

while we were strafing <sup>approach</sup> ~~the~~ ~~base~~ ~~was~~ ~~hit~~ ~~by~~ ~~flak~~. <sup>ck typed</sup>  
 On the 4 August 1944 I was escorting heavy bombers ~~the~~ ~~base~~ ~~was~~ ~~hit~~ ~~by~~ ~~flak~~.  
~~at~~ ~~a~~ ~~erodrome~~ ~~near~~ ~~FINGLAND~~ (50 miles NE of HESTON) ~~base~~ ~~hit~~ ~~while~~ ~~we~~ ~~were~~ ~~strafing~~ ~~it~~. Three minutes later because of engine trouble I bailed out at 1000 ft.  
 over the BALTIC SEA. My chute opened at 700 ft. I stayed in the water from  
 1515 hrs on <sup>the</sup> August until 1300 hrs on the 5 August. I was then picked by a  
 Swedish merchant vessel at the exact location of: longitude 11°26' E, latitude  
 54°12' N. The name of the Swedish vessel was the SKARBORG and her skipper was  
 Captain SWANSTRÖM. ~~it was~~ ~~she~~ ~~was~~ headed for STOCKHOLM. On board ship I  
 talked to the Captain who was very pro allied and he gave much information.

We arrived in STOCKHOLM on the 8 August at 0245 hrs. I was turned over  
 to the Swedish State Police who tried to interrogate me. I was then taken  
 to the Assistant Commissioner of the Stockholm state police, and he called the  
 MA. I was put under parole until Monday 15 August and released on Wednesday  
 17 August. I flew back to the U K by APO and landed in Heston ~~and~~ on the 17  
 August at 2030 hrs. I then reported to 63 Brook Street.

N B The military information I have, was given to me by the ship's Captain:  
 Capt SWANSTRÖM.

Today the 18 August I gave to Air Ministry all the information I had on  
 the Jet propelled plane.

ESE Capt Donald A REIFNER  
Evasion in German Territorial Waters

~~On 4 August 1944~~ I was escorting heavy bombers. While we were strafing an aerodrome near FISCHLAND (50 miles NE of ROSTOCK) I was hit by flak, <sup>and</sup> ~~because of engine trouble I bailed out three minutes later at 1000 feet over the Baltic Sea.~~ My chute opened at about 700 feet. I was in the water from 1515 hours on 4 August until 1300 hours on 5 August when a Swedish merchant vessel picked me up. The ~~pre-allee~~ captain gave me a great deal of information.

I arrived in STOCKHOLM on 8 August and was turned over to the Swedish state police who tried to interrogate me. The police finally turned me over to the American MA.

Compiled by

Approved by

XXXXXXXXXX  
C A BYRON  
1st Lt, AC

W ELL HOLT  
Lt Col AC  
Commanding

Appendix D

1. I ate one Horlicks tablet every seven or eight hours. I ate the peanut bar on the second day. I used the compass.
2. I was lectured <sup>frequently on ESE</sup> ~~42 times in 11 months~~ by Squad Gp S-2.  
~~in~~
3. In the Baltic Sea a dingy ~~the wind is always unfavorable so it is best to be up to a buoy until a ship passes, which will pick you up.~~ All shipping passes within 1/2 mile of these buoys.

