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1. Because disclosures of information regarding evasion from capture, escape, details of imprisonment, release from internment, and repatriation have been made, the lives and services of fellow soldiers and those who help them have been lost or endangered. All information which you possess on these subjects, including the experiences of others as well as your own, briefings and equipment for evasion and escape, and preparations and other activities in connection therewith, constitutes MILITARY INFORMATION which is classified SECRET by the War Department.

2. You will therefore disclose no information whatever, beyond the fact of your return to duty from "missing in action" or "prisoner of war" or "internment", to anyone except the following military officials:

- a. The first Military Attache to whom you report;
- b. An officer designated by the Commanding General of an overseas Theatre of Operations;
- c. The Prisoner of War Branch, MIS, Washington, D.C., the interrogating agency designated by the A/C of S, G-2, War Department General Staff;
- d. Certain other officers holding written authority from the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, to interrogate you.

3. You will particularly guard against disclosure of SECRET information to relatives, friends, representatives of the press and radio, and military officials, except as noted in a, b, c and d above.

4. In order to protect yourself against disciplinary action, any question involving publicity must be referred BY YOU PERSONALLY to the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, Washington, D.C.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have read and fully understand all of the foregoing and the Directive of the Secretary of War, 6 Aug 43 (on the reverse side), and will at ALL TIMES hereafter comply fully therewith.

I understand that all information concerning escape, evasion from capture, activities and equipment in connection therewith, and details of imprisonment or release from internment, is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone except the military officials specifically designated. I further understand that disclosure to any other person will make me liable to disciplinary action for failure to safeguard MILITARY INFORMATION.

I realize that publicity concerning my experiences, by word of mouth or otherwise, will endanger the lives of many persons and therefore it is my duty to take all possible precautions to prevent it.

I further certify that I have received a copy of the foregoing.

Name (Print) Lt. W. Anderson Signed Lt. W. Anderson
Rank 2nd Lt. A.S.N. 0-756436 Dated 9-13-44 Place London
Unit 20th Fi. Gr. 55th Fi. Sq. Witness

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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 Forces;
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.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-756436 Rank 2d Lt

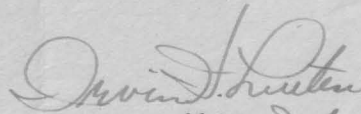
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) LEE W. ANDERSON

Unit 30th Fighter Grp, 55th Fighter Sq dr, 8th Air Force

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9 (WEA) on 12 Sep 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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


Major. *Inf.*

IMPORTANT.

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)
AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF PW. & X. DET.
M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

This Officer/W.O./N.C.O. has special information on the following subjects:—

Upon arrival in U.K., you must report
at 63 Brook St. London, for identification

He should not be re-interrogated.
and has signed a Security Certificate.

IMPORTANT

M.I.2. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.
AN OFFICER OF M.I.2. OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X. DET.
THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)

Major

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

EVADED CAPTURED/ ~~XXXXXX~~ FROM (Name of Country). BELGIUM

For all Personnel.

1. No O-756436 Rank... 2nd.Lt. Name. LEE W. ANDERSON
(U.K: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions). Air Medal; 38 missions
3. Were you wounded? Give details. No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force). 20th F. Gp. 55th F. Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force). 8th AF 6. Job. (Pl. Cmd., Rfn., etc.) Pilot
7. Date of Birth. 2 July 1921 8. Length of Service. 1 year, 11 months
9. Peace time occupation. Storekeeper 10. Private address. Stanley, North Dak.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? 6 photos; dotags
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 TROOPS WHO BALE OUT.

15. Post in Crew. Pilot - P-51
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

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER (R.)

WAIST GUNNER (L.)

TAIL GUNNER

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure. XXX P-51, departed
Kingsgate, Eng. 10 Aug 44
18. Where and when did you come down? Near Florenville, Belgium, 1100 hrs. 10 Aug
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Left when I landed ⁴⁴
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

Interview by I.S.9.(WEA)

Date... 12 Sept. 1944

Attached:

Appendix "B"
Appendix "C"
Appendix "D"

I grade this evasion No. 5

Irwin H. Lutten
IRWIN H. LUTTEN
Maj, Inf.

Major

Disposal: Returned to UK

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ I.S. 9(WEA)2
12th Army Group2 (less C)
9th AF1

My group was on a strafing and bombing mission along the Belgium border. I don't quite know what hit my plane, but I think it was machine gun fire from the ground. At any rate the ship went out of control, and I had to bail out over a woods near Florenville, Belgium.

As soon as I landed, I took off my chute and harness and made west and started running. About a mile from where I landed I stopped and ~~immediately~~ buried my flying suit, and then continued walking for 10 hours. In this time I contacted about three or four different Belgians for help before I found one who would give me civilian clothes and hide me. Near Muno, Belgium, I contacted a Belgian who agreed to hide me in a woods and get me civilian clothes. For ten days I was hidden in a woods and then was moved to Lacquisine where I stayed in a hotel until the village was liberated by American troops.

I carried an escape purse bearing a red stripe. Some of the money I spent and the remainder I gave to the people who helped me. I use the food from my aid box and gave the remainder of the contents away to my helpers. I was briefed on escape and evasion in England ~~and~~ and in the US.

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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(WEA) PERSONNEL

Sept 13 1944
(Date)

Anderson, Lee W. 2nd Lt 0-756436
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

(Target)

38
(Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: Aug 10, 1944

Returned to UK: Sept 13, 1944

20th Fi Gp. 55th Fi Sq.
(Unit)

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

PILOT

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

MID TURRET GUNNER

WING GUNNER

WING GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. Aug 10 1944-1100 -
Near Florenville, Belg

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

Oil Line Hit & Lost all oil

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 3,000'

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

No

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

Fighter 1 Member

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?

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.

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APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9 (WEA)/6/304

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

No. 0-756436 Rank 2nd Lt. Name LEE.W. ANDERSON

Date of Interview 12 Sept. 1944

For 10 days I was hidden and given food by a family named Barnett. This family resided about 5 kilometers from the village of Muno, Belgium. At Lacquisine, Belgium, I stayed in a hotel and was cared for by Monsieur Hubert Hamers. Hamers was a member of the Underground and had helped other American airman. The daughter in the Hamers family was in the Underground intelligence and procured an identity card for me.

The Barnetts operated a printing press and clandestinely printed a Patriot newspaper. They also had ammunition, dynamite and arms stored in their place. Nearly every day the men of the family were out blowing up trains and tracks and cutting communication lines.

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

No

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?

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?

Yes

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

What security briefing were you given?

ALL

What souvenirs do you still possess?

Little French Money & Pocket Book

Home address.

Stanley, No. Dak.

List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans.

None

List names of American or British personnel believed to be evading.

None