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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-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 person 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. 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.

### 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 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) <u>PEICHOLO, F.</u>	Signed <u>Frank Peicholo</u>
Rank <u>7 Sgt</u> A. S. N. <u>39411039</u>	Dated <u>Nov 21 1944</u>
Unit <u>458th Bomb Fgp 759th Bomb Sq</u>	Witness <u>Chas L. DeRat, 1st Lt AC</u>

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 39411039 Rank S/SGT NAME (print) Frank Peichoto

CLAIMED ASSIGNMENT TO FOLLOWING UNIT 458 B Gp

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9 (WEA)  
on 20 Nov 1944, has signed a Security Certificate, and  
is not considered suspect.

He ~~should~~/should not be re-interrogated.

Security reasons do/~~do not~~/exist preventing his return to combat duty.

He was a ~~spy~~/EVADER/ for a period of 140 days.

Robert Bacon  
1/Lt. AC.

IMPORTANT:

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH) AN OFFICER OF MI9  
OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF PW & X DEP. - MES ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

SECRET

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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
and QUESTIONNAIRE FOR I.S. 9 (WEL) PERSONNEL

11/21/44  
(Date)

Peichoto, F S/Sgt 39411039  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Bachenselber 13  
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: 6-29-44

Returned to UK: 11-21-44

458th B.F. 754th B.S.  
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (List names by positions and indicate what happened to each one)

- PILOT C. ARMOUR = DONT KNOW
- CO-PILOT D. Blodgett = HEARD HE WAS KILLED. Chute FAILED TO OPEN
- NAVIGATOR J. O. Fullerton = Here with me
- BOMBARDIER Erdman = SEEN him with the underground.
- RADIO OPERATOR J. Brill = DONT KNOW
- TOP TURRET GUNNER G. Rows = " "
- BALL TURRET GUNNER Myself.
- W.A.I.S.T GUNNER J. B. Davis = SEEN with the underground
- W.A.I.S.T GUNNER W. F. Owens = " " " " "
- TAIL GUNNER E. S. ALLEN = " " " " "

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing June 29, 1944 11:30  
HOLLAND - N.E. Polder -

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

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?  
12,000 ft.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?  
Right Waist Gunner hit on the head by FLAK. Wasn't to bail.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?  
as far as I know they all Bailed out. That's what I heard. I only saw six chutes myself.

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.

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.

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

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? *don't know*

Were you wounded? *no*

Were you in German hands? *no*

Did you kill any Germans in escaping? *no*

Have you previously given the names of your helpers? *no*

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given.

*Harry Op Key*  
*St. Helena - Town of Leveroy - Limbourg province, Holland.*

What security briefing were you given?

*Officer*

What souvenirs do you still possess? *none*

Home address. *P.O. Box 875 Crows Landing, California*

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.

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. &amp; ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) HollandFor All Personnel.

1. No. 39411039 Rank S/Sgt Name Frank K. PIECHOTO  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 13 missions
3. Were you wounded? Give details. no
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 754 Bomb Sgd.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 458 Bomb Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Ball Turret Gunner
7. Date of Birth 11 February 1922 8. Length of Service 21 months
9. Peace time occupation Airplane mechanic 10. Private address P.O. Box 875  
Crows Landing, California
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Escape photos, dogtags.
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