APPENDIX B

1. On the 4 August informant straffed an air field near Fischland, damaging 1 HE 111 out of 8 to 10 JU 88 and HE 111 on the field.
2. On the 4 August informant saw just south of the air field an inlet where 5 or 6 boats were docked close together. He believed 2 to be E or R boats and the rest patrol boats about 75 feet long. Informant believes ~~to be~~ <sup>Fischland</sup> damaged four of the boats.
3. Informant saw ~~from a dingy~~ <sup>he</sup> in the water 8 miles north of Badar, on the 4 August, a camp but it was too far away for informant to ascertain the type or size.
4. On the night of 4 August ~~an~~ <sup>the</sup> informant saw from the water an HE 111 or a JU 88 become airborne in the vicinity of Godesby, Denmark. It flew south to the Bider area then E and disappeared, flying towards Bostock. Another T/E A/C earlier that same evening at about 1800 hrs flew locally for an hour and then back, probably to the air field near Fischland.
5. On the evening of the 4 August, informant ~~heard from the water~~ <sup>heard</sup> 8 miles north of Badar what he thought to be a 4 gun flak battery; it fired most of the evening and intermittently all day on the 5 August. Informant could see no smoke or flash from these guns but believes that the sound came from the Meschen area.
6. On the 5 August ~~from his position in the water~~ <sup>informant saw</sup>, a single unit jet jet-propelled plane flying in the Lichtenheggen area at about 10,000 feet about 8 or 10 miles away. It made a 180° turn to the right ending up heading E. ~~The turn was of wide radius.~~ It then made another turn ~~suddenly~~ <sup>abruptly</sup> 20° to the right. This turn was so definite sharp <sup>that</sup> he could see a definite apex in the contrail at the point of turn. Informant believes that it would seem logical that the plane had a jet on its top. While making this sudden turn, it kicked its left wing up and gave a squirt which swooshed the tail around suddenly. Informant was not sure of this ~~to~~ <sup>how</sup> he was so far away but believes the conclusion is quite logical. After about 15 to 20 minutes the squirt stopped. Due to informant's poor perspective he is not sure of this either but it appeared to him that the ship lost altitude slowly in its glide.
7. Informant saw ~~from the water~~ <sup>from</sup> 8 miles north of Badar, between the 4 August at 1600 hrs and the 5 August 2300 hrs, about 50 to 75 ~~patrol boats~~ <sup>boats</sup> ~~while~~ <sup>while</sup> they were Swedish, Polish, Danish, Norwegian, as well as German. There were also several German patrol boats about 100 to 125 feet long ~~in these patrol boats were~~ heading West.
8. Informant was that all shipping to and from Germany from the north is guided by buoys placed about every 10 miles, and by German light ships about every 20 to 25 miles. Informant was also told that in that ~~area~~ <sup>area</sup> of International waters all the light and control ships are German.

9. On the 5 August, ~~from the water~~ 8 miles north of Håder, informant saw a control boat about 400 yards away from him. It was a motor cruiser about 75 feet long. There were about 8 men on deck. On the foredeck there was a 40 mm gun that could probably fire up as well as forward. Informant saw also a Swedish control boat. It was about 50 to 75 feet long and had ~~one forward gun and one firing aft as well.~~ *5 on forward and one aft.*

10. On the 7 August around 2200 hrs informant saw in Swedish territorial waters two Swedish submarines heading towards open sea.

11. Informant was told ~~by reliable~~ on the 7 August that Swedish coastal waters and inland waterways are mined heavily. These mines are electrically controlled from the shore ~~at night~~.

12. Informant was told on the 7 August that there was very little <sup>if any</sup> military shipping ~~if any~~ in Lübeck but much in Kiel, Bremen, Kiel Canal, and ~~in~~ Hamburg. Informant's Swedish source said ~~to have been~~ in Kiel canal several times. ~~See~~ *See* Germans were placed on board his ship to prevent sabotage by the ship's crew. The canal is heavily guarded by troops. The source also told informant that most of these people are strongly against Hitler.

13. The same source told informant on the 7 August that the German people know ~~nothing~~ <sup>nothing</sup> about the flying bomb ~~operations~~. The source had a news paper showing a picture of the flying bomb. He showed it to a civilian in Lübeck. The civilian wanted to take it and show it to a ~~Max~~ *Max* army captain since the ~~Max~~ *Max* officer had stated that the bomb ~~went over to the U.S. with no wings or tail.~~ The source added that ~~Germans~~ *Germans* think the U.K. is ~~in~~ *in* a state of ruins.

14. Many German civilians argue with informant's source about Allied bombing. Some see its necessity while the great majority don't care, just so it will cease. There are not sufficient shelters for civilians during air raids.

15. The same source told informant that the people in Germany say they hope the ~~Allies~~ <sup>Allies</sup> come soon; they are afraid that the Russians will come first. That is their greatest fear, even greater than that caused by allied bombing.

16. Informant's same source was in Hamburg once during a raid. The dock ~~area~~ <sup>area</sup> was hit quite hard but his ship was undamaged. He said that the Germans made him paint out the Swedish markings on his ship and use only the ensign for identification purposes. They did not tell him why, but presumably it was so the ~~Allies~~ *Allies* would not discriminate between belligerent and neutral vessels while attacking shipping in German ports.

17. Informant was told ~~that~~ <sup>more or less</sup> that the Swedish merchant ~~Marine~~ *Marine* has ~~black listed~~ <sup>black listed</sup> the Swedish captives ~~to~~ *to* be returned to the two British escapers back to the Germans. Source said that no one even talks to the ~~men~~ *men*.

