MEN WERE DEAD

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its
condition? NO - SAW PICTURE OF SHIP IN NEWSPAPER,
AIRCRAFT COMPLETELY DESTROYED - WRECKAGE SPREAD OVER
7 ACRES.

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 reasons for his opinion?

FOUR MEN CAPTURED - TOLD
BY PARTIES - AND ALSO SAME WAS PRINTED IN
NEWSPAPERS.

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

E & E REPORT NO.
EVASION IN

4/26/44
(Date)

MURPHY THOMAS R. SGT. 3441635
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

8
(Number of Missions)

MIA: APRIL 9, 1944
Arrived in UK:

755TH BOMB SQDN. 458TH BOMB GR
(Squadron) (Group)

APR 6, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

		Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	BYRON E. LOGIE IN U.K.		
CO-PILOT	GEORGE D. REED U.K.		
NAVIGATOR	BERNARD JACOBSON - CAPTURED		
BOMBARDIER	WALTER T. KITA - "		
RADIO OPERATOR	THOMAS R. MURPHY - IN U.K.		
TOP TURRET GUNNER	WALTER E. SCOTT - CAPTURED		
BALL TURRET GUNNER	JOHN H. SCHRAMM - BELIEVED DEAD		
WAIST GUNNER	FRED E. STILES - "		
WAIST GUNNER	EDWARD W. OISEK - BELIEVED CAPTURED		
TAIL GUNNER	SYDNEY SHERREN - BELIEVED DEAD		

HSY: N, B, TTG, Captured
BTG, WG, TG DEAD
Son by pts

Were you wounded?
NO

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

Unit:-

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? **NO**
- b. If not, why? ~~NOT USED~~ **NOT USED**
- 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.

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass.

Sewing kit.

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? **- LEFT WITH FLYING CLOTHES AFTER CHANGING TO CIVVIES**
- 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?

2. PURSE

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

"F" RED STRIPES

- b. Did you use the purse? **NO**

(over)

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

Maps. Which ones?

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money?

d. How did you dispose of:-

LEFT WITH ESCAPE KIT
IN FLYING CLOTHES WHICH WERE
DISCARDED

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

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

PHOTOGRAPHS

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

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

YES

ABOUT 20

b. Did you use them?

FOR PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPHS

5. LECTURES

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

YES

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

YES - definitely

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

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Name (Print) THOMAS R. MURPHY
Rank S/SGT A. S. N. 32111625
Unit 75574 (30 MO SQDN. 488 TH BOMB GP.

Signed Thomas R. Murphy
Dated 27. 8. 43
Witness [Signature]

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

DATE: 27 April 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, NELSON R. STEWART, 1st Lt., AC, O-745974

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

THOMAS R. MURPHY, S/Sgt., AC, 32111635

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.

Thomas R. Murphy

Nelson R. Stewart 1ST Lt. A.C.

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 THOMAS R. MURPHY,
S/Sgt., AC, 32111635 (755 Bomb Squadron - 458 Bomb Group)

previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

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

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