13. No. and location of O.T.U.
14. No. and location of Conversion Unit

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPSWHO BALE OUT

15. Post in Crew Ball Turret Gunner
16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.  
N.B.—Airborne and Parachute Troops: list below names and units of other occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.
- |                    |                            |                                  |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| PILOT              | <u>2/Lt C. Armour</u>      | <u>Unknown</u>                   |
| CO-PILOT           | <u>2/Lt D. Blodgett</u>    | <u>Killed</u>                    |
| NAVIGATOR          | <u>2/Lt J.O. Fullerton</u> | <u>Evaded with me</u>            |
| BOMBARDIER         | <u>1/Lt Erdman</u>         | <u>Left us at Erp, Holland</u>   |
| RADIO OPERATOR     | <u>S/Sgt J. Brill</u>      | <u>Unknown</u>                   |
| TOP TURRET GUNNER  | <u>S/Sgt C. Rawls</u>      | <u>Unknown</u>                   |
| BALL TURRET GUNNER | <u>Narrator</u>            |                                  |
| WAIST GUNNER (R.)  | <u>S/Sgt J.B. Davis</u>    | <u>Last seen at Erp, Holland</u> |
| WAIST GUNNER (L.)  | <u>S/Sgt W.F. Owens</u>    | <u>" " " " "</u>                 |
| TAIL GUNNER        | <u>S/Sgt E.S. Allen</u>    | <u>" " " " "</u>                 |
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24 from Station 123, on 29 June at 0600
18. Where and when did you come down? About 1100 on North East Polder, Holland
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Dutch took them
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? As far as I know.  
Had been briefed; had escape kit.

My story is the same as that of Lt. Fullerton (see E & E Report No. 6/652) most of the time.

29 June:  
HELPED

I landed about 1 mile away from the other chutes, near the edge of the polder. Some Dutchmen came up in a boat, landed, and came to me. They took my chute and other equipment and hid it. They made signs they would help me. One of them spoke a little English and told me to follow him. We walked about a mile to where the bombardier, Lt. Edman and S/Sgt Davis were hiding in the wheat.

TAKEN TO  
VILLAGE

Later the Dutch brought us some civilian clothes and we all walked up the road towards the nearest village together. We saw no Germans. After a while a truck came along and stopped. We got in and hid under some lumber in the back of it. We went on to VOLLENHOVEN, where we spent the night. Lt. Fullerton was brought to the house late that night.

IN CITY

After that we were sent to MEPPEL, then to AMSTERDAM by train. I did not stay with the others in AMSTERDAM, but was put in an apartment in the city for 3 days. I had to go into the next building to sleep each night.

REST OF  
EVASION:  
July-Nov.

After leaving AMSTERDAM I stayed in all the same places Lt. Fullerton was in. The last two weeks, while the British were shelling us at LEVEROIJ, he was in a nearby town trying to get help. We had to seat it out in a haystack and a small dugout during this time, and food was very scarce. The Germans were only a few yards away at times. We were plenty glad to get out of there.

WHO BALE OUT

DISTRIBUTION:

- HQ. I.S.9 (WEA).....2
- G-2, COM Z .....1 (less C)
- 9th AF.....1 " "

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)  
Date 22 November 1944

Attached:  
Appendix "B" I grade this evasion No. 5

" "C"  
" "D"

*Theodore M. Purdy*  
THEODORE M. PURDY

Disposal: Returned to U.K. Capt, CB Major

TOP SECRET.  
I.S.9 (WEA)

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA) /6/656/2519

If further circulation of this information is made, it is important that its source should not be divulged.

No. 39411039 Rank S/Sgt Name Frank K. PIECHOTO

Date of Interview 22 November 1944 (Evaded in Holland)

Besides the OP HEY brothers at LEVEROIJ, whose address is "ST. HELENA", the only organization men who gave me their addresses were:

Henk GEERDINK  
P/A Fam. Huys  
Beekstraat 33  
WEERT  
Limburg

and

Pieter HENDRIKSE  
Kelpen 43  
Post ELL  
Limburg

Frits and Harry OP HEY were the best of the lot and did a wonderful job taking care of the six of us while we were marooned on their farm under shellfire the last few weeks. They did not leave the farm until just before the final attack, although they had a brother in Germany in a prison or work camp, and were afraid the Germans might take them too.

While we were staying in the barn at ROERMOND, two of the other men there gave me their names. They were:

T/Sgt Philip CIMINO , 379th Gp

F/Sgt Bill McGEE, Royal New Zealand Air Force

These men left on 12 August for Belgium, with 14 others whose names I do not know.