**SECRET**

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

8 August 1944.

Subject: Orders.

To: Capt. DONALD A. REINER 0659484 AC.

SECRET  
:OGS, MID, OS, :  
: :  
: :  
8 Aug 44 :

1. Capt DONALD A. REINER 0659484 AC, having reported to this sta 8 Aug 44, is placed on temp dy this sta. Upon completion of this temp dy he will proceed by first available transportation to United Kingdom and report to U.S. Army Special Reception Center, 63 Brook St., London, E.1.

2. In lieu of subsistence a flat per diem of \$6.00 is stpd while traveling on official business (except by belligerent or government vessel) and while on temp dy this sta, in accordance with existing law and regulations.

TDM 88-133 P 431-02 A 212/50625.

(auth: cable instructions, HIS, 7 Feb 43)

By order of Colonel Rayens:

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

OFFICIAL:

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



**SECRET**

18 Aug 1944

1 to 4). Published in extract form.

42. O, G/P, listed below, are held from sqmt to Western Base Sec, Guard-houses, are sqgd to Hq Base Sec #2 for dy w/PM Sec:

1st Lt DAVID A. DANIELS, 0461792      2d Lt CHARLES E. MASGROVE, 01557646  
TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atad. TDM. 60-136 P 431-02 A 212/50425.

43. 2<sup>d</sup>, Signal Depot S-800, APO 559, listed below, are trfd in gr to 3110th Signal Sv Bn, APO 206:  
Tec 5 ARNO BAIL, 39542112      Pvt WILLIAM PONSSEBEEK, 39835397  
TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for qrs and rat while on travel status is atad in accordance w/Cir 63, this hq, cs, as amended. TDM. 60-136 P 431-02 A 212/50425.

44. WOOD, 17 Aug 1944, assigning O, AC, listed below, to Hq US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, and placing them on temp dy w/Hq Comd, European T of Opns USA, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. Upon completion of this temp dy they will report to CG, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe:

Capt ROBERT J. GATWOOD, 025613      1st Lt FRED L. SHANTZ, 0745197  
Capt DONALD A. RAUBER, 3659428      2d Lt LEONARD J. SCHALLER, 0818032  
Capt WILLIAM M. DAVIS, 0789387      2d Lt EDWARD J. WOSLEY, 0812907  
1st Lt ALFRED H. RICHMAN, 0726355      2d Lt HERMAN P. BURSA, 0758151  
TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement not to exceed \$4.00 per day is atad if govt qrs or billate are not available at temp dy sta, and alws of \$1.25 per day is atad if govt messing facilities are not available. TDM. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

45. WOOD, 17 Aug 1944, assigning SM, listed below, to Hq & Hq Sq, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, and placing them on temp dy w/Hq Comd, European T of Opns USA, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. Upon completion of this temp dy they will report to CG, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe:

S Sgt HAROLD C. BROOKS JR, 16038694      Sgt RALPH J. WYREMAN, 16038167  
TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for qrs and rat while on temp dy is atad in accordance w/Cir 63, this hq, cs, as amended. TDM. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

46. WOOD, 17 Aug 1944, assigning SM listed below to orgn as indicated, and placing them on temp dy w/Hq Comd, European T of Opns USA, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. Upon completion of this temp dy they will report to proper sta:

sqgd to  
Pfc STANLEY B. CLEVER, 13092670      Hq Co, 101st AB Div  
Pvt ROBERT A. BIRKS, 19097942      Hq Co, 101st AB Div  
Pvt MICHAEL GERVIN, 33151121      Hq Co, 82d AB Div  
Pvt NICH S. DALLAS, 36660020      Hq Co, 101st AB Div  
Pvt ROCCO J. MOREA, 39302815      Hq Co, 82d AB Div

TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for qrs and rat while on temp dy is atad in accordance w/Cir 63, this hq, cs, as amended. TDM. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

47. O, Ord, listed below, now on temp dy w/Ord Depot G-617, are held from sqmt to this hq, APO 871, (Ord Sec) are sqgd to orgn as indicated but will remain on temp dy w/Ord Depot G-617:

sqgd to  
Capt ALFRED P. REINTZ, 0371029      264th Ord Sv Composite Bn,  
APO 871

R E S T R I C T E D

(SO 231, European T of Opns USA, 15 Aug 1944, contd)  
(Par 47, contd)

Asst to

1st Lt ROBERT L. HOWELL, O1548978      3051st Ord Sv Composite Co,  
APO 871  
2d Lt CLARK E. CUMMINGS, O1573831      228th Ord Sv Composite Platoon,  
APO 871

48. WOOD, ordering 2d Lts, AUS, listed below, now at 3d Combat Crew Replacement Center Gp, Eighth Air Force, to LAD, DF, effective 14 Aug 1944, and assigning them to 3d Combat Crew Replacement Center Gp, Eighth Air Force, for dy w/AC, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. They will rank from 14 Aug 1944. Auth: WD Cable WLR 70587, 26 Jul 1944:

ROBERT ABRAHAM HARTENSTEIN, O557204      GEORGE ROBERT LEE, O557091

49. WOOD, ordering 2d Lt ROBERT DEAN KOHLER, O557759, AUS, now at 3d Combat Crew Replacement Center Gp, Eighth Air Force, to LAD, DF, effective 14 Aug 1944, and assigning him to 3d Combat Crew Replacement Center Gp, Eighth Air Force, for dy w/AC, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. He will rank from 14 Aug 1944. Auth: WD Cable WLR 72772, 29 Jul 1944.

50. Announcement is made of the temp promotion of 1st Lt WILLARD YOUNG, O1287807, Inf, 82d AB Div, to the gr of Capt, AUS, w/rank from date of this order.

51. Lt, Hq Det, Hq Comd, European T of Opns USA, APO 887 (G-2 Sec), listed below, are placed on DS w/Hq MI Sv, European T of Opns USA:

Tec 4 NICHOLAS R. DOLLA, 32420332      Cpl LOUIS S. LELLI, 33344259

52. Civilians, listed below, are attached to Hq MI Sv, European T of Opns USA, for dy:

Mr GAROLD L. BEATSON      Mr CARL F. FLABIG

53. 2d Lt CLYDE W. TOWLELY, O1285141, Inf, is rel'd from asgmt to MP Platoon, Hq VII Corps, from temp dy w/European T of Opns Reclassification Center #1, APO 871, is atchd unasgd to 16th Replacement Depot for reasgmt. TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for grs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atd. TDM, 60-136 P 431-02 & 212/50425.

54. C, Hq & Hq Det, G of Strategic Sv, European T of Opns USA, listed below, are temporarily promoted to the gr indicated in AUS w/rank from date of this order:

1st Lt to Capt

OWEN D. JOHNSON, O2044809, AUS      HERBERT F. FLOREN, O2044516, AUS  
VICTOR J. LAYTON, O111613, GE

55 and 56. Secret.

By command of General DISBROWER:

R. B. LORD,  
Brigadier General, GSC,  
Deputy Chief of Staff.



R. B. SWEET,

Brigadier General, USA, Adjutant General.

R E S T R I C T E D

RESTRICTED

WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington

AG 383.6 (21 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

SIS/el-20-909 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.

RESTRICTED

(See Reverse Side)



1037

RESTRICTED

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, WIS, 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) DONALD A. REINHER..... Signed *Donald A. Reinher*.....  
 Rank. CAPT..... A.S.N. 0-659484..... Dated. 10/10/44..... Place. Stockholm  
 Unit. 77th FIGHTER SQDN. 20th FTR GPP..... Witness. *Reinher J. Alb. H.H.H.H.*

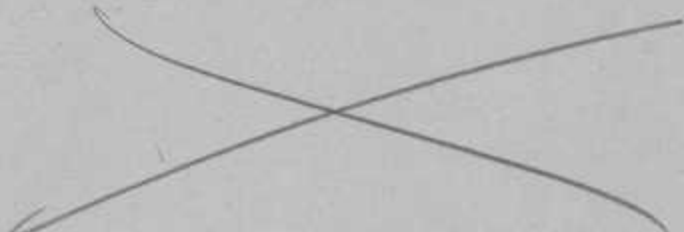
RESTRICTED

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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

11 Richman \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Unit)

<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>	<u>PRESSENT OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
PILOT	
CO-PILOT	
NAVIGATOR	
BOMBARDIER	
RADIO OPERATOR	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	
MID TURRET GUNNER	
WING GUNNER	

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

4 AUG 48, 1515, APPROX. L. 12° 27' E LAT 54° 26' N

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

ENGINE NOT BY LIGHT FLARE & LOOKED OUT - TRIED TO START IT WHILE GLIDING FROM 200 FT TO 1200 FT

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

1300 FT

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

NO

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

PILOT YES

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

NO - WENT IN BALTIC SEA

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

NO

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.

NO

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

TOTAL LOSS

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.

2 TO 5 HOURS. IN AN DINGHY BAILED 32 HOURS  
WAS PICKED UP BY SWEDISH MV

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

NO

SECRET

APPENDIX D-1 TO E. AND E. REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

0-57424 - CAPT REHMER

Unit:-

30th Aviation Bn 79th Sig Co

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. AID BOX

a. Did you use your aid box?

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.

EVERY 2 OR 3 HOURS

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

100% SWEETENED

Milk (tube), NO

Benzedrine tablets (fatigue).

NO

Halasone tablets (water purifier).

NO

Matches, NO

Adhesive tape, NO

Chewing gum, NO

Water bottle, NO

Compass, USED FOR DIRECTION OF SAILING

Sewing kit, NO

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?

e. How did you finally dispose of the box?

SALE AND MATERIALS TO SWEDISH GERMAN WHO PICKED ME UP

f. Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aid 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. YELLOW STRIPES

If NOT, State why not.

b. Did you use the purse? YES

(over)

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

Keys. Which ones?

Compass,

File (hooksw),

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

d. How did you dispose of:-

Keys.

Compass.

File (hooksw).

Surplus currency.

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

2 COMPASSES ALL WERE WET SO NO.

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs?

If so, how many?

3 OF EACH

b. Did you use them?

NO

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHEELS, WREN and by BRICK.

F307. 12 TIMES IN 11 MONTHS 1952

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?

IF IN BALTIC SEA IN A DINGHY THE WIND IS ALWAYS UNFAVORABLE SO TIE UP TO A BUOY. ALL SHIPPING PASSES WITHIN 1/2 MILE OF THESE BUOYS

Boiled out 15th August picked 5th 21st

August 4. I was escaping heavy  
bombers and was shot down by flack  
on a aerochrome near FICHLAND. <sup>50 miles</sup>  
we were shapping it. - I Boiled out  
over baltic sea because of engine trouble  
~~so~~ about 2 minutes later.

Stayed 32 in the water - boiled out at  
1000 feet chute opened about 700 feet -  
was picked up by a Swedish Merchant  
Vessel in high sea - Long 11° 26' E. -  
Lat 54° 12' N.

The SKARRORGA. he picked you -  
headed me. - ~~the~~ Capt  
SWANSTROM commanding the ship  
was headed for Stockholm very  
pro allied.

When arrived in Stockholm <sup>0245 hrs on</sup>  
Swedish <sup>the present</sup> ~~state~~ police tried to interrogate <sup>me</sup> ~~me~~.

I saw the assistant commissioner  
of the Stockholm State Police he  
called the MA. - I was under  
parole until Monday 17 August  
released Wednesday Flew here (over)

by ATC. Hester and I <sup>arrived 17 Thursday</sup> came <sup>at 8:30 PM -</sup>  
right here -

The Military information I got  
was given to me by the ship captain. -

Gave the jet propelled plane  
information to the Ministry  
today -

# RESTRICTED

## WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 3814 (11 Jul 42) OS-S-S-M

K13/6-28-89 Postage

4 August 1944

**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 General,  
Army Ground,  
Army Air Forces,  
The Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area,  
The Commanding General,  
Theater of Operations,  
Defense Comands,  
Departments,  
Base Comands,  
The Commanding Officer,  
Base Comands,  
Director, Bureau of Public Relations.

1. Publication or communication to any unauthorized person 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, evasion 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 interviewed 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 interview 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 appears hereafter, AG 3814 (11 Nov 42) OS-S-S-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. HILD  
J. A. HILD  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

1. Information about your escape or your evasion from capture should be useful to the enemy and a danger to your friends. It is therefore **SECRET**.

2. You must therefore not disclose, except in the first Military Attache to whom you report, or to an office 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 experiences.

3. You must be particularly so your guard with persons representing the press.

4. You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.

5. You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 1.

6. No letters 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) DONALD A. REINHER

Signature Donald A. Reinher

Rank CAPT A.S.N. 0-609404

Date 12 August 1944

Unit 77th FIGHTER SQDN. 7097 G.

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

RESTRICTED